



OEM BULLETIN

VOLVO TRUCKS

The Union of the European Lubricant Industry (UEIL) is the umbrella association of the European Lubricants Industry, representing their members and, in particular, the interests of SMEs and independent lubricant companies. To date, the UEIL represents more than 450 lubricant companies, who manufacture and distribute lubricant products under their own various trademarks throughout the European Union. With members in more than 22 European Countries and a unique collective experience of lubricants and the lubricants market, UEIL is the sole representative body for independent manufacturers of lubricants in Europe and has been recognised as such by the European Commission. It is UEIL's policy to favour free and fair competition within the scope of prevailing EU and national laws.

In January 2018, Volvo Trucks contacted UEIL pursuant to an understanding detailed in UEIL's OEM Bulletin issued in October 2017. Volvo Trucks informed UEIL that a review process had been initiated for the in-house Standard STD 418-0001 Volvo Coolant VCS and provided UEIL with the latest draft of the standard.

UEIL members' assessment of the draft standard, which was directed to Volvo Trucks on 8 May 2018, found that the draft was nearly identical in wording to the original. As such UEIL requested that the draft be amended to clearly state that an OEM's approvals process cannot be made compulsory in respect to the entitlement for independent coolant manufacturers to internally test to the OEM's expressed technical requirements.

In addition, UEIL reminded Volvo Trucks that the October 2017 OEM Bulletin was issued on the understanding that during the next review process Volvo Trucks would remove language mandating that that coolant exhibit a yellow colouration.

In subsequent correspondence, Volvo Trucks confirmed to UEIL that the approvals process is not mandatory and that the coolant need not exhibit a yellow colouration.

As such UEIL are satisfied with the amendments made by Volvo Trucks aimed at addressing UEIL's concerns and would like to thank Volvo Trucks for its positive and constructive approach to dialogue.

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