

OEM BULLETIN

MERCEDES BENZ p235.29 and MB BeVo 223.2

The Independent Union of the European Lubricant Industry (UEIL) is the umbrella association of the Independent European Lubricants Industry, representing their members and, in particular, the interests of SMEs and independent lubricant companies. To date, the UEIL represents more than 400 lubricant companies, who manufacture and distribute lubricant products (and coolants) under their own various trademarks throughout the European Union. With members in more than 20 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 October 2012 UEIL contacted Mr M Schenk of Mercedes Benz about 2 specifications:

➤ MB p235.29

There were many page numbers, such as this one, not available to our membership as instead of giving a reference number, it stated "Commercial vehicle retarder oils, category Voith C p235.29 on request".

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On pages 229.3 and 229.51 there were notes restricting, for certain engine types, the use of lubricant to only one specified product e.g. Mercedes-Benz Motorenol MB 229.51.

We are pleased to advise that Mr Schenk responded promptly, advised that they had checked all our concerns and wrote "I am very glad to inform you that we have updated our BEAM system and our Mercedes-Benz Specifications for Operating Fluids (MB BeVo online) as well".

Mr Schenk has also invited UEIL "for a Face to Face meeting in Stuttgart, where we can discuss more technical topics in detail"; an invitation that UEIL intend to accept.

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