

Company Independent Motor Trade Factors Associated Ltd
Brand Ad-Tec 48
Product 5W-30 C3-ST
Status Compliant

Case No VLS010239

02/10/2025 This case was accepted by VLS

25/03/2026 The complaint alleged that the Stellantis specification FPW9.55535/03 is being claimed for this product, it is understood that there is currently no proven market general additive technology available that supports this specification claim. The marketer should be approached to provide documented evidence that demonstrates that the chemical, physical, performance and engine test requirements of Stellantis FPW9.55535/03 have been met to support this demanding specification claim.

VLS accepted the case and asked the marketer to provide technical evidence from their technology provider that the product was capable of meeting the claims made.

The marketer contacted their supplier who asked their toll blender who provided a letter of assurance to VLS that the technology partially supported the claim being made but did not provide evidence of support from their technology provider to the claim being made in its entirety.

The marketer and toll blender agreed to amend the claim to version 1 of the Stellantis FPW 9.55535/03 specification which is valid until July 2026.

On this basis VLS is content to close the investigation subject to the usual six-month review in line with its stated process.