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Making ACEA Performance Claims for Additive Packages

In the course of carrying out its quality surveys, it has become apparent to ATIEL that some of the claims appearing on products in the marketplace are incompatible or refer to obsolete categories.

Together with ATC (the Technical Committee of Petroleum Additive Manufacturers in Europe AISBL that represents lubricant and fuel additive manufacturing companies in Europe) ATIEL therefore advises marketers to check with their technology provider and/or manufacturing company, that the formulation fully meets all of the requirements in order to make all of the ACEA performance claims on the products.

These requirements are set by ACEA and described in the “ACEA European Oil Sequences – 2016 Rev.2”, which can be downloaded here.

The document states that ACEA requires that engine performance and all other laboratory testing used to support a claim of compliance with these ACEA Oil Sequences should be generated according to the European Engine Lubricants Quality Management System, EELQMS (available at www.eelqms.eu). In turn, EELQMS requires that additive packages are developed and tested according to the ATC and ATIEL Codes of Practice.

Marketers are encouraged to review their marketing material in the light of these requirements and make any adjustment to the ACEA claims, if required. Information on making combined claims can be found at <https://atiel.org/industry-info/acea-oil-sequences/acea-combined-claims> and on claims representation and expiry date at <https://atiel.org/industry-info/acea-oil-sequences/acea-claims-representation>.

The requirements form the basis of the audit and compliance programme, which includes purchasing lubricant products on the market and testing them for conformance against the specifications claimed. Further details of the ATIEL Compliance Policy can be found here:

<https://atiel.org/code-of-practice/compliance-policy>

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