

# Acea Oil Sequences – Valid Compatible Change

The technical association of  
the European lubricants industry

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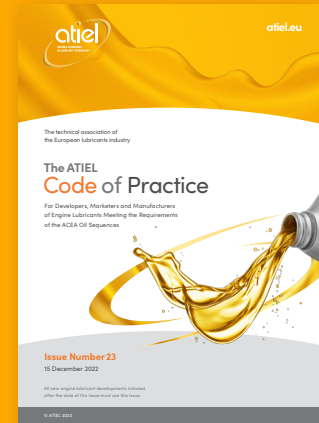
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# Guidance on making valid combined ACEA Category performance claims



Lubricants marketers, who are responsible for all aspects of product liability, should ensure that engine oils making combined ACEA performance claims are fully compliant with the limits of ALL the engine and laboratory tests required for each individual Category before including such claims on product packaging and literature.

There are instances, however, where making a combined claim is either:

- **technically impossible due to conflicting demands of two or more Categories or**
- **highly unlikely due to minimal overlap in physical and chemical properties required for that combination**

The table below shows the technically possible and impossible combinations of claims that can be made against the ACEA European Oil Sequences 2022 for HD and 2023 for LD and also combinations that are possible but have restrictions that make the combination unlikely.

		TARGETED SEQUENCE												
		A3/B4	A5/B5	A7/B7	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6	C7	E4	E8	E7	E11
VALIDATED SEQUENCE	A3/B4		HTHS	HTHS TBN	SA	SA	SA	HTHS SA	HTHS SA	HTHS SA	TBN	SA P S		SA P S
	A5/B5	HTHS TBN SA		TBN	SA P S	HTHS SA P S	HTHS Noack SA P S	HTHS	HTHS	HTHS	HTHS TBN	HTHS SA P S	HTHS TBN	HTHS SA P S
	A7/B7	HTHS TBN SA	TBN		TBN SA P S	HTHS TBN SA P S	HTHS TBN Noack SA P S	HTHS	HTHS	HTHS	HTHS TBN	HTHS TBN SA P S	HTHS TBN	HTHS TBN SA P S
	C2	SA	HTHS TBN	HTHS TBN		HTHS TBN	HTHS TBN Noack S SA	HTHS	HTHS	HTHS	HTHS TBN	HTHS TBN P	HTHS TBN	HTHS TBN
	C3	SA	HTHS TBN	HTHS TBN			Noack SA S	HTHS	HTHS	HTHS	TBN	TBN P	TBN	TBN
	C4	SA	HTHS TBN	HTHS TBN	P	P		HTHS	HTHS	HTHS	TBN	TBN P	TBN	TBN
	C5	HTHS SA	HTHS	HTHS	HTHS	HTHS	HTHS		TBN	HTHS	HTHS	HTHS	HTHS	HTHS
	C6	HTHS SA	HTHS	HTHS	HTHS	HTHS	HTHS	TBN		HTHS	HTHS	HTHS	HTHS	HTHS
	C7	HTHS SA	HTHS	HTHS	HTHS	HTHS	HTHS	HTHS	HTHS		HTHS	HTHS	HTHS	HTHS
	E4	SA	HTHS SA	HTHS TBN SA	SA P S	SA P S	Noack SA P S	HTHS	HTHS	HTHS		SA P S		SA P S
	E8	SA TBN	HTHS TBN	HTHS TBN	SA P	SA P	Noack SA S	HTHS	HTHS	HTHS	TBN		TBN	
	E7	SA TBN	HTHS SA	HTHS TBN SA	SA P S	SA P S	Noack SA P S	HTHS	HTHS	HTHS	TBN	SA P S		SA P S
	E11	SA TBN	HTHS TBN	HTHS TBN	SA P S	SA P S	Noack SA P S	HTHS	HTHS	HTHS	TBN	P S	TBN	

NOT COMPATIBLE

POSSIBLE COMBINATIONS

POSSIBLE BUT NEEDS CARE DUE TO PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL REQUIREMENTS

HTHS = HIGH TEMPERATURE HIGH SHEAR VISCOSITY  
SA = SULPHATED ASH  
TBN = TOTAL BASE NUMBER

Noack = Noack VOLATILITY  
S = SULPHUR  
P = PHOSPHORUS

This table is only based on chemical and physical requirements of the different ACEA Oil Sequences. Possibility to combine ACEA Oil Sequences also requires that all engine and lab tests requirements for the targeted Sequences are met.

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