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ACEA Oil Sequences Light-duty engines



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SERVICE-FILL ENGINE OILS FOR GASOLINE AND LIGHT-DUTY DIESEL ENGINES (A/B CATEGORIES), GASOLINE AND LIGHT-DUTY DIESEL ENGINES WITH EXHAUST AFTERTREATMENT DEVICES (C CATEGORIES)

Date		Updated documents
31 July 2023	Revision 0	New General Requirements document for light-duty ACEA Oil Sequences.
		This includes the links to the new 2023 ACEA Oil Sequences for Light-Duty Engines



The <u>ACEA Oil Sequences – General Requirements</u> are an integral constituent for compliance with the requirements specified in this document.

VALIDITY OF OLD AND NEW EDITIONS OF ACEA LIGHT-DUTY OIL SEQUENCES

As new sequence editions are published older editions have to be withdrawn. Validities of new and old editions overlap for limited periods of time, as shown in the following table and the accompanying text below. When a new ACEA Oil Sequences is introduced, oils with claims against the previous issue can be marketed for another two years only.

Sequence issue	First allowable use	Mandatory for new claims	Oils with this claim may be marketed until
2004	1 November 2004	1 November 2005	31 December 2009
2007	1 February 2007	1 February 2008	23 December 2010
2008	22 December 2008	22 December 2009	22 December 2012
2010	22 December 2010	22 December 2011	22 December 2014
2012	14 December 2012	14 December 2013	1 December 2018
2016	1 December 2016	1 December 2017	1 May 2023*
2021	1 May 2021*	1 May 2022*	1st August 2025*
2023	1st August 2023*	1st August 2024*	

* ACEA Oil Sequences for Light-Duty Engines only

- 'First allowable use' means that claims cannot be made against the specification before the date indicated.
- 'Mandatory for new claims' means that from this date onward all claims for new oil formulations must be made according to the latest ACEA Oil Sequences issue. Up to that date, new claims can also be made according to the previous ACEA Oil Sequences issue. After the date indicated, no new claims according to the previous ACEA Oil Sequence can be made. Then all oil formulations must be developed according to the latest ACEA Oil Sequence release.
- 'Oils with this claim may be marketed until' means that no further marketing of oils with claims to this issue are allowed after the date indicated.



The supplier of any oil claiming ACEA performance requirements is responsible for all aspects of product liability.

Where limits are shown relative to a reference oil, then these must be compared to the last valid reference result on that test stand prior to the candidate and using the same hardware. Further details are in the <u>ATIEL Code of Practice</u>.

Where claims are made that oil performance meets the requirements of the ACEA Oil Sequences (eg product literature, packaging, labels) they must specify the ACEA Class and Category (see nomenclature and ACEA process for definitions).

CONSUMER LANGUAGE

A/B: Gasoline and diesel engine oils – 'High SAPS'

- A3/B4 Stable, stay-in-grade engine oil intended for use in passenger car and light-duty gasoline & diesel engines and/or for extended oil drain intervals where specified by the engine manufacturer.
- A5/B5 Stable, stay-in-grade engine oil intended for use at extended oil drain intervals in passenger car and light-duty gasoline & DI diesel engines designed for low viscosity engine oils with HTHS viscosity of 2.9 to 3.5 mPa·s. These engine oils are unsuitable for use in certain engines consult vehicle-OEM's owner's manual/handbook in case of doubt.
- A7/B7 Stable, stay-in-grade engine oil intended for use at extended oil drain intervals in passenger car and light-duty gasoline & DI diesel engines designed for low viscosity engine oils with HTHS viscosity of 2.9 to 3.5 mPa·s. Relative to A5/B5 these engine oils provide also low speed pre-ignition- and wear protection for turbocharged gasoline DI engines as well as turbocharger compressor deposit (TCCD) protection for modern DI diesel engines. These engine oils are unsuitable for use in certain engines consult vehicle-OEM's owner's manual/handbook in case of doubt.

C: Catalyst and GPF/DPF compatible engine oils for gasoline and diesel engines – 'Low SAPS'

Note: These oils will increase the DPF/GPF and TWC life and maintain the vehicle's fuel economy.

Warning: Some of these categories may be unsuitable for use in certain engine types – consult the manufacturer's owner manual/handbook in case of doubt.

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- C2 Stable, stay-in-grade engine oil with mid-SAPS Level, for aftertreatment system compatibility. Intended for use at extended oil drain intervals in passenger car and light-duty gasoline & DI diesel engines designed for low viscosity engine oils with a minimum HTHS Viscosity of 2.9 mPa·s.
- C3 Stable, stay-in-grade engine oil with mid-SAPS Level, for aftertreatment system compatibility. Intended for use at extended oil drain intervals in passenger car and lightduty gasoline & DI diesel engines designed for engine oils with HTHS viscosity of minimum 3.5 mPa·s.
- C4 Stable, stay-in-grade engine oil with low-SAPS Level, for aftertreatment system compatibility. Intended for use at extended oil drain intervals in passenger car and light-duty gasoline & DI diesel engines designed for engine oils with HTHS viscosity of minimum 3.5 mPa·s.
- C5 Stable, stay-in-grade engine oil for improved fuel economy, with mid-SAPS Level, for aftertreatment system compatibility. Intended for use at extended oil drain intervals in passenger car and light-duty gasoline & DI diesel engines designed and OEM-approved for engine oils with HTHS viscosity of minimum 2.6 mPa·s.
- C6 Stable, stay-in-grade engine oil for improved fuel economy, with mid-SAPS Level, for aftertreatment system compatibility. Intended for use at extended oil drain intervals in passenger car and light-duty gasoline & DI diesel engines designed and OEM-approved for engine oils with HTHS viscosity of minimum 2.6 mPa·s. Relative to C5 these engine oils provide also low speed pre-ignition- and wear protection for turbocharged gasoline DI engines as well as turbocharger compressor deposit (TCCD) protection for modern DI diesel engines.
- C7 Stable, stay-in-grade engine oil for improved fuel economy, with mid-SAPS Level, for aftertreatment system compatibility. Intended for use at extended oil drain intervals in passenger car and light-duty gasoline & DI diesel engines designed and OEM-approved for engine oils with HTHS viscosity of minimum 2.3 mPa·s. C7 is based on C6 performance levels, with the exception of enhanced fuel economy.
- SAPS: Sulphated ash, phosphorus, sulphur
- HTHS: High-temperature, high-shear viscosity
- DI: Direct injection
- DPF: Diesel particle filter
- GPF: Gasoline particle filter
- TWC: Three-way catalyst

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		e minimum quality level of a product for sel panies may indicate performance parameters of				
REQUIREMENT	TEST METHOD	PROPERTIES	UNIT	A3/B4-23	LIMITS A5/B5-23	A7/B7-23
1. Laboratory tests						
1.1 Viscosity Grades		Viscosity Class according to SAE J300 - Latest active issue			s defined by HTHS and Sh indicate specific Viscosity	
1.2 Shear Stability	CEC L-14-93 or ASTM D6278 or ASTM D7109	100 °C Viscosity after 30 cycles	mm²/s		All grades to be "stay in gra	de"
1.3 HTHS Viscosity	CEC L-36-90	Dynamic Viscosity at 150 °C and Shear Rate of 10 ⁶ s ⁻¹	mPa⋅s	≥ 3.5	≥ 2.9	& ≤ 3.5
1.5 mills viscosity	CEC L-36-90	Dynamic Viscosity at 100 °C and Shear Rate of 10 ⁶ s ⁻¹	mPa⋅s	Report		
1.4 Evaporative Loss	CEC L-40-93 (Noack)	Max. Weight Loss after 1 h at 250 °C	%	≤ 13		
1.5 TBN	ASTM D2896		mgKOH/g	≥ 10.0	≥ 8.0	Report
	ASTM D4739		mgKOH/g	R	eport	≥ 6.0
1.6 Sulphur	ASTM D5185 or ASTM D4951		% m/m	Report		
1.7 Phosphorus	ASTM D5185 or ASTM D4951		% m/m	Report		
1.8* Sulphated Ash	ASTM D874		% m/m	≥ 1.0 & ≤ 1.6		1.6
1.9 Chlorine	ASTM D6443		ppm		Report	
1.10 Oil – Elastomer	CEC L-112-16	Max. Variation of Characteristics after immersion for 7 days in Fresh Oil without Pre- Ageing: - Tensile Strength	Elastomer %	RE6 Report	RE7 RE8 Report Report	RE9 Report
Compatibility		- Elongation at Rupture	%	-70 / +20	-65/+15 -51/+9	
		- Volume Variation	%	-1.5 / +1.8	-1.8/+7.7 0.0/+10	
1.11 Foaming Tendency	ASTM D892 with or without Option A	Tendency - stability	ml	Sequence I (24 °C) 10 - nil Sequence II (24 °C) 10 - nil		
1.12 High Temperature Foaming Tendency	ASTM D6082	Tendency - stability	ml	Sequence IV (150 °C) 100 – nil		
		MRV	mPa⋅s			
1.13 Low-Temperature Pumpability	CEC L-105-12	Yield stress (MRV at SAE J300 Temperatures, applicable for the Fresh Oil Viscosity Grade)	Pa	According to SAE J300 for Fresh Oil		
		Oil Oxidation at 168 h (DIN 51453)	A/cm	≤ 120		100
1.14 Oil Oxidation with		Oil Oxidation at 216 h (DIN 51453)	A/cm	Report	≤	120
Biodiesel for Engine Oils operating in the presence of Biodiesel Fuel	CEC L-109-14	Viscosity Increase, relative at 168 h (Delta KV100)	%	≤ 150	5	60
of Biodlesel Fuel		Viscosity Increase, relative at 216 h (Delta KV100)	%	Report	≤	150

REQUIREMENT	TEST METHOD	PROPERTIES	UNIT		LIMITS	
	TEST METHOD	FROFERIES	UNIT	A3/B4-23	A5/B5-23	A7/B7-23
2. ENGINE TESTS	T				5 DI 050	
	CEC L-111-16	Piston Cleanliness Turbo Charger Deposits **, average value of	Merit		≥ RL259	
Cleanliness Test (EP6CDT) TU 2.2* Low Temperature Sludge ASTM D8256 (Sequence VH, Ford) ASTM D8350 (Sequence IVB, Toyota 2NR-FE) 2.4* Black Sludge CEC L-107-19 (M271 EVO) AV 2.5 Fuel Economy CEC L-107-19 (M271 EVO) At 2.6 DI Diesel Oil Dispersion at Medium Temperature CEC L-106-14 (DV6C) CE Ca 2.7 Diesel Engine Wear CEC L-99-08 (OM646LA) CY 2.8 DI Diesel Piston CEC L 117-20	zones C, D, E & F	Merit		≥ 6.0		
		Average Engine Sludge	Merit		≥ 7.6	
		Rocker Cover Sludge	Merit		≥ 7.7	
2.2* Low Temperature	ASTM D8256	Average Engine Varnish	Merit		≥ 8.6	
Sludge	(Sequence VH, Ford)	Average Piston Skirt Varnish	Merit		≥ 7.6	
		Compression Ring (hot stuck)			none	
		Oil Screen Clogging	%		report	
0.0* \/_!		Average Intake Lifter Volume Loss (8 position	mm ³	2	3.3	≤ 2.7
2.3" Valvetrain wear		average) End of Test Iron	ppm	<	400	≤ 400
					> 0.0	
2.4* Black Sludge		Engine Sludge, average	Merit		≥ 8.3	
2.5 Fuel Economy		Fuel Economy Improvement	%		≥:	2.5
2.6 DI Diesel Oil	0501 400 44	Absolute Viscosity Increase at 100 °C and 5.5 % Soot	mm ² /s		≤ 0.9 x RL248	
Temperature	(8100)	Piston Cleanliness **	Merit		≥ 2.5	
		Cam wear outlet (avg. max. wear 8 cams)	mm	≤ 120		
		() ()	mm	≤ 100		
		Cam wear inlet (avg. max. wear 8 cams) ** Cylinder wear (avg. 4 cylinders) **	mm		5.0	
		Bore polishing (13 mm) ** (max. value of 4				
2.7 Diesel Engine Wear		cylinders)	%	5	3.0	
	(UNI046LA)	Tappet wear inlet ** (avg. max. wear 8 cams)	mm	R	eport	
		Tappet wear outlet ** (avg. max. wear 8	mm	D	eport	
		cams)			•	
		Piston cleanliness (avg. 4 pistons) **	Merit		≥ 12	
		Engine sludge average **	Merit	2	≥ RL276 - 5	
2.8 DI Diesel Piston Cleanliness & Ring	CEC L-117-20	Piston Cleanliness Cylinder-spreading limit**	Merit Merit		≥ RL276 - 5 ≤ 13	
Sticking	(VW TDI)	No Ring Sticking, max for any ring**	ASF		_ 13 0	
2.9 Turbocharger		No hing bloking, max for any ring	Aoi		0	
Compressor Deposit	CEC L-114-19	Turbocharger rating	Merit			≥ 25
(Diesel)	(Toyota 1KD-FTV)	5 5				
			Average number			
2.10 Low Speed Pre-	ASTM D8291		of events for 4			≤ 5
Ignition GDI Turbo	(Sequence IX, Ford)	Pre-Ignition events	iterations			
	r ord)		Number of events per iteration			≤ 8
	ASTM D8279					10.005
2.11 Chain Wear GDI	(Sequence X, Ford)	Elongation of Timing Chain	%			≤ 0.085

*/**: Footnotes see last page

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REQUIREMENT	TEST METHOD	PROPERTIES	UNIT	C2-23	C3-23	C4-23	C5-23	C6-23	C7-23
1. Laboratory tests									
1.1 Viscosity Grades		Viscosity Class according to SAE J300 - Latest active issue			n except as define indicate specific V				
1.2* Shear Stability	CEC L-14-93 or ASTM D6278 or ASTM D7109	100 °C Viscosity after 30 cycles	mm²/s		,	All grades to be	e "stay in grade"		
	CEC L-36-90	Dynamic Viscosity at 150 °C and Shear Rate of 10 ⁶ s ⁻¹	mPa⋅s	≥ 2.9	≥ :	3.5	≥ 2.6 8	& < 2.9	≥ 2.3 & < 2.6
1.3. HTHS Viscosity	CEC L-36-90	Dynamic Viscosity at 100 °C and Shear Rate of 10 ⁶ s ⁻¹	mPa⋅s			Re	port		
1.4 Evaporative loss	CEC L-40-93 (Noack)	Max. weight loss after 1 h at 250 °C	%		≤ 13	≤ 11		≤ 13	
1.5 TBN	ASTM D2896		mgKOH/g			≥ 6.0		F	Report
1.5 1 DIN	ASTM D4739		mgKOH/g			Report			≥ 4.0
1.6* Sulphur	ASTM D5185 or ASTM D4951		% m/m		≤ 0.3	≤ 0.2		≤ 0.3	
1.7* Phosphorus	ASTM D5185 or ASTM D4951		% m/m	≥ 0.	07 & ≤ 0.09	≤ 0.09		≥ 0.07 & ≤ 0	.09
1.8*Sulphated Ash	ASTM D874		% m/m		≤ 0.8	≤ 0.5		≤ 0.8	
1.9 Chlorine	ASTM D6443		ppm			Re	port		
1.10 Oil – Elastomer Compatibility	CEC L-112-16	Max. Variation of Characteristics after immersion for 7 days in fresh oil without pre-ageing: - Tensile Strength - Elongation at Rupture - Volume Variation	Elastomer % %		RE6 Report -70 / +20 -1.5 / +1.8	RE7 Report -65 / +15 -1.8 / +7.7	RE8 Report -51 / +9 0.0 / +10.7	RE9 Report -65 / +19 -1.5 / +13.5	3
1.11 Foaming Tendency	ASTM D892 with or without Option A	Tendency - stability	ml	Sequence II (24 °C) 10 – nil Sequence II (24 °C) 10 – nil					
1.12 High Temperature Foaming Tendency	ASTM D6082	Tendency - stability	ml	Sequence IV (150 °C) 100 – nil					
1.13 Low Temperature Pumpability	CEC L-105-12	MRV Yield stress (MRV at SAE J300 Temperatures, applicable for the Fresh Oil Viscosity Grade)	mPa·s Pa	According to SAE J300 for Fresh Oil					
1.14 Oil Oxidation with Biodiesel for Engine Oils operating in the presence	CEC L-109-14	Oil Oxidation at 168 h (DIN 51453) Oil Oxidation at 216 h (DIN 51453) Viscosity Increase, relative at 168 h (Delta KV100)	A/cm A/cm %	≤ 100 ≤ 120 ≤ 60					
of Biodiesel Fuel		Viscosity Increase, relative at 216 h (Delta KV100)	%			≤	150		

				LIMITS					
REQUIREMENT	TEST METHOD	PROPERTIES	UNIT	C2-23	C3-23	C4-23	C5-23	C6-23	C7-23
2. ENGINE TESTS									
2.1 Gasoline DI Engine	CEC L-111-16	Piston Cleanliness	Merit			≥ RL2	59		
Cleanliness	(EP6CDT)	Turbo Charger Deposits **, average value of zones C, D, E & F	Merit			≥ 6.0	D		
		Average Engine Sludge	Merit			≥ 7.6	3		
		Rocker Cover Sludge	Merit			≥ 7.7	7		
2.2* Low Temperature	ASTM D8256	Average Engine Varnish	Merit			≥ 8.6	6		
Sludge	(Sequence VH)	Average Piston Skirt Varnish	Merit	≥ 7.6					
		Compression Ring (hot stuck)				None	e		
		Oil Screen Clogging	%			Repo	rt		
2.3* Valvetrain Wear	ASTM D8350 (Sequence IVB, Toyota	Average Intake Lifter Volume Loss (8 position average)	mm ³		≤ 3			_	2.7
	2NR-FE)	End of Test Iron	ppm		≤ 4	00		5	400
2.4* Black Sludge	CEC L-107-19 (M271 EVO)	Engine Sludge, average	Merit			≥ 8.3	3		
2.5 Fuel Economy	CEC L-54-96 (M111)	Fuel Economy Improvement	%	≥ 2.5	≥ 1.0 (for xW-3 for xW		≥ 3.0		
•	JASO FE M366 (Toyota 2ZR-FXE)	Fuel Economy Improvement	%			-		≥ 0.0	≥ 0.3
2.6 DI Diesel Oil	CEC L-106-14	Absolute Viscosity Increase	mm ² /s			≤ 0.9 x R	L248		
Dispersion at Medium Temperature	(DV6C)	at 100 °C and 5.5% Soot Piston Cleanliness **	Merit			≥ 2.5	5		
		Cam wear outlet (avg. max. wear 8 cams)	mm	≤ 120 ≤ 120					
		Cam wear inlet (avg. max. wear 8 cams) **	mm	≤ 100 ≤ 100					
		Cylinder wear (avg. 4 cylinders) **	mm	≤ 5.0 ≤ 5.0					
2.7 Diesel Engine Wear	CEC L-099-08 (OM646LA)	Bore polishing (13 mm) ** (max. value of 4 cylinders)	%	≤ 3.0 ≤ 3.0					
	(OMOHOLY)	Tappet wear inlet ** (avg. max. wear 8 cams)	mm	Report Report					
		Tappet wear outlet ** (avg. max. wear 8 cams)	mm	Report		Report			
		Piston cleanliness (avg. 4 pistons) **	Merit	Report		≥ 12			
		Engine sludge average **	Merit	Report		≥ 8.8			
2.8 DI Diesel piston	0501 417 05	Piston Cleanliness	Merit			≥ RL276			
Cleanliness & Ring	CEC L-117-20 (VW TDI)	Cylinder-spreading limit**	Merit			≤ 13			
Sticking	(*** 10)	No Ring Sticking, max for any ring**	ASF	0					
2.9 Turbocharger Compressor Deposit (Diesel)	CEC L-114-19 (Toyota 1KD-FTV)	Turbocharger rating	Merit				1	≥ 25	
2.10 Low Speed Pre- Ignition GDI Turbo	ASTM D8291	Pre-Ignition events	Average number of events for 4 iterations	nts for 4 ations r of events			≤ 5		
Ignition GDI Turbo	(Sequence IX, Ford)	ů li	Number of events per iteration			≤ 8			
2.11 Chain Wear GDI	ASTM D8279 (Sequence X, Ford)	Elongation of Timing Chain	%			-		≤	0.085



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This sequence defines the minimum quality level of a product for self-certification to EELQMS and for presentation to ACEA members. Individual member companies may indicate performance parameters other than those covered by the tests shown or more stringent limits.

*/**: Footnotes referring to the following Requirements in the A-/B- and C-Classes:

Footnotes						
No. 1.6, 1.7, 1.8	Maximum limits, Values take into account method and production	n tolerances				
No. 2.1, 2.6, 2.7, 2.8	** Parameter is not an official CEC Parameter					
No. 2.2	Alternatively, Sequence VG (ASTM D6593) results meeting ACE 2016 are: Average engine sludge, merits: ≥7.8; Average rocker of compression rings: None; Oil screen clogging, % area: ≤ 20.					
No. 2.3	Alternatively, Sequence IVA (ASTM D6891) data can be used for	r A3/B4, A5/B5, C2	, C3, C4 and C5 cat	egories at the fol	lowing limit: Cam wear averag	e: max 90 microns.
No. 2.4	Alternatively to the CEC L-107-19, results of the Daimler M271 S changed from RL140 to RL261. Results relative to RL140 or RL2 applicable limit with RL140 is ≥ RL140 + 4σ. Test results obtaine referenced and quality controlled by Daimler AG.	261 can be used to	demonstrate ACEA	performance. Th	e applicable limit with RL261 i	is≥RL261 + 1σ. The
No. 2.7	CEC L-99-08 (Diesel Engine wear) is reintroduced in the 2023 so claims according to ACEA-23 of the before mentioned ACEA cat			8/B4, A5/B5, C2,	C3, C4 and C5. By reintroducti	on of this test in 2023 all
No. 2.8	Alternatively, CEC L-78-99 (TDI2) results can be used as specifi	ed in the table belo	w.			
	CEC L-78-99 limits applicable for:	A3/B4	A5/B5, A7/B7	C2	C3, C4, C5, C6, C7]
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Piston Cleanliness	Merit	≥ RL206	≥ RL206	≥ RL206	≥ RL206
Ring Sticking (Rings 1 &					
2) Average of all 8 rings Max. for any 1st ring Max for any 2nd ring	ASF ASF ASF	≤ 1.0 ≤ 1.0 0.0	≤ 1.0 ≤ 1.0 0.0	≤ 1.2 ≤ 2.5 0.0	≤ 1.0 ≤ 1.0 0.0
EoT TBN (ISO 3771) **	mgKOH/g	≥ 6.0	≥ 4.0	Report	Report
EoT TAN (ASTM D664) **	mgKOH/g	Report	Report	Report	Report

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- 13.0 million Europeans work in the auto industry (directly and indirectly), accounting for 7% of all EU jobs
- 11.5% of EU manufacturing jobs some 3.4 million are in the automotive sector
- Motor vehicles are responsible for €374.6 billion of tax revenue for governments across key European markets
- The automobile industry generates a trade surplus of €101.9 billion for the European Union
- The turnover generated by the auto industry represents over 7% of the EU's GDP
- Investing €59.1 billion in R&D per year, automotive is Europe's largest private contributor to innovation, accounting for 31% of the EU total

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