

# ACEA EUROPEAN OIL SEQUENCES FOR LIGHT-DUTY ENGINES

# 2021

SERVICE FILL ENGINE OILS
for GASOLINE & LIGHT-DUTY DIESEL ENGINES
(A/B Categories),
GASOLINE & LIGHT-DUTY DIESEL ENGINES
with EXHAUST AFTERTREATMENT DEVICES
(C Categories)

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As new sequence editions are published older editions have to be withdrawn.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

			Oils with this claim
Sequence Issue	First allowable use	Mandatory for new claims	may be marketed until
2004	1 <sup>st</sup> November 2004	1 <sup>st</sup> November 2005	31st December 2009
2007	1 <sup>st</sup> February 2007	1 <sup>st</sup> February 2008	23 <sup>rd</sup> December 2010
2008	22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2008	22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2009	22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2012
2010	22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2010	22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2011	22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2014
2012	14 <sup>th</sup> December 2012	14 <sup>th</sup> December 2013	1 <sup>st</sup> December 2018
2016	1 <sup>st</sup> December 2016	1 <sup>st</sup> December 2017	1st May 2023*
2021	1st May 2021*	1 <sup>st</sup> May 2022*	
	*) ACEA LIGHT-DUTY OIL SEQU	FNCES 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 Sequence can be made. Then all oil formulations must be developed according to the latest ACEA Oil
  Sequence release.
- <u>Oils with this claim may be marketed until</u> means that no further marketing of oils with claims to this issue is 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 ATIEL Code of Practice.

Where claims are made that oil performance meets the requirements of the ACEA Oil Sequences (e.g. product literature, packaging, labels) they must specify the ACEA Class and Category (see Nomenclature & ACEA Process for definitions).

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«Consumer Language»:

#### A/B: Gasoline and Diesel Engine Oils - "High SAPS"

- **A3/B3** Category withdrawn with these Oil Sequences. 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.
- **A3/B4** Stable, stay-in-grade engine oil intended for use at extended oil drain intervals in passenger car and light-duty gasoline & DI diesel engines, but also suitable for applications described under A3/B3.
- 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 & GPF/DPF compatible Engine Oils for Gasoline & 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 vehicle-OEM's owner's manual/handbook in case of doubt.

- C1 Category is withdrawn with these Oil Sequences.
- 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.
- 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 engine oils with HTHS viscosity of minimum 3.5 mPa·s.
- 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.
- 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.

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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Individual member companies may indicate performance parameters other than those covered by the tests shown or more stringent limits.

REQUIREMENT	TEST METHOD	PROPERTIES	UNIT	LIMITS A3/B4-21 A5/B5-21 A7/B			A7/B7-21	
1. Laboratory tests				A3/B4-21	A3/B3-2	1	A1/B1-21	
1.1 Viscosity Grades		Viscosity Class according to SAE J300 - Latest active issue		No restriction except as defined by HTHS and Shear Stability requirement Manufacturers may indicate specific Viscosity requirements related to ambient temperature.				
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 grade"				
1.3 HTHS Viscosity	CEC L-36-90	Dynamic Viscosity at 150 °C and Shear Rate of 10 <sup>6</sup> s <sup>-1</sup>	mPa⋅s	≥ 3.5	≥ 2.9 & ≤ 3	3.5	≥ 2.9 & ≤ 3.5	
1.3 HTHO VISCOSITY	CEC L-36-90	Dynamic Viscosity at 100 °C and Shear Rate of 10 <sup>6</sup> s <sup>-1</sup>	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	
1.5 TBN	ASTM D4739		mgKOH/g	R	Report		≥ 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 and ≤ 1.6	≤ 1.6		≤ 1.6	
1.9 Chlorine	ASTM D6443		ppm		Repor	rt		
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	Elastomer % %	RE6 Report -70 / +20	RE7 Report -65 / +15	RE8 Report -51 / +9	RE9 Report -65 / +19	
		- Volume Variation	%	-1.5 / +1.8		0.0 / +10.7	-1.5 / +13.8	
1.11 Foaming Tendency	ASTM D892 with or without Option A	Tendency - stability	ml	Sequence I (24 °C) 10 – nil Sequence II (94 °C) 50 – nil Sequence III (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		Oil Oxidation at 168 h (DIN 51453)	A/cm	≤ 120	≤ 100		≤ 100	
Biodiesel for Engine		Oil Oxidation at 216 h (DIN 51453)	A/cm	Report	≤ 120		≤ 120	
Oils operating in the presence of Biodiesel	CEC L-109-14	Viscosity Increase, relative at 168 h (Delta KV100)	%	≤ 150 ≤ 60			≤ 60	
Fuel		Viscosity Increase, relative at 216 h (Delta KV100)	%	Report	≤ 150		≤ 150	

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REQUIREMENT	TEST METHOD	PROPERTIES	UNIT	LIMITS A3/B4-21 A5/B5-21		A7/D7 04		
2. ENGINE TESTS				A3/B4-21	A5/B5-21	A7/B7-21		
2.1* Gasoline DI		Piston Cleanliness	Merit					
Engine Cleanliness Test	CEC L-111-16 (EP6CDT)	Turbo Charger Deposits **, average value of zones C, D, E & F	Merit					
		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			
2.3* Valvetrain Wear	ASTM D8350 (Sequence IVB,	Average Intake Lifter Volume Loss (8 position average)	mm <sup>3</sup>	≤ 3.3	≤ 3.3	≤ 2.7		
	Toyota 2NR-FE)	End of Test Iron	ppm	≤ 400	≤ 400	≤ 400		
2.4* Black Sludge	CEC L-107-19 (M271 EVO)	Engine Sludge, average	Merit	≥ 8.3				
2.5 Fuel Economy	CEC L-54-96 (M111)	Fuel Economy Improvement	%		≥ 2.5	≥ 2.5		
2.6* DI Diesel Oil Dispersion at Medium	CEC L-106-14 (DV6C)	Absolute Viscosity Increase at 100 °C and 5.5 % Soot	mm²/s	≤ 0.9 x RL248				
Temperature	(DV6C)	Piston Cleanliness **	Merit		≥ 2.5			
2.7* DI Diesel Piston	CEC L-117-20	Piston Cleanliness	Merit		≥ RL276 - 5			
Cleanliness & Ring	(VW TDI)	Cylinder-spreading limit**	Merit		≤ 13			
Sticking	(	No Ring Sticking, max for any ring**	ASF		0			
2.8 Turbocharger Compressor Deposit (Diesel)	CEC L-114-19 (Toyota 1KD-FTV)	Turbocharger rating	Merit			≥ 25		
2.9 Low Speed Pre- Ignition GDI Turbo	ASTM D8291 (Sequence IX,	Pre-Ignition events	Average number of events for 4 iterations			≤ 5		
	Ford)		Number of events per iteration			≤ 8		
2.10 Chain Wear GDI	ASTM D8279 (Sequence X, Ford)	Elongation of Timing Chain	%			≤ 0.085		

<sup>\*/\*\*:</sup> Footnotes see last page

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REQUIREMENT	TEST METHOD	PROPERTIES	UNIT	C2-21	C3-21	LIMITS C4-21	C5-21	C6-21	
1. Laboratory tests	L			<u> </u>		0.12.	00 2.		
1.1 Viscosity Grades		Viscosity Class according to SAE J300 - Latest active issue		No restriction except as defined by HTHS and Shear Stability requireme Manufacturers may indicate specific Viscosity requirements related to am temperature.				•	
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 grade"					
1.3. HTHS Viscosity	CEC L-36-90	Dynamic Viscosity at 150 °C and Shear Rate of 10 <sup>6</sup> s <sup>-1</sup>	mPa⋅s	≥ 2.9	≥ 3.	5	≥ 2.6	.6 & < 2.9	
1.3. HTHS VISCOSILY	CEC L-36-90	Dynamic Viscosity at 100 °C and Shear Rate of 10 <sup>6</sup> s <sup>-1</sup>	mPa⋅s			Report			
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		Report	
1.5 1 1514	ASTM D4739		mgKOH/g		Repo	ort		≥ 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	≥ 0.0	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			Report			
1.10 Oil – Elastomer		Max. Variation of Characteristics after immersion for 7 days in fresh oil without pre-ageing:	Elastomer	RE6	RE	7	RE8	RE9	
Compatibility		- Tensile Strength	%	Report	Report Report		Report	Report	
		- Elongation at Rupture	%	-70 / +20	-65 / +	<b>-</b> 15	-51 / +9	-65 / +19	
		- Volume Variation	%	-1.5 / +1.8	-1.8 / -	<b>-7.7</b>	0.0 / +10.7	-1.5 / +13.8	
1.11 Foaming Tendency	ASTM D892 with or without Option A	Tendency - stability	ml	Sequence I (24 °C) 10 – nil Sequence II (94 °C) 50 – nil Sequence III (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		Oil Oxidation at 168 h (DIN 51453)	A/cm	≤ 100	≤ 100	≤ 100	≤ 100	≤ 100	
Biodiesel for Engine		Oil Oxidation at 216 h (DIN 51453)	A/cm	≤ 120	≤ 120	≤ 120	≤ 120	≤ 120	
Oils operating in the presence of Biodiesel	CEC L-109-14	Viscosity Increase, relative at 168 h (Delta KV100)	%	≤ 60	≤ 60	≤ 60	≤ 60	≤ 60	
Fuel		Viscosity Increase, relative at 216 h (Delta KV100)	%	≤ 150	≤ 150	≤ 150	≤ 150	≤ 150	

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REQUIREMENT	TEST METHOD	PROPERTIES	UNIT	LIMITS			C6 c:		
2. ENGINE TESTS				C2-21	C3-21	C4-21	C5-21		C6-21
		Piston Cleanliness	Merit	≥ RL259					
2.1* Gasoline DI Engine Cleanliness	CEC L-111-16 (EP6CDT)	Turbo Charger Deposits **, average value of zones C, D, E & F	Merit	≥ 6.0					
		Average Engine Sludge	Merit	≥ 7.6					
		Rocker Cover Sludge	Merit	≥ 7.7 ≥ 8.6					
2.2* Low Temperature	ASTM D8256	Average Engine Varnish	Merit						
Sludge	(Sequence VH)	Average Piston Skirt Varnish	Merit			≥ 7.6			
		Compression Ring (hot stuck)				None			
		Oil Screen Clogging	%			Report			
	ASTM D8350	Average Intake Lifter Volume Loss	mm <sup>3</sup>		≤ 3.3	3			≤ 2.7
2.3* Valvetrain Wear	(Sequence IVB, Toyota	(8 position average)							
	2NR-FE)	End of Test Iron	ppm		≤ 400	)			≤ 400
2.4* Black Sludge	CEC L-107-19 (M271 EVO)	Engine Sludge, average	Merit			≥ 8.3			
2.5. Eval Economy	CEC L-54-96 (M111)	Fuel Economy Improvement	%	$\geq 2.5$ $\geq 1.0$ (for xW-30 only, no limit for xW-40)		≥ 3.0			
2.5 Fuel Economy	JASO FE M366 (Toyota 2ZR-FXE)	Fuel Economy Improvement	%						≥ 0.0
2.6* DI Diesel Oil	CEC L-106-14	Absolute Viscosity Increase at 100 °C and 5.5% Soot	mm²/s	≤ 0.9 x RL248					
Dispersion at Medium Temperature	(DV6C)	Piston Cleanliness **	Merit	≥ 2.5					
2.7* DI Diesel piston		Piston Cleanliness	Merit	≥ RL276 - 5					
Cleanliness & Ring	CEC L-117-20	Cylinder-spreading limit**	Merit			≤ 13			
Sticking	(VW TDI)	No Ring Sticking, max for any ring**	ASF	0					
2.8 Turbocharger	0501.444.40	g,				-		$\top$	
Compressor Deposit (Diesel)	CEC L-114-19 (Toyota 1KD-FTV)	Turbocharger rating	Merit	≥ 25				≥ 25	
2.9 Low Speed Pre-	ASTM D8291	Pre-Ignition events	Average number of events for 4 iterations						≤ 5
Ignition GDI Turbo	(Sequence IX, Ford)	The ignition events	Number of events per iteration					≤ 8	
2.10 Chain Wear GDI	ASTM D8279 (Sequence X, Ford)	Elongation of Timing Chain	%						≤ 0.085
*/**: Footnotes referring	ງ to the following Require	ements in the A-/B- and C-Classes:							
Footnotes									
No. 1.6, 1.7, 1.8	Maximum limits, Values ta	ake into account method and producti	on tolerances						
No. 2.1, 2.6, 2.7	** Parameter is not an offi	cial CEC Parameter							

No. 2.1, 2.6, 2.7 Parameter is not an official CEC Parameter

No. 2.1 The CEC L-111-16 (EP6) lifetime is limited. If the test becomes unavailable during the lifetime of these ACEA Engine Oil Sequences, ACEA intends to introduce a successor test on PSA hardware at a similar severity level.

No. 2.2 Alternatively, Sequence VG (ASTM D6593) results meeting ACEA 2016 requirements can be used in place of Sequence VH for all categories. The Sequence VG limits for ACEA 2016 are: Average engine sludge, merits: ≥7.8; Average rocker cover sludge, merits: ≥8.0; Average engine varnish, merits: ≥8.9; Average piston

skirt varnish, merits: ≥7.5; Hot-stuck compression rings: None; Oil screen clogging, % area: ≤ 20.

Alternatively, Sequence IVA (ASTM D6891) data can be used for A3/B4, A5/B5, C2, C3, C4 and C5 categories at the following limit: Cam wear average: max 90

microns.

No. 2.3

No. 2.4:

Alternatively to the CEC L-107-19, results of the Daimler M271 Sludge test as described by Daimler AG can be used for A3/B4, A5/B5 and C2, C3, C4, C5. For this test, reference oil changed from RL140 to RL261. Results relative to RL140 or RL261 can be used to demonstrate ACEA performance. The applicable limit with RL261 is ≥ RL261 + 1σ. The applicable limit with RL140 is ≥ RL140 + 4σ. Test results obtained by the Daimler M271 test procedure will be accepted only under the condition that they come from test rigs being referenced and quality controlled by Daimler AG.

No. 2.6 The CEC L-106-14 (DV6C) lifetime is limited. If the test becomes unavailable during the lifetime of these ACEA Engine Oil Sequences, ACEA intends to introduce

a successor test on PSA hardware at a similar severity level.

Alternatively, CEC L-78-99 (TDI2) results can be used as specified in the table below. No. 2.7

CEC L-78-9	99 limits applicable for:	A3/B4	A5/B5, A7/B7	C2	C3, C4, C5, C6
Piston Cleanliness	Merit	≥ RL206	≥ RL206	≥ RL206	≥ RL206
Ring Sticking (Rings 1 & 2)					
Average of all 8 rings	ASF	≤ 1.0	≤ 1.0	≤ 1.2	≤ 1.0
Max. for any 1st ring	ASF	≤ 1.0	≤ 1.0	≤ 2.5	≤ 1.0
Max for any 2nd ring	ASF	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
EoT TBN (ISO 3771) **	mgKOH/g	≥ 6.0	≥ 4.0	Report	Report
EoT TAN (ASTM D664) **	mgKOH/g	Report	Report	Report	Report