ATIEL represents the combined knowledge and experience of Europe’s leading engine oil manufacturers. It promotes cross-industry dialogue on automotive lubricant technical issues and develops credible strategies in response to the changing demands of engine technology.

With its combined expertise in lubricants technology ATIEL has established industry best practices and quality standards that address the technical needs of Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) and consumers.

By providing data and expertise it supports industry partners in the development of appropriate lubricant specifications and test procedures. It monitors current and future technical issues, regulatory programmes and market trends to facilitate scientifically sound responses and enable the European oil industry to react to market needs.

Through its global member companies ATIEL helps to promote European standards around the world. International links with organisations such as the American Petroleum Institute also provide a forum for joint cooperation on global issues and developments.

ATIEL’s membership encompasses all of the major European oil companies. It brings together a diverse range of manufacturers and marketers with long experience and expertise in engine oil development.

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Focus for innovation
ATIEL has established working groups to address specific technical issues and maintain ongoing liaison with technical and engineering consultants, partner industry associations and OEMs.

Through proactive engagement these working groups develop and promote better understanding of how future regulatory trends, engine design changes and the needs of emerging markets impact the supply of appropriate lubricants.

Their work plays a valuable role in discussions with OEMs about changes to engine oil specifications. For example, ATIEL working groups have addressed issues around the future availability of base oils for Low SAPS (sulphated ash, phosphorus and sulphur) lubricants, engine technology trends, the application of ACEA specifications in developing markets and the impact of biofuels.

The extensive study on Low SAPS lubricants has raised awareness of the potential consequences of these formulations on different aspects of engine oil performance including wear protection, cleanliness and oil drain intervals.

ATIEL also undertakes engine testing to support the development of robust interchange guidelines for Group III base oils, in response to their growing importance and use in engine oils that meet the latest OEM specifications.

ATIEL acts as a European focal point for technical issues relating to the performance and environmental demands of engine oils. Its objective is to ensure that lubricant development is aligned to the requirements of European engine technology.

By drawing on the extensive technical know-how of its membership, it establishes industry consensus on key technical issues. This provides valuable input to OEM development programmes and supports cohesive responses to changes in legislation, lubricant specification and hardware design.

ATIEL promotes interaction between European automotive technical bodies including ACEA (vehicle manufacturers), CEC (engine test development) and ATC (additive manufacturers). Its technical working groups address critical issues including exhaust emissions, fuel economy, oil drain intervals, chemical composition, base oil substitution, biofuels and used oil management.

This work is key to the development of robust specifications that ensure engine oils continue to contribute to improved engine wear protection and deposit control, lower emissions and fuel economy.

viation and consensus
The ATIEL Code of Practice is accepted industry-wide as best practice for the development and manufacture of crankcase lubricants conforming to ACEA standards.

Some 80 companies marketing lubricants in Europe have signed letters of conformance to the Code of Practice guidelines. This ensures product quality and consistency, and provides a benchmark for auditing lubricant development and production processes.

The ATIEL Code of Practice is available online at: www.atiel.org

ATIEL has a pivotal role in agreeing quality standards for engine oils that meet ACEA requirements. Initiatives such as the ATIEL Code of Practice have been fundamental in setting standards and providing quality guarantees for both OEMs and consumers.

ATIEL members include many international companies, which helps to promote ACEA sequences beyond European markets. Through an active involvement in the CEC, ATIEL also plays a role in the setting of engine and bench test standards, ensuring that lubricant specifications are relevant to real-life applications.

Benchmark for quality

Supporting robust, technically sound specifications helps to streamline the lubricant development process. Establishing development protocols, common quality standards and test procedures ensures that appropriate, consistent high-quality lubricants are readily available to end-users across both European and global markets.
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