



ATIEL Compliance Policy

1 Introduction to the Policy

ATIEL is committed to supporting continuous improvement in the development, manufacture and marketing of automotive engine lubricants that fully satisfy the European performance and quality requirements deemed necessary by the European Automobile Manufacturers' Association (ACEA) for satisfactory engine life and operation.

The ATIEL Compliance policy, hereinafter referred to as 'the Policy', supports the European Engine Lubricant Quality Management System (EELQMS) that has been developed jointly by the European Automobile Manufacturers' Association (ACEA), the Technical Committee of the Petroleum Additives Manufacturers in Europe (ATC) and ATIEL.

EELQMS is an overarching quality management system that embraces various standards, test methods and procedures, Codes of Practice and the ACEA Oil Sequences requirements. The Policy supports lubricant marketers' compliance with EELQMS through regular monitoring and reporting of individual products' technical specifications and performance characteristics as they relate to the ACEA sequences.

The Policy is publicly and freely available to all companies and nothing in the Policy forms part of a contract.

2 Purpose of the Policy

The purpose of the Policy is to provide a mechanism that supports continuous improvement for lubricant marketers when developing, manufacturing or marketing automotive engine lubricants for which compliance with the ACEA Oil Sequences is claimed. Individual lubricant marketers always remain responsible and accountable for lubricant product quality.

The Policy aims to achieve greater compliance within industry by encouraging and facilitating the exchange of information and technical data that supports the education of marketers and the continued monitoring of the quality of automotive engine lubricants.

3 Scope of the Policy

The Policy currently applies only to engine oils that claim to meet ACEA Sequences, but many of the principles apply equally to other lubricant products that claim to meet clearly defined technical standards.

The ongoing and periodic lubricant quality surveys conducted by ATIEL, with an independent methodology, are the basis of the determinations of compliance with EELQMS by lubricant marketers.

However, the Policy also provides a framework for communication, advice and corrective action if questions should arise concerning the conformance of products of lubricant marketers.