



OEM BULLETIN

FORD WSS-M2C913-D

The Independent Union of the European Lubricant Industry (UEIL) is the umbrella association of the Independent European Lubricants Industry, representing their members and, in particular, the interests of SMEs and independent lubricant companies. To date, the UEIL represents more than 400 lubricant companies, who manufacture and distribute lubricant products (and coolants) under their own various trademarks throughout the European Union. With members in more than 20 European Countries and a unique collective experience of lubricants and the lubricants market, UEIL is the sole representative body for independent manufacturers of lubricants in Europe and has been recognised as such by the European Commission. It is UEIL's policy to favour free and fair competition within the scope of prevailing EU and national laws.

On 30 November 2012 Ford issued an After Sales Action Notice which stated "to gain this new specification, products have to pass rigorous new tests. Ford-Castrol Magnatec Professional A5 5W-30 is the first (and only to date) to exceed these requirements and so currently has a technology leadership edge".

UEIL contacted the Additive Companies who advised that they were unable to have a formulation available because it required a "Ford In-house test for Chain Wear" which was in the process of being set-up at an Independent test Laboratory but was not yet available to them.

UEIL has since been engaged in correspondence with Ford who wrote that "Whilst hopeful that we might be allowed more time to implement the test we understand your position and will comply with your request to provide provisional acknowledgement of any claims immediately providing that all other specification requirements are met".

They also wrote that "In reviewing this topic we have also noted that the Ford after sales bulletin which was attached to your letter on the 11th February incorrectly specifies that Ford-Castrol Magnatec is required for the new Transit Custom. We will issue a clarification to our dealer network that refers only to the specification WSS-M2C913-D being required for service".

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