

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

1. LABORATORY TESTS

REQUIREMENT	TEST METHOD	PROPERTIES	UNIT	LIMITS				
				A1/B1-10	A3/B3-10	A3/B4-10	A5/B5-10	
1.1 Viscosity grades		SAE J300 Latest active issue		No restriction except as defined by shear stability and HT/HS requirements. Manufacturers may indicate specific viscosity requirements related to ambient temperature.				
1.2 Shear stability	CEC-L-014-93 or ASTM D6278	100°C Viscosity after 30 cycles	mm ² /s	xW-20 stay in grade xW-30 ≥ 9.3 xW-40 ≥ 12.0	All grades to be stay in grade			
1.3 Viscosity at high temp. & high shear rate	CEC-L-036-90	Viscosity at 150°C and 10 ⁶ s ⁻¹ shear rate	mPa.s	≥ 2.9 and ≤ 3.5 xW-20 2.6. min	≥ 3.5	≥ 3.5	≥ 2.9 and ≤ 3.5	
1.4 Evaporative loss	CEC-L-040-93 (Noack)	Max. weight loss after 1 h at 250°C	%	≤ 15	≤ 13	≤ 13	≤ 13	
1.5 TBN	ASTM D2896		mgKOH/g	≥ 8.0	≥ 8.0	≥ 10.0	≥ 8.0	
1.6 Sulphated ash (2)	ASTM D874		% m/m	≤ 1.3	≥ 0.9 and ≤ 1.5	≥ 1.0 and ≤ 1.6	≤ 1.6	
1.7 Sulphur (1)	ASTM D5185		% m/m	Report				
1.8 Phosphorus (1)	ASTM D5185		% m/m	Report				
1.9 Chlorine	ASTM D6443		ppm m/m	Report				
1.10 Oil / elastomer compatibility (3)	CEC-L-039-96	Max. variation of characteristics after immersion for 7 days in fresh oil without pre-ageing Hardness DIDC Tensile strength Elongation at rupture Volume variation	points % % %	Note: the following section applies to all sequences				
				Elastomer type				
				RE1	RE2-99	RE3-04	RE4	AEM (VAMAC) As per Daimler
				-1/+5 -40/+10	-5/+8 -15/+18	-22/+1 -30/+10	-5/+5 -20/+10	
				-50/+10 -1/+5	-35/+10 -7/+5	-20/+10 -1/+22	-50/+10 -5/+5	
1.11 Foaming tendency	ASTM D892 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 High temperature foam test	Tendency – stability	ml	Sequence IV (150°C) 100 - nil				

2. ENGINE TESTS

REQUIREMENT	TEST METHOD	PROPERTIES	UNIT	LIMITS			
				A1/B1-10	A3/B3-10	A3/B4-10	A5/B5-10
2.1 High temperature deposits Ring sticking Oil thickening	CEC-L-088-02 (TU5JP-L4) 72 Hour test	Ring sticking (each part)	Merit	≥ 9.0			
		Piston varnish (6 elements, average of 4 pistons)	Merit	≥ RL216			
		Absolute viscosity increase at 40°C between min & max values during test Oil consumption	mm ² /s kg/test	≤ 0.8 x RL216 Report			
2.2 Low temperature sludge (4)	ASTM D6593-00 (Sequence VG) Under protocol & requirements for API	Average engine sludge	Merit	≥ 7.8			
		Rocker cover sludge	Merit	≥ 8.0			
		Average piston skirt varnish	Merit	≥ 7.5			
		Average engine varnish	Merit	≥ 8.9			
		Comp. ring (hot stuck) Oil screen clogging	%	none ≤ 20			
2.3 Valve train scuffing wear	CEC-L-038-94 (TU3M)	Cam wear, average	µm	≤ 10			
		Cam wear, max.	µm	≤ 15			
		Pad merit (Ave. of 8 pads)	Merit	≤ 7.5			
2.4 Black sludge	(10,11)	Engine sludge, average	Merit	≥ RL140 + 4σ			
2.5 Fuel economy (5)	CEC-L-054-96 (M111)	Fuel economy improvement vs. Reference oil RL191 (15W-40)	%	≥ 2.5	-	-	≥ 2.5
2.6 Medium temperature dispersivity	CEC-L-093-04 (DV4TD)	Absolute viscosity increase at 100°C and 6% soot Piston merit	mm ² /s	≤ 0.60 x RL223 result ≥ (RL223 - 2.5 pts)			
2.7 Wear (6)	CEC-L-099-08 (OM646LA)	Cam wear outlet (avg. max. wear 8 cams)	µm	≤ 140		≤ 120	
		Cam wear inlet (avg. max. wear 8 c.); (8)	µm	≤ 110		≤ 100	
		Cylinder wear (avg. 4. cyl.); s. note (8)	µm	≤ 5.0		≤ 5.0	
		Bore polishing (13mm) - max. of 4 cyl.; s. note (8)	%	≤ 3.5		≤ 3.0	
		Tappet wear inlet (avg. max. wear 8 cams)	µm	report		report	
		Tappet wear outlet (avg. max. wear 8 cams)	µm	report		report	
		Piston cleanliness (avg. 4 pistons)	Merit	report		report	
		Engine sludge avg.	Merit	report		report	
2.8 DI diesel Piston cleanliness & Ring sticking (9)	CEC-L-078-99 (VW TDI)	Piston cleanliness	Merit	≥ RL206	≥ RL206	≥ RL206	≥ RL206
		Ring sticking (Rings 1&2)		minus 4 pts	minus 4 pts		
		Average of all 8 rings	ASF	≤ 1.2	≤ 1.2	≤ 1.0	≤ 1.0
		Max. for any 1st ring	ASF	≤ 2.5	≤ 2.5	≤ 1.0	≤ 1.0
		Max. for any 2nd ring	ASF	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
		EOT TBN (7,8)	mgKOH/g	≥ 4.0	≥ 4.0	≥ 6.0	≥ 4.0
		EOT TAN (7)	mgKOH/g	Report	Report	Report	Report

(1) The internal standard method has to be used. (2) Maximum limits, Values take into account method and production's tolerances. (3) Use either complete Daimler requirements (VDA 675301, 7 days +/- 2h, 4 materials (NBR: NBR34 DIN 53538 T3 (100 °C +/- 2°C); FPM: AK6 (150 °C +/- 2°C); ACM: E7503 (150 °C +/- 2°C); AEM: D 8948/200.1 (150 °C +/- 2°C)) + RE3, or complete requirements according to 1.10 above + Daimler requirements for AEM. (4) The limits shown are based upon those applied in U.S. market requirements. ACEA will continuously review the situation to ensure that these limits are appropriate for European vehicles and lubricants. (5) ACEA considers the CEC L-54-T-96 test the only valid comparator against which claims of lubricant fuel economy improvement should be made. (6) For A1/B1 claims OM 602A passing results obtained before the end of 2008 can be used instead of OM 646LA results. (7) Test report has to give measured values before and after the test, all measurements to be taken in the same lab. Note: TAN is considered to become a future performance criteria. (8) These parameters are not yet official CEC parameters. (9) Test results from tests performed before the publishing of the 2008 ACEA oil sequences are allowed to be used without passing the EOT TBN criteria and reporting EOT TAN values. (10) Until a new CEC Test Method is developed, the gasoline sludge protection performance of engine oil formulations must be proofed by the M 271 sludge test procedure as described by Daimler AG. Test results obtained by the M 271 procedure will be accepted under the condition that they come from test rigs being referenced and quality controlled by Daimler AG. Limits are based on the same reference oil as with the old M111 sludge test. (11) Existing results from tests with CEC-L-053 may be used where applicable. In this case limits for all ACEA A/B categories (including A1/B1) are: ≥ RL 140 + 4σ or ≥ 9.0.