

Operating fluids (such as engine oils, gear oils, automatic transmission fluids (ATF), hydraulic oils, greases, fluids, coolant, antifreeze agents, brake fluids etc.) are just as im-

The use of approved operating fluids forms an integral part of the warranty terms and conditions.

The fees charged are the same for all types of operating fluids and for all applicants.

upon fulfillment of the following conditions:

1. The operating fluid complies with the technical requirements specified by DaimlerChrysler AG. Technical specifications are available from the Operating Fluids Department (Abteilung Betriebsstoffe see address below).
2. The brand name consists of no more than 40 characters.
 - 2.1 The brand name is written in Latin letters and contains no special characters. Such characters will be corrupted or suppressed during electronic data transfer.
 - 2.2 The brand name of engine oils is verified by the submission of front and back labels for, for example, one liter or quart containers. Submission must be made within six months of receipt of the approval certificate. Failure to submit the label will result in withdrawal of the engine oil approval.
 - 2.3 For oils, all SAE grades and all formulations of a given brand name fulfill the specifications required for approval and inclusion in the sheet of the "Mercedes-Benz Specifications for Operating Fluids" for which an application is submitted.

4. The brand name clearly identifies the operating fluid. Brand names of single-grade and multigrade oils must differ.
5. The applicant acknowledges by signature acceptance of the "Obligations Regarding Approval of Operating Fluids" (see enclosure).
6. The approval fee has been paid by the applicant for specified services related to the verification of product data and the inclusion of the product data in the "Mercedes-Benz Specifications for Operating Fluids." Other services are provided free of charge. See the table below:

2000 EUR

- 6.1. For new approvals (originals or rebrands)
- 6.2 For a change to a brand name coinciding with a change in the formulation
- 6.3 For reapproval of an operating fluid deleted from the list due to non-compliance with the "Obligations Regarding Approval of Operating Fluids"

Free of charge

- 6.10 For product evaluations not resulting in an approval.
- 6.11 For rebrands: On request the rebrand will be upgraded to a higher sheet provided the original was as previously approved for this sheet.
- 6.12 For rebrands: Changes to the formulation of the original.
- 6.13 For the verification of an operating fluid provided in the form of a yearly verification. This verification must be submitted by October 1st of each year. See the "Obligations Regarding Approval of Operating Fluids."
- 6.14 For the documentation of minor technical alterations where such alterations improve product quality and thus serve the interests of DaimlerChrysler AG and its customers.

1000 EUR

- 6.4 For a change to the brand name of an original product with no change to its formulation
- 6.5 For a change to a formulation with no change to the brand name of a previously approved operating fluid
- 6.6 For a change to the brand name of an original product with no change to the brand name of an approved rebrand
- 6.7 For every additional formulation of a previously approved operating fluid
- 6.8 New approvals and releases of revisions for trade products. Trading products are products that are intended for wholesale only and not for sale to the ultimate consumer. Brand names of trading products are not listed in the "Mercedes-Benz Specification for Operating Fluids" and are indicated as not approved to ultimate consumers.
- 6.9 For each listing of a product on an additional sheet in the "Mercedes-Benz Specification for Operating Fluids" in cases where the operating fluid is approved for several sheets by the Department of Operating Fluids.

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- 6.15 For minor changes to a brand name required to comply with legal regulations and standards.
 - 6.16 For the documentation of changes to the company's name or the location of its registered office.

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Enclosure
Obligations Regarding Approval of Operating Fluids

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