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Adoption of Low Viscosity Grade Engine Oils

WASHINGTON, September 25, 2023 – The American Petroleum Institute (API) has formally adopted SAE 0W-8 and SAE 0W-12 viscosity grades into API Service Category SP, the most current gasoline engine oil category.

API 1509 Engine Oil Licensing and Certification System (EOLCS) which is API's standard defining how the API Engine Oil Service Categories and Quality Marks are licensed and displayed, will be updated with the details from the September 19th passing ballot.

Adoption of SAE 0W-8 and SAE 0W-12 into API Service Category SP is a crucial step in establishing licensing requirements, aftermarket conformance, and enforcement procedures for these viscosity grades globally. These engine oil viscosity grades are currently recommended by some global original equipment manufacturers (OEM), and this update will provide OEMs the ability to recommend API-licensed engine oils, assisting consumers in finding engine oils recommended by their vehicle manufacturer, especially in North America.

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