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Engine Oils

Information: The use of a quality engine oil is extremely important for the operation and service life of an engine.

Engine Oil Specifications: BMW recommends the use of all engine oils that meet or exceed the American Petroleum Institute (API) classifications of SG or the European CCMC classification of G4. These oils may be mineral or synthetic-based engine oils.

Engine Break-in: During the break-in period of a new engine or components of a rebuilt engine, i.e., new bearings, crankshaft, pistons, etc. only a single or multiple grade mineral-based engine oil should be used since a synthetic-based oil has friction-reducing properties which will influence the break-in behavior of an engine.

Synthetic Oils: Since synthetic oils often possess improved lubricating properties, they tend to prolong the break-in period of an engine and consequently may lead to increased oil consumption during a break-in period.

Therefore, it is not recommended to use a synthetic-based oil for the initial filling of a new or exchange engine. A synthetic-based oil may be used when changing the oil for the first time in accordance with the prescribed oil change intervals.

Oil Change Intervals: Under no circumstances should the oil change intervals be extended due to the greater durability of a fully synthetic engine oil. The engine oil and filter should always be changed as per the vehicle's Service History Booklet.

Oil Viscosity: For the correct engine oil SAE viscosity/grade selection, use the BMW temperature viscosity table which can be found on Service Information (11 050 92) (2507) or in every Rider's Manual.

**Engine Oil
Additives:**

The use of engine oil additives is not recommended and not necessary on BMW engines. Instead, it is recommended to use one of today's highly advanced brand name lubricating oils conforming to either API classifications SG (or higher) or CCMC classification G4 (or higher).

BMW cannot be held responsible for any consequences when oil additives are used.

Very truly yours,

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