Caterpillar Engine Oil Specifications

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HEAVY-DUTY ENGINE OIL
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Cat Engine Crankcase Fluids (ECF) Specifications

Update

Cat ECF-1-a

Modified ECF-1

Cat ECF-2

New

Cat ECF-3

Released Sep 1, 2006

Summary of Cat ECF Specs

Cat ECF-1-a

API CH-4 oils (+)

Cat ECF-2

API CI-4/CI-4 PLUS oils (+)

Cat ECF-3

API CJ-4 oils

Cat ECF-1-a

Replaces cat ECF-1 specification

Now applicable only to API CH-4 oils with no other changes

Tests and limits

General	API CH-4 program (API Publication No. 1509, ACC Code of practice)
≤ 1.30 wt % ash	1 1P SCOTE test (ASTM D6681)
1.30 < ash ≤ 1.50	2 1P SCOTE tests (ASTM D6681)
API Base Oil Interchange (BOI) read-across guidelines	Must be followed
API Viscosity Grade Read-Across (VGRA)	Allowed



Cat ECF-2

Applicable to API CI-4/API CI-4 PLUS oils

Tests and limits

General	API CI-4 program (API Publication No. 1509, ACC Code of practice)
Testing	Cat C13 500 hour engine test (as defined in the API CJ-4 oil category)
Limits	Ash level \leq 1.50 wt% (ASTM D0874)
API Base Oil Interchange (BOI) read-across guidelines	Must be followed
API Viscosity Grade Read- Across (VGRA)	Allowed

Cat ECF-2

- Cat C13 Test: Ensures oils that offer advanced piston deposits and oil consumption control as well as protection from engine wear
- Upper limit on ash:
 - > kept the limit from ECF-1 (ECF-1-a)
 - Supports a trend of lower ash oils
- Oils meeting API oil categories prior to API CI-4 may not claim Cat ECF-2

Cat ECF-3

Applicable to API CJ-4 oils

Tests and limits

Follows the API CJ-4 Program



Application

Specification	Application
Cat ECF-1-a	➤ All 2006 and older Cat on-highway diesel engines ➤ Cat 3500 Series and smaller commercial and machine diesel engines
Cat ECF-2	➤ All 2006 and older Cat on-highway diesel engines ➤ Cat 3500 Series and smaller commercial and machine diesel engines
Cat ECF-3	➤ Strongly recommended for all Cat 2007 and newer on-highway diesel engines ➤ All models and years Cat on-highway diesel engines ➤ Cat 3500 Series and smaller commercial and machine diesel engines



Implementation

Cat ECF-1-a

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Cat ECF-2

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Cat ECF-3

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