

KEY ACRONYMS & TERMS, MOST COMMON

ACC	American Chemistry Council
ACEA	Association des Constructeurs Europeens d'Automobiles (European Automobile Manufacturers Association)
API	American Petroleum Institute
API C...	Commercial category for heavy duty diesel engine oils
API CK-4	Newest category designed for engines using ultra-low-sulfur diesel fuel
API S...	Service category Classification for light duty gasoline engine oils
API SN Plus	Newest service category effective in 2018
API FA-4	New fuel saving heavy duty engine oil, may not be fully backwards compatible
API GF-6	Upcoming new gasoline engine oil category addressing fuel economy needs
API GF-6A	Version of GF-6 that is expected to be backwards compatible
API GF-6B	Version of GF-6 that is not expected to be backwards compatible
ASTM	American Society for Testing and Materials, develops international standards
DEXOS	GM motor oil specification & warranty requirement as of 2011, represents less than 9% of the motor oil brand licenses issued by API world-wide, increases formula costs
DIY	Do-It-Yourself
EOLCS	API Engine Oil Licensing and Certification System for blenders & oil marketers
FAU	First Allowable Use
Group I	Petroleum base stock, used to formulate obsolete specification conventional oils
Group II	Petroleum base stock, used to formulate conventional and synthetic blend engine oils
Group III	Synthetic base stock, used to formulate full and semi synthetic engine oils
Group IV	Synthetic base stock, used to formulate full synthetic engine oils
HDEO	Heavy Duty Engine Oil
ICIS	Independent Chemical Information Service, the world's largest petrochemical market information provider
ILSAC	International Lubricant Standardization and Advisory Committee, representing North American and Japanese automakers in creating engine oil specifications
JASO	Japanese Automotive Standards Organization, develops grading system for motorcycle oil
ND	Non-detergent oil, limited use in old engines only, not for use in modern vehicles
OEM	Original Equipment Manufacturer
PAO	Polyalphaolefin, advanced synthetic base stock used to formula full synthetic engine oil
PCMO	Passenger Car Motor Oil
SA	Pre 1930 API service category, contains no additives, not for use in modern vehicles
SAE	Society of Automotive Engineers, develops standards for engineering professionals
SAPS	Sulfated ash, phosphorus and sulfur

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