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To Whom It May Concern:

Valvoline has received several inquiries regarding the topic of MaxLife ATF and its use in various vehicles. In response to these questions Valvoline has issued the following statements:

Valvoline recommends MaxLife ATF in a broad range of transmissions. The list below is just a sample of applications where Valvoline supports the use of MaxLife ATF. Please also note that MaxLife is a full synthetic ATF.

- Allison C-4
- Allison TES 389
- Allison TES 295 (extended drain with appropriate used oil sampling)
- Audi G-052-025-A2, G-052-162-A1
- BMW LT71141 or LA2634 fluids
- Ford MERCON®, MERCON® V
- Ford MERCON® SP, MERCON® LV
- GM 9986195
- GM DEXRON® II, III and VI
- Honda/Acura ATF-Z1 (except in CVTs)
- Hyundai
- JWS 3309
- KIA SP-II and SP-III Fluids
- MAN 339 Type F
- Mercedes Benz Sheet 236.x (except 236.12 and 236.20)
- Mercedes Benz NAG-1
- Mitsubishi Diamond SP-II or SP-III
- Nissan Matic-D, Matic-J, and Matic-K
- Toyota / Lexus Type T, T-III or T-IV
- Toyota WS
- Voith H55.6335.33 (G607)
- Voith H55.6336.33 (G1363)
- Volvo 1161521 and 1161540
- VW TL52162
- ZF TE-ML-14B, 16L and 17C
- ATF 3403 M115

Valvoline has conducted in-house testing to support MaxLife ATF performance in these transmissions. However, it is important to note that these vehicle manufacturers have neither evaluated nor approved MaxLife ATF.

Valvoline stands behind all of its products, including MaxLife ATF. Use of MaxLife ATF in transmissions where recommended by Valvoline WILL NOT void the vehicle's warranty. Vehicle manufacturers are restricted by federal law from including the requirement of the use of a specific brand or trade name of product or service as a condition of their warranty. The following is an extract from the Federal Trade Commission's web site on interpretation of the Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act:

"Tie-In Sales" Provisions Generally, tie-in sales provisions are not allowed. Such a provision would require a purchaser of the warranted product to buy an item or service from a particular company to use with the warranted product in order to be eligible to receive a remedy under the warranty. The following are examples of prohibited tie-in sales provisions.

In order to keep your new Plenum Brand Vacuum Cleaner warranty in effect, you must use genuine Plenum Brand Filter Bags. Failure to have scheduled maintenance performed, at your expense, by the Great American Maintenance Company, Inc., voids this warranty.





Valvoline has conducted extensive testing and has a long history of successful use of MaxLife ATF in a broad range of applications. In the unlikely event that you or your customer experiences any transmission damage while using MaxLife ATF, please contact Valvoline at 1-800-Team-VAL for assistance.

While MaxLife ATF is designed to meet the special needs of higher mileage transmissions, new transmissions can also benefit from its enhanced oxidation protection, shear stability, seal compatibility, and anti-shudder protection. Many consumers have chosen to take advantage of this level of performance in newer transmissions.

Valvoline currently does not recommend MaxLife ATF where certain specific low viscosity ATF's are called for. These include Mercedes Benz NAG-2, ZF Lifeguard 6 and 6 Plus, and AUDI G055-162-A6 and G055-005-A2 applications.

Please note that GM did not require DEXRON-VI prior to the 2006MY. If DEXRON III was the originally recommended product in a pre-2006 MY vehicles, even though GM may be calling for DEXRON VI to-day, MaxLife ATF may be used.

Valvoline does not recommend MaxLife ATF for use in most continuously variable transmissions (CVTs) unless specifically noted nor in automatic transmissions where Ford Type F fluids are recommended.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Thom Smith".

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