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SAFETY COMPLIANCE TESTING FOR FMVSS 116 MOTOR VEHICLE BRAKE FLUID

BMW Group DOT 4 Motor Vehicle Brake Fluid

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A. SECTION 1 - PURPOSE OF COMPLIANCE TEST

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the test was to determine if the production motor vehicle brake fluid supplied by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration met the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 116 entitled “ Motor Vehicle Brake Fluids .”

B. SECTION 2 - COMPLIANCE TEST DATA SUMMARY
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GROUP No.: 10 LAB.: Report No. 116-ABI-19-010

BRAKE FLUID BRAND: BMW Group DOT 4 Motor Vehicle Brake Fluid

DISTRIBUTOR: Old World Industries, LLC

ADDRESS: 4085 Commercial Avenue, Northbrook, IL 60062

LOT I.D. / PACKAGE CODE: 031418 ; DOT GRADE: 4

INDICATE P - PASS OR F - FAIL	PASS	FAIL
1. Boiling Point (ERBP)	<u>P</u>	___
2. Wet ERBP	<u>P</u>	___
3. Viscosity at -40°C (-40°F)	<u>P</u>	___
Viscosity at 100°C (212°F)	<u>P</u>	___
4. pH Value	<u>P</u>	___
5. Fluid Stability	<u>P</u>	___
High Temperature	<u>P</u>	___
Chemical	<u>P</u>	___
6. Corrosion:		
Weight Change, mg/cm ²		
Tinned Iron	<u>P</u>	___
Steel	<u>P</u>	___
Aluminum	<u>P</u>	___
Cast Iron	<u>P</u>	___
Brass	<u>P</u>	___
Copper	<u>P</u>	___
Pitting or Roughening	<u>P</u>	___
Gelling of Mixture	<u>P</u>	___
Crystalline Deposit	<u>P</u>	___
Sedimentation, % by volume	<u>P</u>	___
Disintegration of cups	<u>P</u>	___
pH after test	<u>P</u>	___
Decrease in cup hardness	<u>P</u>	___
Increase in cup diameter	<u>P</u>	___
7. Fluidity and Appearance at Low Temperature:		
Sludging at -40°C (-40°F)	<u>P</u>	___
Sludging at -50°C (-58°F)	<u>P</u>	___
Crystallization at -40°C (-40°F)	<u>P</u>	___
Crystallization at -50°C (-58°F)	<u>P</u>	___
Sedimentation at -40°C (-40°F)	<u>P</u>	___
Sedimentation at -50°C (-58°F)	<u>P</u>	___
Air Bubble Rise Time at -40°C (-40°F)	<u>P</u>	___
Air Bubble Rise Time at -50°C (-58°F)	<u>P</u>	___
Stratification at -40°C (-40°F)	<u>P</u>	___
Stratification at -50°C (-58°F)	<u>P</u>	___
Fluid Appearance at Room Temperature		
. After -40°C (-40°F) Test	<u>P</u>	___
. After -50°C (-58°F) Test	<u>P</u>	___

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<u>INDICATE P - PASS OR F - FAIL</u>		PASS	FAIL
8.	Evaporation:		
	Percent weight loss	<u>NP*</u>	_____
	Abrasion/Gritty Precipitate	<u>NP*</u>	_____
	Pour point of residue	<u>NP*</u>	_____
9.	Water Tolerance:		
	Sludging at -40°C (-40°F)	<u>P</u>	_____
	Stratification at -40°C (-40°F)	<u>P</u>	_____
	Stratification at 60°C (140°F)	<u>P</u>	_____
	Sedimentation at -40°C (-40°F)	<u>P</u>	_____
	% Sedimentation at 60°C (140°F)	<u>P</u>	_____
	Crystallization at -40°C (-40°F)	<u>P</u>	_____
	Air Bubble Rise Time at -40°C (-40°F)	<u>P</u>	_____
	Appearance at Room Temperature after -40°C (-40°F) Test	<u>P</u>	_____
10.	Compatibility:		
	Sludging at -40°C (-40°F)	<u>P</u>	_____
	Sedimentation at -40°C (-40°F)	<u>P</u>	_____
	Crystallization at -40°C (-40°F)	<u>P</u>	_____
	Stratification at -40°C (-40°F) (Except DOT 5)	<u>P</u>	_____
	Stratification at 60°C (140°F)	<u>P</u>	_____
	% Sedimentation at 60°C (140°F)	<u>P</u>	_____
11.	Resistance to Oxidation:		
	Weight loss, mg/cm ²		
	Aluminum	<u>P</u>	_____
	Cast Iron	<u>P</u>	_____
	Pitting and etching	<u>P</u>	_____
	Gum deposit on strips	<u>P</u>	_____
12.	Effect on SBR Cups:		
	Hardness increase at 70°C (158°F)	<u>P</u>	_____
	Hardness increase at 120°C (248°F)	<u>P</u>	_____
	Hardness decrease at 70°C (158°F)	<u>P</u>	_____
	Hardness decrease at 120°C (248°F)	<u>P</u>	_____
	Base diameter change at 70°C (158°F)	<u>P</u>	_____
	Base diameter change at 120°C (248°F)	<u>P</u>	_____
	Disintegration at 70°C (158°F)	<u>P</u>	_____
	Disintegration at 120°C (248°F)	<u>P</u>	_____
13.	Stroking Properties	<u>NP*</u>	_____
14.	Color:		
	Clear to Amber (DOT 3 & 4 & 5.1)	<u>P</u>	_____
	Purple (DOT 5)	_____	_____

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		INDICATE P - PASS OR F- FAIL	
		PASS	FAIL
15.	Container Sealing:		
	Resealable	<u> P </u>	___
	Tamper-Proof Feature	<u> P </u>	___
16.	Certification, Marking and Labeling:		
	Certification --		
	FMVSS 116 Statement	<u> P </u>	___
	Marking		
	Lot I.D. Code Shown	<u> P </u>	___
	Grade Type Shown	<u> P </u>	___
	Grade Type Statement	<u> P </u>	___
	Minimum Wet ERBP Shown	<u> P </u>	___
	Complete Mailing Address	<u> P </u>	___
	Labeling -		
	Safety Warning Statements	<u> P </u>	___
	Removability	<u> P </u>	___
	Legibility	<u> P </u>	___

COMMENTS:

*NP: Not Performed

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GROUP NO.: 10 LAB: Report No. 116-ABI-19-010

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Test No.	Test Description	Test Requirements	Test Results	Start Date	Completion Date
1	Boiling Point (ERBP)	Min. =230°C (446°F)*	>260°C (>500°F)	1/17/19	1/17/19
2	Wet ERBP	Min. =155°C (311°F)*	176°C (350°F)	1/16/19	1/18/19
3	Viscosity at -40°C (-40°F)	Max. = 1800 mm ² /s*	1150 mm ² /s	1/17/19	1/17/19
	Viscosity at 100°C (212°F)	Min = 1.5 mm ² /s	2.0 mm ² /s	1/17/19	1/17/19
4	pH Value	7 to 11.5	7.6	1/21/19	1/21/19
5	Fluid Stability:	Max. Change		1/21/19	1/21/19
	High Temperature	3°C (5.4°F) + Δ	>260°C (>500°F)	1/21/19	1/21/19
	Chemical	3°C (5.4°F) + Δ	1°C (2°F)	1/21/19	1/21/19
		Δ = + 0.05/° that BP is >225°C (437°F)	Δ = 2°C (3.1°F)		
6	Corrosion:				
	Weight Change, mg/cm ²				
	Tinned Iron	Max. = 0.2	0.00	1/30/19	2/4/19
	Steel	Max. = 0.2	0.00		
	Aluminum	Max. = 0.1	0.00		
	Cast Iron	Max. = 0.2	0.00		
	Brass	Max. = 0.4	0.02		
	Copper	Max. = 0.4	0.03		
	Pitting/Roughening	None	None		
	Gelling of mixture	None	None		
	Crystalline deposits	None	None		
	Sedimentation, % by vol.	Max. = 0.10%	None		
	Disintegration of cups	None	None		
	pH after Test	7 to 11.5	7.4		
	Decrease in cup hardness	Max. = 15 IRHD	3		
	Increase in cup diameter	Max. =1.44 mm (0.055")	0.02 mm (0.001")		

** NA: Not Applicable

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Test No.	Test Description	Test Requirements		Test Results		Start Date	Completion Date
7	Fluidity and Appearance at Low Temperature:	-40°C (-40°F)	-50°C (-58°F)			1/21/19	1/26/19
	Stratification	None	None	None	None	1/21/19	1/26/19
	Sludging	None	None	None	None	1/21/19	1/26/19
	Sedimentation	None	None	None	None	1/21/19	1/26/19
	Crystallization	None	None	None	None	1/21/19	1/26/19
	Air Bubble Rise Time - sec.	10 max	35 max	2sec.	2 sec.	1/21/19	1/26/19
	Appearance at Room Temperature After Low Temperature Exposure	Same as before testing	Same as before testing	Same	Same	1/21/19	1/26/19
8	Evaporation:						
	% Weight Loss	Max. = 80%				NP*	NP*
	Abrasive/Gritty Precipitate	None					
	Pour Point of Residue	Max. = -5°C (23°F)					
9	Water Tolerance:	-40°C (-40°F)	60°C (140°F)			1/18/19	1/23/18
	Sludging	None	-----	None			
	Stratification	None	None	None	None		
	Sedimentation, %	None	.15 max	None	None		
	Air Bubble Rise Time - sec.	10 max	-----	2 sec.	-----		
	Crystallization	None	-----	None	-----		
	Appearance at Room Temperature After Low						
10	Compatibility:	-40°C (-40°F)	60°C (140°F)			1/21/19	1/23/18
	Stratification	None	None				
	Crystallization	None	-----	None	-----		
	Sedimentation, %	None	.05 max	None	None		
	Sludging	None	-----	None	-----		
11	Resistance to Oxidation:					1/25/19	2/4/19
	Weight Loss, mg/cm ²						
	Aluminum	Max. = 0.05		0.00			
	Cast Iron	Max. = 0.30		0.01			
	Pitting/Etching	None		None			
	Gum Deposits on Strips	Trace		None			
12	Effect on SBR Cups:	70°C (158°F)	120°C (248°F)			2/1/19	2/4/19
	Hardness Increase	None	None	None	None		
	Hardness Decrease, IRHD	10 max	15 max	9	6		
	Base Diameter Change - in.	0.15 mm 1.40mm (0.006 to 0.055")	0.15mm 1.40 mm (0.006 to 0.055")	.71 mm. (0.028in.)	.99 mm. (0.039in.)		
	Disintegration	None	None	None	None		

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Test No.	Test Description	Test Requirements	Test Results	Start Date	Complete Date
13	Stroking Properties	N/P			
14	Color:				
	DOT 3 & DOT 4 & DOT 5.1	Clear to Amber	Passes	2/1/19	2/1/19
	DOT 5	Purple		2/1/19	2/1/19
15	Container Sealing:	Resealable	Passes	2/1/19	2/1/19
		Tamper-Proof Feature	Passes	2/1/19	2/1/19
16	Certification:	S116 Statement	Passes	2/1/19	2/1/19
	Marking - Lot ID Code	Shown	Passes	2/1/19	2/1/19
	Marking - Grade Type & Grade Statement	Shown	Passes	2/1/19	2/1/19
	Marking - Min Wet ERBP	Shown	Passes	2/1/19	2/1/19
	Marking - Mailing Address	Complete	Passes	2/1/19	2/1/19
	Labeling	Safety Warning Statements	Passes	2/1/19	2/1/19
		Removability	Passes	2/1/19	2/1/19
		Legibility	Passes	2/1/19	2/1/19

* Values shown are values for DOT-4 Brake Fluid ONLY. Values for DOT-3, DOT-5 and DOT-5.1 Brake Fluid are shown below:

	DOT-3	DOT-5	DOT-5.1
TEST 1	205°C (401F)	260 °C (500°F)	260 °C (500°F)
TEST 2	140 °C (284°F)	180 °C (356°F)	180 °C (356°F)
TEST 3	1500 mm ² /s	900 mm ² /s	900 mm ² /s

REMARKS:

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D. SECTION 4

NONE

E. APPENDIX A

INTERPRETATION OR DEVIATIONS FROM FMVSS 116

NONE

F. APPENDIX B

EQUIPMENT LIST AND CALIBRATION RECORDS

<u>Test Usage No.</u>	<u>Equipment Manufacturer Type or Model/Serial No.</u>	<u>Accuracy Limits</u>	<u>Frequency of Calibration</u>	<u>Expiration Date of Calibration</u>
13,14	Thermometer Brooklyn Thermometer Co. ASTM 6F/89660	-112°F to +70°F ± 1.0°F	12 Months	2/20/19
1,3,7,8	Thermometer Brooklyn Thermometer Co ASTM 2F/38707	20°F to 580°F ± 1.0°F	12 Months	2/20/19
5	Thermometer Brooklyn Thermometer Co ASTM 30F/48332	207.5° to 212.5°F ± 0.05°F	12 Months	2/20/19
4	Thermometer Brooklyn Thermometer Co ASTM 73F/49394	-42.5°F to -37.5°F ± 0.2°F	12 Months	2/20/19
5	Constant Temperature Oil Bath (212°F) Fisher Scientific Co. Inc. ASTM D-445/10BC-3	Ambient To 250°F ± 0.2°F	Daily	Daily
4	Constant Low Temperature Bath (-40°F) Neslab Instruments Inc. ASTM D-445/88NM	-80F to Ambient	Daily	Daily
5	Viscosity Cannon Instruments Co. Cannon Fenske ASTM D-445 K5 and K22	1.6 to 8 cSt. ± 0.02 cSt	12 Months	9/20/19
4	Viscosity Cannon Instruments Co Ubbelohde ASTM D-445 3B/C196 and 3B/C194	1000 to 5000 cSt. ± 0.04 cSt.	12 Months	9/20/19

F. APPENDIX B (continued)**EQUIPMENT LIST AND CALIBRATION RECORDS**

<u>Test Usage No.</u>	<u>Equipment Manufacturer Type or Model/Serial No.</u>	<u>Accuracy Limits</u>	<u>Frequency of Calibration</u>	<u>Expiration Date of Calibration</u>
13,14	Temperature Recorder Taylor Instruments Chart / 76JR131	30 to 230°F ± 1°F	12 Months	2/20/19
13,14	Temperature Recorder Partlow Co. Chart / 86L5666	0 to 200°C ± 1°C	12 Months	2/20/19
12,15,	Low Temperature Storage Chamber (-40°F , -58°F) So-Low Instruments PR100-3	-18°C to -73°C ± 2°C	12 Months	2/20/19
6,9	pH Meter Orion Research Inc. 920A/002618	0 to 14 to 0.05 units	Daily	Daily
6,18, 19	Durometer PTC Instruments Inc. 26882	0 to 100	Daily	Daily
6,12	Laser Micrometer Keyence LS-3100.	.032 to 2.6 ± 0.00001 inches	Daily	Daily
9,15, 21	Centrifuge International Equipment Type K/39839P	0 to 900RCF	Daily	Daily
13,14	Mettler Balance Mettler Instruments Corp., PC2000	0 to 2000 Grams ± 0.1Grams	6 Months	7/22/19
9,17	Mettler Balance Mettler Instruments Corp., H-10/322096	0 to 160 Grams ± 0.0000 Grams	12 Months	7/22/19

G. APPENDIX C

PHOTOGRAPHS

BRAKE FLUID SAMPLE TESTED

BMW Group DOT 4 Motor Vehicle Brake Fluid

Front View



BMW Group DOT 4 Motor Vehicle Brake Fluid

Back View



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Picture of Lot Code

