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Road vehicles — Labelling of containers for petroleum or non-petroleum base brake fluid

Véhicules routiers — Inscription des récipients contenant du liquide de frein à base pétrolière ou non pétrolière

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Australia
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Road vehicles — Labelling of containers for petroleum or non-petroleum base brake fluid

1 Scope and field of application

This International Standard specifies the minimum labelling for commercial containers used to package fluids of the petroleum or non-petroleum type for use in the braking systems and hydraulic systems of road vehicles (including mopeds and motorcycles).

2 References

ISO 4925, *Road vehicles — Non-petroleum base brake fluids*.

ISO..., *Road vehicles — Petroleum base brake fluid*.¹⁾

3 Labelling

3.1 All commercial containers shall designate the contents, in capital letters, as indicated below :

**"ISO 4925 : ROAD VEHICLES — NON-PETROLEUM
BASE BRAKE FLUID"**

or

**"ISO... : ROAD VEHICLES — PETROLEUM BASE
BRAKE FLUID"**

[Complete by the number of the corresponding International Standard.]

3.2 The applicable words specified in 3.1, together with the information required by 3.3 to 3.5, shall be located on the main panel of the container.

All required labelling shall appear in a minimum type height of 3,2 mm. Labelling shall be legible and indelibly marked on a contrasting background.

3.3 The container shall bear a **serial number identifying the packaged lot and date of packaging**.

The container shall also bear **the name of the packager or an equivalent code designation, and the name and complete postal address of the distributor**.

3.4 The **minimum wet boiling point**, in degrees Celsius, of the fluid in the container shall be indicated on the latter, as specified in the International Standards mentioned in clause 2.

3.5 All commercial containers shall bear the following safety warnings in capital and lower case letters as indicated :

3.5.1 "FOLLOW VEHICLE MANUFACTURER'S RECOMMENDATIONS WHEN ADDING..."

[Complete with indication **"NON-PETROLEUM BASE BRAKE FLUID"** or **"PETROLEUM BASE BRAKE FLUID"** as applicable.]

3.5.2 (For petroleum base brake fluid only)

"Petroleum base brake fluid is NOT COMPATIBLE with the rubber components of brake systems designed for use with brake fluids such as those specified by the International Standard ISO 4925, 'ROAD VEHICLES — NON-PETROLEUM BASE BRAKE FLUIDS'."

3.5.3 "KEEP... CLEAN. Contamination with dirt, water or other materials may result in brake failure or costly repairs."

[Complete with indication **"NON-PETROLEUM BASE BRAKE FLUID"** or **"PETROLEUM BASE BRAKE FLUID"** as applicable.]

3.5.4 "Caution : STORE... ONLY IN ITS ORIGINAL CONTAINER. KEEP CONTAINER CLEAN AND TIGHTLY CLOSED. DO NOT REFILL CONTAINER OR USE FOR OTHER LIQUIDS."

[Complete with indication **"NON-PETROLEUM BASE BRAKE FLUID"** or **"PETROLEUM BASE BRAKE FLUID"** as applicable.]

The last sentence is not required for containers with a capacity in excess of 19 litres.

3.6 The information required by 3.2 to 3.5 may be supplemented by information such as toxicity warnings and flammability warnings.

1) In preparation.