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# BMW Motorcycles

## Service Bulletin



**Subject: SJ Engine Oil - Not Approved**

**Specification:** BMW provides specific recommendations for fuel and lubricants in the **Service and Technical Booklet** for each model motorcycle, or in the **Rider's Manual** on older model motorcycles. These recommendations are based on specific knowledge of the engine requirements and thorough endurance testing.

**Recommendation:** **The current recommendation is as follows:**  
**Brand-name HD oil, API classification SF, SG or SH; CD or CE suffixes are permissible; alternatively, brand-name HD oil, CCMC classification G4 or G5; suffix PD2 is permissible.**

**Not Approved:** **The API specification SJ is not approved** for use in any BMW motorcycle. This latest API classification does not guaranty the required levels of wear protective additives such as Calcium, Magnesium, Zinc, etc. as with most prior API specifications.

**Customer Interaction:** We suggest that you council with your customers regarding the oils being used in their motorcycle. Most oils found in commercial discount and automotive supply stores are now API SJ classification, which means that they should not be used. Use this opportunity to create in-store displays and promote the full range of approved BMW motorcycle lubricants.

Very truly yours,

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