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MULTI-GRADE ENGINE OILS

You are no doubt receiving enquiries from customers regarding the use of multi-grade oils, such as Shell X-100 10W/30 and BP Special Energol, Visco-Static, in Citroen engines. The following notes are for your guidance in answering such queries.

Some oils of this type, in addition to their special viscosity characteristics, contain detergent and anti-wear additives in varying degrees.

Reputable brands of oils of this type are available for Citroen engines as alternatives to the specifications in our standard instruction books. On account of the detergent and anti-wear properties mentioned, the following precautions must be observed:-

- 1). A change to any multi-grade oil should only be made on an engine which is in a reasonably good mechanical condition.
- 2). If the oil is detergent, the cleansing action of the oil will release accumulations of dirt and therefore the initial charging of the oil must be drained off and the engine refilled with new oil after 500 miles. At the same time the oil filter must be cleaned.
- 3). Oils with anti-wear additives tend to retard the running-in process. In circumstances in which running-in is necessary, one of the oils shown in our normal table of recommendations should be used during the running-in period.