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| GM | WORLDWIDE ENGINEERING STANDARDS | Material Specification | GMW16433 |

# DEXRON® Gear Oil 75W - 90

## 1 Scope

**1.1 Material Description.** This specification covers DEXRON® Gear Oil primarily for use in axles, in cars or trucks with open or locking differentials. This specification describes, in terms of laboratory and simulated service test results, the requirements for a minimum-performance fluid.

**1.2 Symbols.** Not applicable.

**1.3 Applicability.** Lubricant for axles and power transfer units.

**1.4 Remarks.**

**1.4.1 Safety.** This specification may involve hazardous materials, operations, and equipment. This specification does not purport to address all of the safety problems associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this specification to establish appropriate safety and health practices and to determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.

**1.4.2** This specification uses the International System of Units (SI) as standard per IEEE/ASTM SI10, except for certain components which are commercially available only in American conventional units.

**1.4.3** This specification uses the Rounding-Off Method per ASTM E29 for significant figures to determine conformance to specification requirements.

**1.4.4** Unless otherwise noted, part numbers of this specification refer to those of General Motors Powertrain.

## 2 References

**Note:** Only the latest approved standards are applicable unless otherwise specified.

**2.1 External Standards/Specifications.**

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| ASTM D92 | ASTM D1418 | ASTM D5185 | ASTM E29 |
| ASTM D97 | ASTM D1552 | ASTM D5704 | CEC L-45-99 |
| ASTM D130 | ASTM D2240 | ASTM D5800 | CEC L-48-A-00 |
| ASTM D412 | ASTM D2270 | ASTM D6121 | CEC L-84-02 |
| ASTM D445 | ASTM D2983 | ASTM D6304 | FED-STD-791 |
| ASTM D471 | ASTM D4052 | ASTM D6594 | IEEE/ASTM SI10 |
| ASTM D664 | ASTM D4289 | ASTM D6922 | ISO 37 |
| ASTM D892 | ASTM D4629 | ASTM D7038 | SAE J306 |
| ASTM D1193 | ASTM D4739 | ASTM D7450 | SAE J2643 |

**2.2 GM Standards/Specifications.**

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| 9986285 | GMW3059 |

**2.3 Additional References.**

- All GM DEXRON® testing forms including Form A are available from the Team Leader for Service Parts Engineering and DEXRON® Licensing or the General Motors Automatic Transmission Fluid (GM ATF) and Gear Oil Committee Chairman, via GM Supply Power. Folders/ENGINEERING/Powertrain Product Engineering/Transmission. (gmsupplypower.covisint.com/c/document_library/get_file?p_l_id=4211828&folderId=4501165&name=DLFE-188908.docx).
- EHDPROC11 (test procedure run at Imperial College, London, England).
- FTM 791, 3430/3440.

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- FVA-2/IV Pitting Test Procedure.
- General Motors Part 9986285 (also reference GM standard in 2.2).
- Metered Fuel Economy – Federal Fuel Economy (FFE) (Highway).
- Metered Fuel Economy – Federal Test Procedure (FTP) (City).
- VW PV 1454 (Volkswagen test procedure).

## 3 Requirements

**3.1 Test Requirements.** Form A (refer to 2.3) is required for testing to be started on gear lubricants pursuing DEXRON® Gear Oil approval.

**3.2 Mechanical Requirements.** Test procedures shall be conducted as specified, with no deviation, unless express written authorization is obtained from the General Motors Automatic Transmission Fluid (ATF) and Gear Oil Committee. Test parts are to be used as received. Replacement or modification of any part shall be made only if directed in this specification or to replace damaged parts. The laboratory must target to the mean of the specified test conditions.

**3.3 Physical Requirements.** Fluids qualified under this specification shall conform to SAE J306 and to the test methods and requirements as listed in Appendix A, Table A1.

**3.4 Approved Additive Chemistries.**

**3.4.1** Fluids meeting this specification shall be manufactured using additive chemistries listed in Table A2, approved DEXRON® Gear Oil Additive Chemistry Combinations.

**3.5 Requirements for New Additive Chemistry Combinations.**

**3.5.1** Successful completion of a complete DEXRON® Gear Oil Qualification Program (Appendix A, Table A1).

**3.5.2** Successful completion of a complete DEXRON® Gear Oil Qualification Program (Appendix A, Table A1) using the following fluid blends:

**3.5.2.1** Seventy-five percent (75%) Candidate, 25% Reference Fluid.

**3.5.2.2** Fifty percent (50%) Candidate, 50% Reference Fluid.

**3.5.2.3** Twenty-five percent (25%) Candidate, 75% Reference Fluid.

**3.5.2.4** If applicable, 50% Candidate, 50% any previously approved chemistry other than the Reference Fluid.

**3.5.3** Successful completion of tests listed in Table A3.

**3.5.4** Successful completion of a 241 000 km (150 000 mi) fleet test using the new candidate chemistry and blends of fluids from 3.5.2. A proposal for the fleet test shall be submitted to and approved by the GM ATF and Gear Oil Committee before commencing the fleet test.

**3.5.5** Any additional testing as directed by the GM ATF and Gear Oil Committee.

**3.6 Additional Requirements.**

**3.6.1** The test requirements given in this specification are minimum or maximum acceptance limits for valid tests. No adjustments for test precision are to be applied as test variability was taken into account in the determination of the requirements.

**3.6.2** The GM ATF and Gear Oil Committee reserves the right to require any additional tests that may be deemed necessary to ensure satisfactory performance of fluids submitted for qualification as DEXRON® Gear Oil.

**3.6.3 Validation Requirements.** Testing necessary for validating the use of this lubricant shall be prescribed by Materials Engineering. Testing will include, but not be limited to, tests included in Section 3 of this specification, vehicle fleet testing, and Proving Ground Durability Tests.

**3.7** All materials supplied to this standard must comply with GMW3059, **Restricted and Reportable Substances**, including the requirement to obtain a GM-approved International Material Data System (IMDS) submission.

## 4 Manufacturing Process

Not applicable.

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## 5 Rules and Regulations

**5.1 Legal Regulations.** All materials must satisfy applicable laws, rules, regulations and recommendations valid in the country of usage.

**5.2 Language.** In the event of conflict between the English and domestic language, the English language shall take precedence.

**5.3 Inspection and Rejection.** Samples of components or materials released to a GM material specification shall be tested for conformity with the requirements of this material specification and approved by the responsible Engineering department prior to commencement of delivery of bulk supplies.

A new approval must be received for any changes, e.g., properties, manufacturing process, location of manufacture, etc. If not otherwise agreed, all testing and documentation normally required for initial release must be completed.

It is the responsibility of the supplier to inform the customer in a timely manner, without solicitation, and to include documentation of all modifications of materials and/or processes and to apply for a new release.

**5.4 Material Safety Data Sheets/Safety Data Sheets (MSDS/SDS).** For new product submissions, or when a change in chemical composition of an existing product has occurred, a complete copy of the Material Safety Data Sheet/Safety Data Sheet must be submitted in compliance with the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals (GHS) requirements or other country-specific MSDS/SDS requirements.

**5.5** The series of tests used to approve each batch of product along with acceptance limits will be agreed upon by the purchaser and seller. The laboratory providing the certificate of analysis must also participate in a proficiency testing program (round robin) that is approved by the Fuels, Fluids, and Lubricants Global Subsystem Leadership Team (GSSLT) or designate. The Fuels, Fluids, and Lubricants GSSLT or designate must receive copies of the proficiency testing reports directly from the test program administrator.

**5.6 Trademark Licensing.** Licenses to use the trademark DEXRON® and related “GO” identification numbers are issued for fluids which have been tested by an independent laboratory and/or by General Motors and subsequently approved by the General Motors Automatic Transmission Fluid and Gear Oil Committee.

**Note:** For information on qualification of service replacement fluids for use in General Motors axles, contact, the Team Leader for Service Parts Engineering and DEXRON® Licensing or the GM ATF and Gear Oil Committee Chairman, via GM Supply Power. Folders/ENGINEERING/Powertrain Product Engineering/Transmission. (gmsupplypower.covisint.com/c/document_library/get_file?p_l_id=4211828&folderId=4501165&name=DLFE-188908.docx).

## 6 Approved Sources

Materials supplied to this specification must be approved by General Motors (Materials Engineering).

The appropriate GM Materials Engineering department(s) must confirm material as meeting the requirements of this specification. Any test data sheets of material submitted to General Motors for such confirmation (e.g., during Production Part Approval Process (PPAP)) under this material specification must list all properties and must apply corresponding test methods of this material specification.

## 7 Notes

**7.1 Glossary.**

**Reference:** Something of known performance characteristics, designated by the GM ATF and Gear Oil Committee.

**7.2 Acronyms, Abbreviations, and Symbols.**

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| **Al** | Aluminum |
| **ARDL** | Akron Rubber Development Laboratory, Inc. |
| **ARKL** | Axialrillen-Kugellager |
| **B** | Boron |
| **Ca** | Calcium |
| **cP** | Centipoise |
| **cS** | CentiStoke |

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| **DKA** | Deutscher Koordinierungsausschuss im CEC |
| **Fe** | Iron |
| **FFE** | Federal Fuel Economy (Highway Fuel Economy) |
| **FTP** | Federal Test Procedure (City Fuel Economy) |
| **FVA** | Forschungsvereinigung Antriebstechnik |
| **FZG** | Forschungsstelle fur Zahnrader und Getriebebau |
| **GHS** | Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals |
| **GM ATF** | General Motors Automatic Transmission Fluid (and Gear Oil Committee) |
| **GSSLT** | Global Subsystem Leadership Team |
| **IMDS** | International Material Data System |
| **IR** | Infrared |
| **K** | Potassium |
| **KRL** | Kugel Rillen Lager |
| **KV** | Kinematic Viscosity |
| **Mg** | Magnesium |
| **Mn** | Manganese |
| **MSDS** | Material Safety Data Sheet |
| **N** | Nitrogen |
| **Na** | Sodium |
| **Ni** | Nickel |
| **P** | Phosphorous |
| **PPAP** | Production Part Approval Process |
| **ppm** | parts per million |
| **S** | Sulfur |
| **Sb** | Antimony |
| **SDS** | Safety Data Sheet |
| **SI** | International System of Units |
| **Si** | Silicon |
| **SRE** | Standard Reference Elastomers |
| **TAN** | Total Acid Number |
| **UHP** | Ultra-High Purity |
| **VI** | Viscosity Index |
| **wt.** | Weight |
| **Zn** | Zinc |

## 8 Coding System

This standard shall be referenced in other documents, drawings, etc., as follows:

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