



The Coordinating European Council for the Development of Performance Tests for Fuels, Lubricants and Other Fluids

CEC's Mission and Role

Introduction

CEC was established by its member associations to develop and maintain a portfolio of high quality performance tests for fuel and lubricating fluids that meet the current and evolving needs of vehicle and equipment OEMs.

Crucial to the assessment of CEC's functioning is its performance in the test development cycle. The MB therefore discussed extensively CEC's role in the entire test development process from identifying the need for new tests to inclusion of the completed tests in the ACEA Sequences.

It was concluded that CEC acts as the "centre of excellence" for test development, but is not involved in the identification of test needs, or in the drafting of the Terms of Reference that define test scope and deliverables.

The need for a new test is agreed through a joint industry collaborative consultation process in fora such as AAA and AAC. These fora also define the scope and deliverables of the test and have sole editorial responsibility to reflect these in a clearly articulated draft TOR document.

The draft TOR is then submitted to the CEC Management Board for consideration. After the CEC Management Board has confirmed that the draft TOR meets the required standards (to be further defined by CEC), the MB will endorse the document and accept it as the basis for the test development work to be executed by CEC.

Once the TOR is endorsed, the CEC Management Board takes sole responsibility for the execution of the test development programme consistent with the requirements set out in the TOR. This includes the establishment of an expert Test Development Group, the appointment of the Group's Chair and Vice-Chair, the arrangement of sponsorship funding and the monitoring of progress against clearly defined and agreed milestones.

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Against this background, the following Mission and Role statements were developed:

CEC Mission:

CEC is the primary resource for the development, maintenance and distribution of a portfolio of standardised performance tests for fuel and lubricating fluids that meet current and evolving needs of vehicle and equipment manufacturers and end users in Europe and beyond.

CEC Role:

CEC is an Industry-based non-profit organisation with scientific objectives, established to develop and maintain a portfolio of high quality performance tests for fuel and lubricating fluids used in passenger cars, motor cycles, commercial vehicles, off-road vehicles and equipment. CEC is founded and supported and funded by associations representing the Vehicle (ACEA), Petroleum Additives (ATC), Lubricants (ATIEL) and Fuels (CONCAWE) industry in Europe.

For its member associations:

- ✓ CEC develops and maintains a portfolio of performance tests for fuel and lubricating fluids that meet the current and evolving needs of vehicle and equipment OEMs in Europe and beyond;
- ✓ CEC brings together specialist industry expertise from its member associations and from stakeholders from test laboratories and other expert organisations. It provides a common platform and mechanism to develop well recognised, standardised industry tests efficiently and cost effectively;
- ✓ CEC continuously seeks opportunities to improve the effectiveness of the test development and maintenance processes;
- ✓ CEC supported by its member associations promotes the inclusion of CEC test methods within the OEM and Industry specifications;
- ✓ CEC maintains a world class system to assure the consistent quality of its portfolio of tests through its dedicated test monitoring system and the various CEC expert- and surveillance groups.

For external stakeholders:

- ✓ CEC provides a globally recognised suite of standardised test methods which provide trade and users the assurance that products meet the quality requirements of the vehicle and equipment manufacturers;
- ✓ CEC provides up-to-date information on its activities, current test methods and those under development through its Secretariat, the CEC Website and its member associations.

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- ✓ CEC interacts with other organisations and stakeholders involved in the development, maintenance and use of performance tests. CEC stimulates the exchange of information and promotes the wide availability of its test methods;
- ✓ CEC actively promotes the credibility, reputation and standing of the CEC tests towards industry in general and vehicle- and equipment OEMs in particular.

Following some comments from participants to the CEC Workshop on November 2017 in Brussels the CEC MB decided to expand CEC's Mission and Role with a section on CEC customers.

CEC customers:

CEC's primary customers are the four associations representing the Vehicle (ACEA), Petroleum Additives (ATC), Lubricants (ATIEL) and Fuels (CONCAWE) industry in Europe. Through its Mission and Role CEC supports the 4 associations to meet (part of) their objectives:

	ACEA	ATC	ATIEL	CONCAWE
Promote data driven technical dialogue and principles within the industry	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ensure development of fit-for-purpose, quality industry standards that address the need of OEMs and consumers	✓	✓	✓	✓
Promote European sequences and tests beyond Europe	✓	✓	✓	✓

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