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To Whom It May Concern:

Valvoline has received several inquiries regarding the topic of MERCON® V ATF and its use in various vehicles beyond those requiring DEXRON®-III, MERCON®, or MERCON® V approved products. In response to these questions Valvoline has issued the following statements:

Valvoline supports the use of MERCON V ATF in a broad range of transmissions beyond those requiring DEXRON-III, MERCON, and MERCON V fluids including those where the following fluids are recommended:

- o GM DEXRON II
- o Allison C-4
- o Chrysler ATF+3 or ATF+4 fluids
- o Toyota (and Lexus) Type T, T-III or T-IV fluids
- o Mitsubishi Diamond SP-II or SP-III fluids
- o Hyundai
- o Honda ATF-Z1 fluid (except in CVTs)
- o BMW LT71141 or LA2634 fluids
- o Nissan Matic-D, Matic-J, or Matic-K fluids

MaxLife ATF is recommended for the new 5 and 6 speed transmissions, except the Ford 5R110, Ford 6RXX, and the Mercedes Benz W7A700 (7G-TRONIC) which all require a low viscosity Automatic Transmission Fluid.

Valvoline has conducted in-house testing to support MERCON V ATF performance in these transmissions. However, it is important to note that these vehicle manufacturers have neither evaluated nor approved MERCON V ATF.

Valvoline stands behind all of its products, including MERCON V ATF. Use of MERCON V ATF in transmissions where recommended by Valvoline WILL NOT void the vehicle's warranty. In the unlikely event that any transmission was to be damaged as a result of the use of MERCON V ATF, please contact Valvoline at 1-800-Team-VAL.

Valvoline does not recommend MaxLife ATF for use in continuously variable transmissions (CVT's) or in automatic transmissions where Ford Type F is recommended.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Thom Smith', enclosed within a light gray, irregular oval border.

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