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Waterless Engine Coolants

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Due to the variety of equipment and cooling system configurations, only generic installation procedures are provided in this document. All V6 and V8 engines require special attention to the draining of the block. Specific information is available for some vehicles and engines at www.evanscooling.com. Thoroughly review these instructions before starting your installation of Evans Waterless Coolant (EWC).

Also, at the beginning of the installation process, have on hand enough supplies of the appropriate EWC (Heavy Duty, High Performance, Powersports, or Arctic) and Evans Prep Fluid to complete the project. See your owner's manual for cooling system capacity.

When converting an engine from a water-based coolant to EWC, great care should be given during the installation (conversion) process to insure that all of the old water-based coolant is removed before installing new EWC. When the conversion is complete, the water content of the fluid should be no more than 3% to take best advantage of the waterless coolant technology.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

1. WATER CONTENT: As stated previously, the water content of EWC after installation should not exceed 3%. The existing water-based coolant must be completely drained from the system. It is recommended that **Evans Prep Fluid** be used to absorb and remove residual water and coolant after draining the system. Water should NOT be used to flush the system after draining the coolant. The sole exception is if the system requires chemical cleaning prior to coolant changeover. See next section.

2. COOLING SYSTEM CLEANERS: New EWC should not be installed into a dirty system. If the system or the drained used coolant shows signs of contamination (oily film, rust or sediment, etc.), a chemical flush should be performed. Follow the cleaner product instructions closely. The system must be thoroughly flushed with water after using the cleaner. Keep in mind that flushing with water makes residue that is 100% water. (Residual 50/50 coolant is only half water.)

3. SCA's/COOLANT FILTERS: Evans waterless coolants are not intended to be used in conjunction with supplemental coolant additives (SCA) or extenders. Chemical filters used in heavy duty applications should be replaced with non-chemical filters prior to installation of EWC. **No additions of any kind should be made to the system with the exception of topping off the system with new waterless coolant.** If compromised by addition of other coolants or fluids, including water, a coolant replacement should be performed.

   Because EWC tends to remove old cooling system deposits which are then trapped by the filter, the filter on higher mileage vehicles should be inspected monthly and changed as needed until they appear essentially clean.

SPECIAL EQUIPMENT

1. A high-volume air source (rather than high pressure)

   If compressed air is used to help remove the old coolant and water, be aware that it can damage cooling system components. The use of high volume, low pressure air is preferred because it is safer, and in most cases, more effective. Recommended air sources include the Makita UB1103 variable speed hand-held blower and the various on-off blowers by Metro Vacuum. A shop doing commercial installations should consider the Metro Vacuum MB 3CD Air Force Master Blaster.

2. Brix scale hand held refractometer or water test strips

   Testing the water content of the installed EWC requires the use of one of the methods shown in **Appendix 1**. Note that the Brix Refractometers used to measure water content are not the same as those used to determine freeze point.

SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS

WARNING: NEVER WORK ON OR REMOVE THE PRESSURE CAP FROM A HOT PRESSURIZED COOLING SYSTEM. ALLOW TO COOL COMPLETELY BEFORE STARTING COOLANT CONVERSION.

HANDLING, STORAGE, AND DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

As with water-based coolants, EWC and Prep Fluid should be considered toxic. Used coolant and Prep Fluid should be collected and disposed of in accordance with federal, state, and local environmental regulations. **EWC should be tightly capped for storage and kept away from children and pets.** EWC and Prep Fluid are hygroscopic (can absorb water from the air), which is another reason to avoid leaving partially-used containers open.

INSTALLATION PROCEDURE

1. **Drain the System**:

   - Remove the pressure cap (SEE WARNINGS ABOVE). Open all drain valves and plugs. Open bleeder or petcock vents if there are any.
   - Drain all parts of the system, including radiator, coolant reservoir, engine block, and heater. Draining the system only from the bottom of the radiator removes less than half of the system capacity. Note: Ancillary systems in heavy duty applications that may contain coolant include APU's, fuel tank heaters, and DEF tank heaters. These sub-systems need to be drained as well.
   - Use high-volume/low pressure air to **gently** blow out various parts of the system. If accessible, blow out heater circuit, blowing only in the direction from the hot coolant source (generally, the cylinder head) toward the coolant return (generally, the inlet to the coolant pump). Ensure that the heater control valve is open before applying the air.
   - Block drains are frequently inaccessible, ineffective, or non-existent, and considerable amounts of coolant can remain in the block. Removal of the thermostat provides an opening to the engine where high volume air can be blown through the head and block, pushing old coolant past the coolant pump and out the bottom radiator hose or radiator drain. For V6 and V8 engines with inaccessible block drains or no block drains, refer to www.evanscooling.com for special procedures to achieve a proper conversion.

- Engines having an “inlet side” thermostat and a good block drain (e.g., DD15) do not require removal of the thermostat. With the block drain open, air blown toward the engine through the top radiator hose will purge the residual coolant in the block.

- Completely empty the overflow bottle if the vehicle is equipped with one. If the system has a pressurized expansion tank, blow air into it to make sure it is empty.

2. **Purge the System**:

- Close all drain valves, plugs, and vents, and reconnect circuits. If the engine is equipped with a coolant filter (heavy duty systems), replace the filter with one that **does not** introduce coolant additives.
- Fill the system with Prep Fluid to flush parts of the cooling system suspected of harboring residual coolant or water. DO NOT use water. Vent as needed to ensure complete fill.
- Replace the pressure cap and run the engine with the heater on, at full hot, for 10 minutes after reaching operating temperature (thermostat open).
- Repeat the sequence given in step 1 to drain out the used Prep Fluid.

3. **Refill the System**:

- Close all drain valves, plugs and vents, and reconnect all circuits.
- Fill system completely with the appropriate EWC, and start engine. Add coolant as needed to keep system full. If system is equipped with a vented overflow bottle, leave it empty for now.
- Replace the pressure cap and run engine with the heater on, at full hot, for 10 minutes after reaching operating temperature (thermostat open). Shut the engine off and allow the system to cool.

4. **Test the Coolant**:

- Draw a sample of well-circulated coolant from the radiator or pressurized overflow reservoir. Check the water content using a refractometer or test strips as outlined in **Appendix 1**. The coolant being tested must be at room temperature before testing. Caution – minimize exposure of the coolant to air during testing.
- If the above procedure has been rigorously followed, the water content of the coolant should be within specification (below 3 percent). If the water content exceeds 3%, run the system again to operating temperature, and allow sufficient time for the thermostat to open and fluid to circulate through the radiator. Repeat sampling and water content test. If the water content still exceeds the limit, see remediation procedure under Test Strips in **Appendix 1.**

- If the water content is 3% or less, the equipment is ready for use. Ensure the overflow bottle or expansion tank is filled to the “cold” mark with EWC. Place Evans warning stickers in strategic locations (radiator cap, radiator shroud, overflow bottle, expansion tank) to warn against adding water or water-based coolant to the system.

- Upon cool-down and for a few days thereafter, small amounts of coolant addition may be necessary. Whether the system has a pressurized expansion tank or an overflow bottle, the coolant level should be at the cold line when the engine is cold.

MIXING COOLANTS

Waterless and water-based coolants **should not** be mixed. In the event that significant waterless coolant is lost from the system during operation and no waterless coolant is available to fill the system and reach a repair facility, water-based coolant or water may be used. However, repairs should be made as soon as possible, and the system should be drained, purged and re-filled with new waterless coolant.

STOP LEAK USE

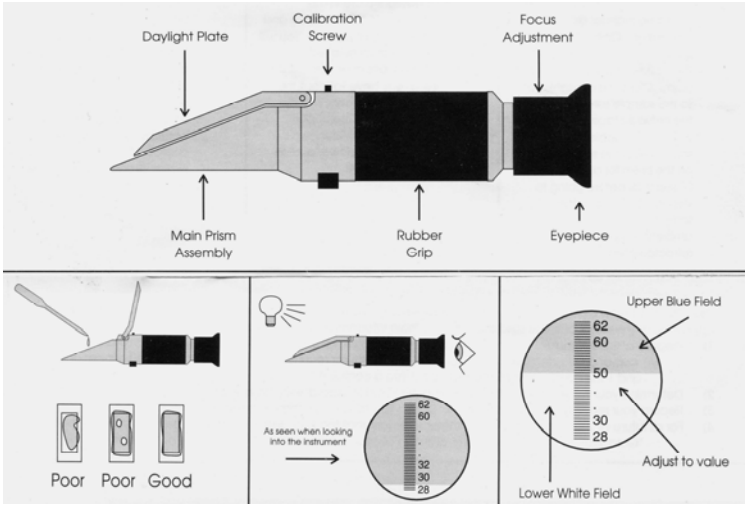
Leaks should be repaired. Stop-leak type products are not intended to be permanent repairs. However, they may be used as a temporary measure. Carefully follow the instructions on the stop leak product label. Overuse may clog radiator and heater core passageways.

APPENDIX 1

DETERMINING WATER CONTENT OF A WATERLESS COOLANT

BRIX HAND-HELD ANALOG REFRACTOMETER USE INSTRUCTIONS

Evans Part No. E2190



General Considerations

- Readings are temperature sensitive, so calibration must be performed before each session.
- Before every reading, wipe the glass with a paper towel.
- Use a glass or metal rod to transfer coolant specimen. Wipe it off between measurements.
- Conduct measurements immediately. Ambient humidity can affect measurements.
- Repeat measurements until readings are consistent.

Directions

Calibrate the Refractometer:

a. Wipe the glass and daylight plate clean with paper towel.
b. Place 2-3 drops of virgin Evans Waterless Coolant on the refractometer glass.
c. Aim refractometer toward bright light and adjust focus.
d. Use the small screwdriver supplied with the instrument and set the reading to 55.7.

Take the Reading:

a. Wipe the glass and daylight plate clean with paper towel.
b. Place 2-3 drops of coolant, obtained from a location in the cooling system where the coolant is well-circulated, onto the glass and close the daylight plate.
c. Measure the water content with the refractometer. The reading must be 54.4 or higher to confirm the water content is 3 percent or less (a required condition).

^{0}Brix	% Water
55.7	0.0
55.0	1.0
54.7	2.0
54.4	**3.0**
54.0	4.0
53.5	5.0
53.0	6.0
52.5	7.0

WATERLESS COOLANT TEST STRIPS INSTRUCTIONS

Evans Water Content Test Strips are available:

- Bottled in bulk as shown (Evans P/N E2197BTS)
- As part of the Evans Conversion Test Kit (P/N E2197)

Follow test instructions carefully to ensure accurate results.

1. Using a clean container, draw a coolant sample that is approximately 30 ml (1 fl. oz.) from a well-circulated location. Cover container and allow sample to cool to below 100°F (37.8°C).

2. Remove a test strip from its plastic bag or bottle. Reseal. DO NOT touch color pad at end of strip. Strip must be used **within 15 seconds** after removing it from its container.

3. Dip strip into the coolant sample and gently move it back and forth **for 20 seconds**.

4. Remove strip from the sample and briskly shake it to remove excess liquid. Lay the strip on a flat, non-porous surface.

5. **Wait 2 minutes and 20 seconds**, then immediately compare strip's pad to the color chart below.

Note: Color key provided here is only as information. Use the key found on the test strip bottle label or instruction card in the conversion kit.

Water Content

0%	3%	5%	>5%

Water Content Correction Procedures

- **0 to 3% Water:** **Good Conversion** – no adjustment needed
- **3 to 5% Water:** **ADJUSTMENT NEEDED**
  1. Drain half of the system contents and dispose of properly.
  2. Re-fill system following directions in step 3 of *Installation Procedure section.*
  3. Re-run water test following steps 1-5 above.
- **>5% Water:** **RE-DO CONVERSION**
  1. Re-check water content to confirm first measurement;
  2. If still >5%, re-do conversion, closely following steps 1-4 of *Installation Procedure* section.
  3. Re-run water test following steps 1-5 above.

For detailed installation instructions or further assistance,
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