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Customer information:

Re. QUICK BREAK and BIODEGRADABLE products

Over many years Australia has been working towards cleaner and less polluting work practices. Introducing legislation to protect the environment from toxic and non-degradable waste products. Part of this protection has been the requirement for businesses to install wash bays with sediment traps and oil separation systems. For these systems to work the chemical cleaning products used must be designed to break down. This type of products has been given the general term quick break.

What does QUICK BREAK mean?

When cleaning a vehicle the soiling that is removed can contain oils, grease, fuel and other mineral contaminants. These products do not break down in the environment and are soil and marine pollutants. To remove grease and oil from car paintwork and mechanical parts chemical products are used that break down the oils and make them mix in water forming an emulsion. This emulsion is then passed through the oil separator. For a product to be classed as quick break this emulsion must be temporary and break down releasing the oils to be skimmed off in the separator.

What does BIODEGRADABLE mean?

After a chemical product has been used in a cleaning process it enters the sewage system in the waste water. To not have a negative impact on the environment the product must break down into elements that occur naturally in a healthy ecosystem.

An example of this would be *Autowash*. When broken down the alkaline and phosphates residues promote plant growth. A product that breaks down completely leaving no pollutants is said to biodegrade.

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Autosmart International with Autosmart Australia are committed to protecting the environment and have developed a full range of products that are both quick break and biodegradable and so safe to use in your separation systems.

These products include:

Active Mousse	Duet Plus	Jet Stream
Active XL	Enviroclean	Red Wheel Acid
Ali	Envirowash	Safe-T-Strip
Ali King	First Strike	Smartsteam
Ali Shine	Fleetwash	Tigerplus
Autowash	Floorsmart Cleanse	Tigerwash
Biocidal Cleaner	Foaming Gold	Treble X
Blacksteam	Foaming Orange	Triple
Blast Off	G101	Trucksteam
Brisk Low Foam	Hazsafe	Truckwash 39
Brushwash	Highfoam	Truckwash 66
Carnauba Shield	Jet Degrease	Wheel King
Duet	Jet MPC	

Always ensure that the sediment trap is cleaned regularly, and the separator is working correctly. These products removed by the system must be disposed of as per the local Council's directions.

Regards,



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