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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 Enviroclean Red Wheel Acid

Active XL Envirowash Safe-T-Strip

Ali First Strike Smartsteam

Ali King Fleetwash Tigerplus

Ali Shine Floorsmart Cleanse Tigerwash

Autowash 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

Duet Plus Jet Stream

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.

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