



Trainer's Toolbox

Automotive Fluids FAQs

Motor Oil

What do the different numbers, such as 5W-20, mean on a quart of motor oil?



- Numbers refer to viscosity of the oil.
- W stands for winter. That number indicates oil performance in cold weather.
- Number after the dash indicates oil performance in hot weather.
- Check vehicle's owner's manual to make sure you use the correct type.



Motor Oil

What is the difference between regular oil and synthetic oil?

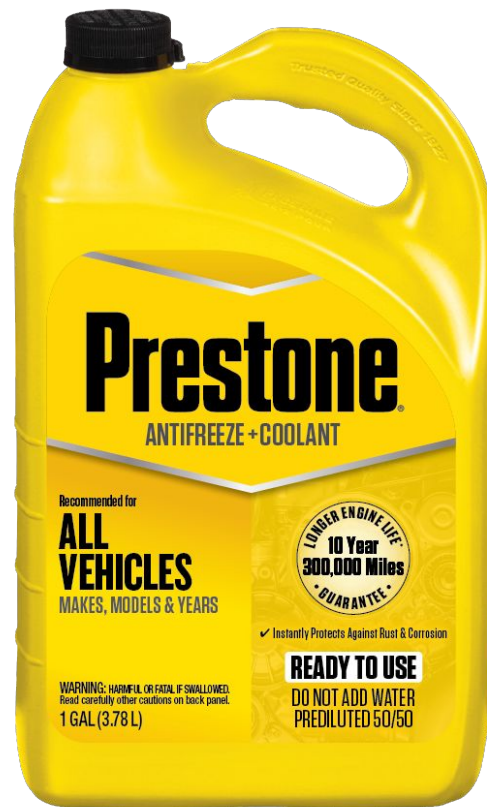


- Conventional oil is less expensive and has a lower level of protection.
- Full-synthetic oil is more expensive but has better performance and lasts longer.
- Synthetic oil blend offers extra protection at an affordable price.

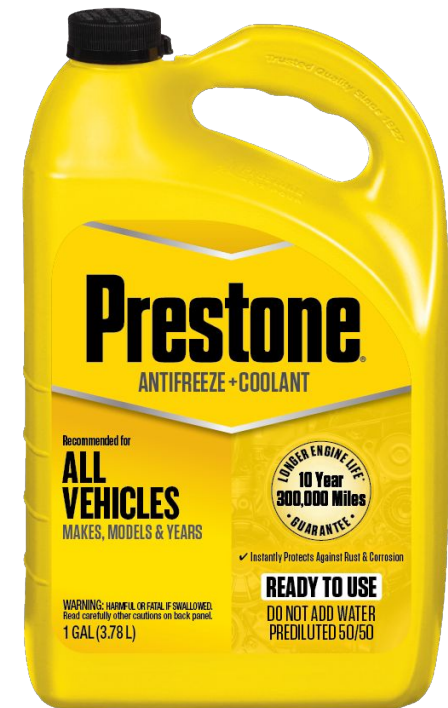


Antifreeze

What type of antifreeze should I buy?



- Keeps the engine cool in summer and from freezing in winter.
- Manufacturers add colorant to antifreeze to distinguish the different types.
- Don't rely on the color; always read the label.
- Check vehicle's owner's manual to make sure you are getting the correct type.



Windshield Washer Fluid

What is the best windshield washer fluid to buy?



- Don't use plain water.
- Washer fluids won't freeze.
- Some have bug repellent included.
- Some have a de-icer included.
- Some promote water beading.



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