

# Modern Car Oil Selection Guide

(How to choose a motor oil for your car without the influence of marketing)

## Choose a viscosity according to your owner's manual

0W-20 or 5W-20 for normal engines - all climates

5W-30 normal engines - all climates

10W-30 normal engines - all climates

5W-40 or 10W-40 - slightly worn or very hot climate

5W-50 in many racing applications

20W-50 or higher only in really worn engines that need repair



## Check the API Donut

Put all SN oils of that viscosity in one place.

Ignore anything lower than SN unless you don't care about your engine.

Ignore any products where the "C" category comes before the "S" category.



## Check your budget.

If you can afford or want synthetic, choose the SN Synthetic.

If you want low price, choose between the remaining SN oils.

Note: Many modern cars require synthetic oils.



## Choose your brand of oil among those selected

Note: This guide is applicable to most modern cars. When possible you should check your owners manual for any specific claims or requirements.