

DOT 5 SILICONE BRAKE FLUID

I had an interesting discussion with John Rippengal recently about DOT 5 siliconebrake fluid. In the USA DOT 5 fluid apparently is always a silicone non flammable fluid used by some homebuilders as a substitute for the conventional brake fluid to prevent brake fires that have claimed a couple of longEZ's, varieze's and one Defiant.

According to John, DOT 5 fluid that he purchased in France was not silicone, and was quite flammable. A warning to you

european builders.

Email excerpt: "Dot 5 was very hard to find here in Australia, the only places we initially

found to purchase were specialty racing suppliers, who charged like wounded bulls, Duane Swing (velocity) then mentioned to Leon Howe that Harley Davison Motorcycles use the correct Dot 5 in their hydraulics. Voila ! all of a sudden a source is available I would imagine almost anywhere in the world, and the cost is not totally unreasonable"(input from the canard-aviators net)

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