



**Bosal (UK) Ltd**

## **Press Information**

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### **New law on Cats - Bosal continues to lead the way in the UK with a full range of Type-Approved cats**

Under new regulations coming into force on 13th August all Catalytic Converters (Cats) fitted as replacement units to cars and light vans registered on or after 01 March 2001 must be type approved.

Under ECE Regulation No. 103 vehicles on a Y or subsequent registration must be fitted with a type approved Cat when a replacement takes place. The rules apply to passenger cars with eight seats or fewer and vans not exceeding 3.5 tonnes gross weight.

All Cats must carry clear information to show that they are compliant with R103 along with details including which vehicle they are designed to fit and whether they are suitable for vehicles with On Board Diagnostics. Spot checks across the supply chain from manufacturers and importers to garages and fitting centres, will be carried out by the Vehicle Certification Agency, with the potential for fines of up to £5,000 to be levied for non-compliance.

Bosal, the first manufacturer to launch Type Approved cats into the UK aftermarket, has been influential in bringing about the change, which aligns the UK with other major European markets in which Type Approval has been a requirement for some time.

Rob Sweetnam, Group Commercial Director, says that the introduction of the new regulation is long awaited. "Bosal has produced Type Approved catalytic converters for the UK for over 25 years. The requirement in Europe has always been for Type Approved product and we are pleased this standard has finally been recognised in the UK."

"The adoption of this legislation is a welcome change; it brings about a number of public health & economic benefits. Type Approved catalytic converters are designed to OE standards and therefore offer benefits including increased fuel efficiency, cleaner emissions, better engine performance, and longer replacement intervals."



“Bosal is committed to developing products approved to OE specifications. Unfortunately demand for this level of quality in a Type Approved Cat has been limited in the UK due to the absence of Type Approval legislation resulting in competition from low cost non-approved alternatives. Whilst there may be a modest premium to pay on a Type Approved Cat, this is more than compensated for by the benefits. Increased fuel consumption alone can offer fuel cost savings.”

Bosal already offers a comprehensive range of over 850 direct fit applications for both petrol and diesel engined vehicles including those with On Board Diagnostics (OBDII). Every part is customised to the vehicles engine characteristics to ensure optimum performance, including improved fuel efficiency and greener exhaust emission levels. Not to mention designed to fit right first time thus supporting faster fitting times and quicker workshop turnaround.

All products in Bosal's 099/090 range are Type Approved to R103 and meet OE quality and performance standards. Bosal's 099/090 range also incorporates 'Radial Flow<sup>®</sup>'; an innovative design concept used exclusively in Bosal's petrol variant 099/090 cats.

Bosal's proprietary Radial Flow<sup>®</sup> technology is incorporated into an all metal catalyst construction and guarantees faster warm up, optimised backpressure, and superior performance. Radial Flow<sup>®</sup> also offers higher resistance to thermal, mechanical and chemical stresses resulting in life time rated durability.

For vehicles registered before 01 March 2001 Bosal offers consumers a choice between Type Approved (099/090) and non-Type Approved (098) Cats. Bosal's non-approved 098 range, also designed to OE standards, brings benefits of improved 'fitability' along with better performance and longer life. Whilst the Type Approved 099/090 range continues to offer all the same superior benefits to pre March 2001 vehicles.

In line with Bosal's strong stance on the environment, all of its products are fully recyclable.

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