

Chemicals (Additives)

- Distribution
 - Discounters 70%
 - Auto Chains 18%
 - Dept. store chains 3%
 - New Car Dealers 2%
 - Others 7%

- 1991: +3.7% (sales \$) 1992E: +6.6%
- Total Aftermarket Sales \$1.65B (Retail Chains did 76.9% = \$1.27B)
- Avg. Annual Turns: 7.2 ('90 - 6.1, '89 - 5.7, '88 - 4.7)
- Avg. Gross Margin (retailers): 35.0% ('90 - 41.1%, '89 - 38.5%, '88 - 39.5%)
- # of National Brands carried (avg.) - 7.2

- A. Oil Additives
 - Past positioning: correcting Engine problems
 - New positioning: preventing Engine problems

- Avg. Annual Turns x Avg. Gross Margin:

1991	2.520
1990	2.507
1989	2.195

Chemicals (Engine Treatment) (Source: Automotive Marketing, September 1992)

- 76% of all retail outlets stock these products.
- Category is projected to grow over 10% in 1993.
- Wholesale/Retail mix: 23/77
- Chains: 2% of total sales come from this category.
- Mean Gross Margin for chains: 33-37%
- Chains usually stock 3-4 brands and 3-5 total SKUs.
- Category is promoted 1-2 times a year.
- In general, it is not a Private Label category.
- Consumers do not really understand the category.

They do not know that most engine wear occurs at start-up and that engine treatment products reduce friction. Consumer awareness needed - sizeable opportunity for a firm willing to advertise, explain and persuade.