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<b>Asante</b>  Joined: 27 Nov 2004 Posts: 9	<p>Posted: 14 Feb 2005 06:54 pm Post subject: Saildrive oil.   </p> <hr/> <p>Not sure if it was on this forum, but I read somewhere that Volvo are now advising replacing the oil in the saildrive with gear oil or something. The Volvo handbook tells you to use the same oil as in the engine. I checked today with RK Marine, who tell me that the saildrive on our boat (2001/2 Bav 32) should be filled with Automatic Transimission Fluid. Remarkably this was only £6.80 - not bad for Volvo stuff! Has anyone else used this?</p> <hr/> <p>Andy Horwood</p>



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<b>loblolly</b>  Joined: 05 Jan 2005 Posts: 10	<p>Posted: 18 Feb 2005 07:06 pm Post subject: Sail Drive Oil   </p> <hr/> <p>Some saildrives use synthetic oil. There should be a plastic tag on the filler plug. The colour of the tag indicates which type of oil you should use. You can check with RK or wait until I can check the colour of my tag as I know it takes the synthetic type.</p> <p>Regards John Loblolly</p>
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<b>symphony</b>  Joined: 02 Jan 2005 Posts: 21	<p>Posted: 19 Feb 2005 03:54 pm Post subject:   </p> <hr/> <p>Hi Last year my new Bavaria 32 had a funny whine on the engine/sail drive between 1400 and 2000 rpm. I was very worried about this so contacted volvos, they said to use synthetic oil only. My gear box came with normal gear box oil. Since I have changed the whine has gone, the engine produces about 300 more rpms at max power. Volvos said there had been much debate as to which oil to use and after extensive test decided on synthetic (pink ) in colour.</p>
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<b>symphony</b>  Joined: 02 Jan 2005 Posts: 21	<p>Posted: 19 Feb 2005 05:04 pm Post subject:   </p> <hr/> <p><b>symphony wrote:</b></p> <div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 5px;"><p>Hi Last year my new Bavaria 32 had a funny whine on the engine/sail drive between 1400 and 2000 rpm. I was very worried about this so contacted volvos, they said to use synthetic oil only. My gear box came with normal gear box oil. Since I have changed the whine has gone, the engine produces about 300 more rpms at max power. Volvos said there had been much debate as to which oil to use and after extensive test decided on synthetic (pink ) in colour.</p></div> <p>RE ABOVE I SHOULD HAVE SAID THE BOAT CAME WITH SYNTHETIC AND VOLVOS SAID TO PUT IN ATF (PINK) SORRY.</p>
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**Another Fantasy**

Joined: 07 Dec 2004  
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Posted: 23 Feb 2005 05:37 pm Post subject: SAILDRIVE OIL.....



I've just had 'Another Fantasy's' saildrive serviced; Peter's (the engineers at Chichester) told me that ATF is the correct oil to use, there's a new Volvo service bulletin which says so. Hope this helps, I haven't had a chance to test it out yet!!

Ian Culley/Another Fantasy

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**trollinger**

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Posted: 08 Mar 2005 10:27 am Post subject:



My saildrive (2003 Bav 36) is an MS25S. A recent Volvo notice says this needs ATF oil - Dexron 111 is specified. Have a look at the Volvo web site under oil/lubs for recommendations. You need to know your saildrive model.

dartkel

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**La fuggitiva**

Joined: 27 May 2005  
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Posted: 07 Jun 2005 08:30 am Post subject:



the Volvo manual states clearly that the level of the lubricant in the S-Drive should be checked WITHOUT screwing the cap.

My Volvo dealer sais that the cap must be screwed.

that makes a big difference in the oil level....

But the Vovo manual also states to use diesel oil as lubricant of the S-Drive, that is false..., so I do not trust the manual even.

Who is right?

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