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MIND THE DOT

- Brake fluid is made to standards so one type does not fit all.
- There is DOT3, DOT4, DOT5 and DOT5.1 where DOT refers to US Department of Transportation, the regulatory body that sets the standards.
- DOT 3,4 and 5.1 are glycol-based while DOT 5 is silicone-based.
- Although DOT 3,4 and 5.1 are glycol based, in general, mixing brake fluids is not recommended and can be tricky business.
- This is because you need to consider boiling points, moisture absorption potentials and other factors.
- Always check your vehicle manufacturer brake fluid requirements.

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