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Long service experience in Molyslip's favour

Reader Brian Caldwell finds Molyslip E's claims to cut engine wear and reduce fuel consumption hard to believe (Product Shelf, Wheels, June 12). He suspects I fell for a sales pitch and asks if my review was based on the company's test results alone.

The answer is, no.

My review was based on library research, a survey of mechanics' opinions, and a personal real-world test of over six months.

My own test showed an overall increase in gas mileage and Molyslip is highly regarded by trade mechanics.

A library computer check of North American periodicals for the last 15 years found no negative articles.

But I did find several positive ones — not bad for a product that has been around since the 1930s.

A petrochemical journal explains that molybdenum disulphide, the active ingredient in Molyslip, fills microscopic peaks and valleys on metal surfaces to cut friction.

Because Molyslip is so fine (0.5 microns) it will not run off, leaving surfaces un-lubricated on cold start-up or after long periods of non-use.

Autosport Canada reports that a Molyslip E treated car, drained of oil and run around a race track at high speed, ran for a surprising 168 km be-

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fore the engine seized.

It also says the engine ran again the next day when oil was put back in.

Molybdenum disulphide is used extensively on industrial machinery in extreme-pressure, high-load and high-heat applications.

It also appears in premium automotive lubricants from many different manufacturers.

As a consumer, I selected Molyslip E for one simple reason: it's cheap and it paid for itself in gas savings alone. Any other benefits I see as a bonus.

Molyslip also makes Molyslip Manual Transmission Supplement for differentials, all-purpose Liquid Grease, and Automatic Transmission Supplement, a soluble molybdenum product, for automatic transmissions and limited-slip differentials (which require friction to work properly).

Molyslip products are available at auto parts stores, Canadian Tire, and Home Hardware.

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