

The following tables summarize the impacts of various diesel fuel qualities on emissions from light and heavy duty diesel vehicles, respectively.

Impact of Fuels on Light Duty Diesel Vehicles

Diesel Fuel Characteristic	Pre-Euro	Euro 1	Euro 2	Euro 3	Euro 4	Euro 5 ¹	Comments
Sulfur↑	SO ₂ , PM↑		If ox cat, SO ₃ , SO ₂ , PM↑		If Filter, 50 ppm maximum, 10-15 ppm better		If NO _x adsorber used requires near zero sulfur (<10 ppm) With low S, use lubricity additives
Cetane↑	Lower CO, HC, benzene, 1,3 butadiene, formaldehyde & acetaldehyde						Higher white smoke with low cetane fuels
Density↓	PM, HC, CO, formaldehyde, acetaldehyde & benzene↓, NO _x ↑						
Volatility (T95 from 370 to 325 C)	NO _x , HC increase, PM, CO decrease						
Polyaromatics↓	NO _x , PM, formaldehyde & acetaldehyde↓ but HC, benzene & CO ↑						some studies show that total aromatics are important

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- ¹ Euro 5 emissions standards for light duty diesel vehicles have not yet been adopted by the EU. However, the EU Commission has indicated that it will propose these standards during 1995 and they will likely become mandatory during the period from 2008-2010. It seems likely that these standards will mandate the use of PM filters on all light duty diesel vehicles.

Impact of Fuels on Heavy Duty Diesel Vehicles

Diesel	Pre-Euro	Euro 1	Euro 2	Euro 3	Euro 4	Euro 5 ²	Comments
Sulfur↑	SO ₂ , PM↑		If ox cat, SO ₃ , SO ₂ , PM↑		If Filter, 50 ppm maximum, 10-15 ppm better		If NOx adsorber used requires near zero sulfur (<10 ppm) With low S, use lubricity additives
Cetane↑	Lower CO, HC, benzene, 1,3 butadiene, formaldehyde & acetaldehyde						Higher white smoke with low cetane fuels
Density↓	HC, CO ↑, NOx↓						
Volatility (T95 from 370 to 325 C)	Slightly lower NOx but increased HC						Too much heavy ends increases smoke and PM
Polyaromatics↓	NOx, PM, HC ↓						Some studies show that total aromatics are important

2. ² The EU Commission has also indicated that it will propose Euro 6 emissions standards for heavy duty engines during 2005, likely mandating the use of PM filters on all heavy duty diesel vehicles from 2010 or 2012.

The following tables summarize the impacts of various fuel qualities on emissions from light duty gasoline vehicles.

Impact of Gasoline Composition on Emissions from Light Duty Vehicles

Gasoline	No Catalyst	Euro 1	Euro 2	Euro 3	Euro 4	Euro 5	Comments
Lead ↑	Pb, HC↑	CO, HC, NOx all increase dramatically as catalyst destroyed					
Sulfur ↑ (50 to 450 ppm)	SO ₂ ↑	CO, HC, NOx all increase ~15-20% SO ₂ and SO ₃ increase					MIL light may come on incorrectly
Olefins ↑	Increased 1,3 butadiene, increased HC reactivity, NOx, small increases in HC for Euro 3 and cleaner					Potential deposit buildup	
Aromatics ↑	Increased benzene in exhaust					Deposits on intake valves and combustion chamber tend to increase	
	potential increases in HC, NOx	HC↑, NOx↓, CO↑	HC, NOx, CO ↑				
Benzene ↑	Increased benzene exhaust and evaporative emissions						
Ethanol ↑ up to 3.5% O ₂	Lower CO, HC, slight NOx increase(when above 2% oxygen content), Higher aldehydes	Minimal effect with new vehicles equipped with oxygen sensors, adaptive learning systems				Increased evaporative emissions unless RVP adjusted, potential effects on fuel system components, potential deposit issues, small fuel economy penalty	
MTBE ↑ up to 2.7% O ₂	Lower CO, HC, higher aldehydes	Minimal effect with new vehicles equipped with oxygen sensors, adaptive learning systems				Concerns over Water Contamination	
Distillation Characteristics T50, T90↑	Probably HC↑	HC↑					
MMT ↑	Increased Manganese			Possible Catalyst	Likely Catalyst	O ₂ sensor and OBD may be damaged, MIL	

	Emissions			Plugging	Plugging	light may come on incorrectly
RVP ↑	Increased evaporative HC Emissions					Most critical parameter for Asian countries because of high ambient Temperatures
Deposit control additives ↑		Potential HC, NOx emissions benefits			Help to reduce deposits on fuel injectors, carburetors, intake valves, combustion chamber	

Impact of Gasoline Composition on Emissions from Motorcycles

Gasoline	No Catalyst	India 2005	Euro 3	India 2008	Taipei,China Stage 4	Comments
Lead ↑	Pb, HC↑	CO, HC, NOx all increase dramatically as catalyst destroyed				
Sulfur ↑ (50 to 450 ppm)	SO ₂ ↑	CO, HC, NOx all increase SO ₂ and SO ₃ increase				
Olefins ↑	Increased 1,3 butadiene, HC reactivity and NOx				Potential deposit buildup	
Aromatics ↑	Increased benzene exhaust					
Benzene ↑	Increased benzene exhaust and evaporative emissions					
Ethanol ↑ up to 3.5% O ₂	Lower CO, HC, slight NOx increase	Minimal effect with oxygen sensor equipped vehicles			Increased evaporative emissions unless RVP adjusted, potential effects on fuel system components, potential deposit issues, small fuel economy penalty	
MTBE ↑ up to 2.7% O ₂	Lower CO, HC	Minimal effect with ox. sensor equipped vehicles			Concerns over Water Contamination small fuel economy penalty	
Distillation characteristics T50, T90 ↑	Probably HC↑	HC↑			Not as quantifiable as in passenger cars	
MMT ↑	Increased Manganese Emissions	Possible Catalyst Plugging			With low cell density, catalyst plugging risk seems small but there are concerns regarding deposits on spark plugs and in the combustion chamber	
RVP ↑	Increased evaporative HC Emissions					
Deposit control additives ↑		potential emissions benefits			Help to reduce deposits on fuel injectors, carburetors	

