

GASOLINE PRICES ARE SOARING - WHO CARES?

The answer is General Motors cares. Today, GM offers 20 vehicles that get 30 mpg or more. No other manufacturer, import or domestic, comes close. Nearest competitors are VW with 14, DCX with 13, Toyota with 12 and Ford with 11. If good gas mileage on a vehicle you really want to drive is important, you owe it to yourself to consider today's GM vehicles.



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FARMERS ALSO CARE

The question keeps being asked - Why does the USA remain dependent on foreign oil for gasoline while the American farmer struggles to keep his business going at the same time he has fields full of crops that, with the right engineering, will provide our country with a different source of energy we need right now ... ethanol. Modern day ethanol, known as "E85," is a blend of 85% ethyl alcohol and 15% gasoline, which is produced from the starch in agricultural products, primarily domestically produced corn. E85 displaces more foreign crude than any current hybrid technology. Obviously, one of the best things about it is that it is renewable. E85 may be relatively new, but ethanol vehicles are not new to GM. The company approved the use of 10% ethanol-blended gasoline in all of its vehicles more than 20 years ago, and produces almost five million ethanol-capable vehicles annually. GM is the largest producer of cars that can use E85 ethanol fuel, with over 1.1 million vehicles on the road and vehicles for sale in all 50 states. For 2006, GM will introduce over 400,000 E85 vehicles into the market place.

GM SUPPORTS OHIO FARMERS

On August 12th, 2005 General Motors presented an E85-capable Chevrolet Tahoe to the Ohio Corn Growers for use in the state as part of a campaign to promote ethanol and E85-capable vehicles in Ohio. The vehicle presentation was made during the Ohio State Fair at an event attended by Ohio Director of Agriculture Fred Dailey, Rep. Steve Reinhard and Sen. Larry Mumper.

As part of the campaign, the Ohio Corn Growers will showcase the E85-capable Chevrolet Tahoe in various ways and events throughout the year. Currently, Ohio has an estimated annual ethanol production capacity of more than four million gallons.

"I'm pleased that GM is providing an E85 vehicle to help our state increase awareness about ethanol fuel and the importance of decreasing our dependence on foreign oil," said Dailey.

"We are excited to work with General Motors to promote E85 -capable vehicles across Ohio," said Dwayne Siekman, Executive Director, Ohio Corn Growers. "We appreciate GM's support of cleaner-burning alternative fuels like ethanol and its promotion of E85, which helps reduce tailpipe and greenhouse gas emissions, while supporting the economy and increasing our nation's energy independence."

"We are delighted to work with the Ohio Corn Growers Association and the GEC on this important campaign, and we commend Ohio on the continued support of ethanol production in the state," said Connie Scarpeli, Manager, Alternative Fuels, GM. This announcement "is a demonstration of our commitment to extend GM's leadership in manufacturing ethanol-capable vehicles. GM will continue to work with organizations like the Ohio Corn Growers today and tomorrow to promote the use of E85 and the many available benefits for the environment, the economy and consumers."

ETHANOL PROCESS HELPS THE ENVIRONMENT

Growing corn actually removes CO2 from the atmosphere so that the total effect of using ethanol made from corn is a significant reduction in greenhouse emissions when compared to the use of petroleum-based fuels.

GM's E85 vehicles are capable of operating on either gasoline or 85 percent ethanol without any additional modifications, aftermarket conversions or cumbersome switches for vehicle users. Currently, there are almost 400 public E85 fueling sites in operation across the nation.

GM has joined a growing partnership of states and organizations that support the increased use of ethanol that includes the National Ethanol Vehicle Coalition, the Renewable Fuels Association, the National Corn Growers Association and the Clean Fuels Development Coalition.

As the world's largest automaker, GM is at the forefront of alternate fuel technology, including natural gas, bio-diesel, gas/electric hybrid, hydrogen fuel cells, as well as ethanol.

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