

## I AM TRAVELING ABROAD. WILL I FIND THE LABEL IN THE FUELLING STATIONS OF THE COUNTRIES I DRIVE THROUGH?

The new labels will be deployed in all 28 European Union member states, EEA countries (Iceland, Lichtenstein and Norway), and also Macedonia, Serbia, Switzerland and Turkey.

## I PLAN TO TRAVEL IN THE UK, WHAT ABOUT BREXIT?

It is up to the UK to decide the way in which EU rules will apply after Brexit, but newly produced vehicles will have the labels fitted on the production line so vehicles entering the UK market will continue to have the labels.

## CONCERNING MIS-FUELLING

The fuel filler neck of a petrol vehicle is deliberately smaller than the nozzle of a diesel pump. Although this helps to prevent customers putting diesel in a petrol vehicle, it is still possible for a customer to inadvertently put petrol in a diesel vehicle despite the labels marked 'Diesel' around the diesel filler flap/cap.

Customers are responsible for filling their

vehicles with the correct fuel (petrol or diesel).

This communication does not address those occasions when a customer may inadvertently put petrol in their diesel vehicle. The new labels and this communication inform customers on the suitability of a certain fuel for use in their vehicle.

# FUEL LABELLING FOR ROAD VEHICLES

## INFORMATION FOR CONSUMERS

### GENERAL INFORMATION

In order to help consumers select the appropriate fuel for their vehicles throughout Europe, the European Union has agreed new labelling requirements for newly produced vehicles and fuel filling stations. As of October 2018, a new unique and harmonised set of fuel labels will appear across Europe.

This label will be placed:

- On newly-produced vehicles, in the immediate proximity of the fuel filler flap/cap;
- In the vehicle owner's manual. In the case of newer vehicles, they may also appear in the electronic handbook available via a vehicle's infotainment centre;
- At all public refuelling stations on the fuel-dispensing unit and on the filler nozzle of the fuel dispenser;
- At vehicle dealerships.

### WHICH VEHICLES ARE CONCERNED BY THIS LABELLING REQUIREMENT?

When it comes to road vehicles, the labels will appear on newly produced:

- Mopeds, motorcycles, tricycles and quads;
- Passenger cars;
- Light commercial vehicles;
- Heavy-duty commercial vehicles;
- Buses and coaches.

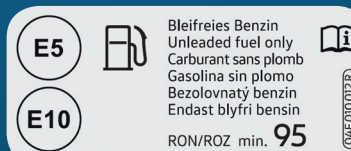
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## ARE VEHICLES OF ALL AGES CONCERNED?

No. The European legislation requires the labels only for new vehicles placed on the market for the first time or registered as of 12 October 2018.

Vehicle manufacturers do not recommend

fitting the labels to older vehicles. Please contact your local dealer if you need advice on which fuel is recommended for use in your vehicle.

## WHEN WILL THESE LABELS BE VISIBLE IN THE EU MEMBER STATES?

The label will be placed on newly produced vehicles and on petrol, diesel, hydrogen (H2), compressed natural gas (CNG), liquefied natural gas (LNG) and liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) filling pumps in all European Union fuel filling stations, in a

clear and visible manner for consumers, as of 12 October 2018.

Since this is a compliance date, vehicle manufacturers and filling station operators will start to introduce these labels over a transitional period prior to that date.



## HOW DO THE LABELS WORK?

The label is simply a visual tool to help consumers verify that they correctly select the appropriate fuel for their vehicle. You

will only need to match the label of your vehicle with the corresponding label on the fuel pump.

## DO THESE LABELS CONCERN ME IF MY VEHICLE IS ELECTRIC?

Yes, if you have a hybrid-electric vehicle. It will still need refuelling with the appropriate fuel.

A similar set of labels on the vehicle and

on the recharging point to guide you on the recharging of the vehicle batteries is currently being designed and should be introduced in the future.

## WHAT DO THE LABELS LOOK LIKE?

There are specific label designs for petrol – type fuels, diesel-type fuels, and gaseous-type fuels (e.g. CNG, LNG, LPG and hydrogen):

The shape for a petrol- type fuel is a circle (“E” stands for specific bio-components present in petrol):

The shape for a diesel-type fuel is a square (“B” stands for specific biodiesel components present in diesel, the XTL stands for synthetic diesel and indicates it is not derived from crude oil):



The shape for a gaseous-type fuel is diamond:

### PETROL TYPE OF FUEL



### DIESEL TYPE OF FUEL



### GASEOUS FUEL

