

E10 Petrol to be available at UK Forecourts from September 2021

The DFA welcomes today's announcement that E10 is to be introduced at UK forecourts from September 2021 as the standard grade of petrol.

Ethanol is a renewable fuel made from sustainable crops or waste products and has been a blending component in petrol since 2008 in the UK. E10 is a petrol blend containing up to 10 % ethanol.

The blending of ethanol helps reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from petrol powered vehicles. With over 12 million petrol cars on the road its introduction on UK roads could cut transport CO2 emissions by 750,000 tonnes per year, the equivalent of taking 350,000 cars off the road – or all the cars in North Yorkshire.

A significant number of vehicles on the road are optimised to use E10 petrol, with all cars manufactured since 2011 and a significant percentage manufactured from 2000. Motorists will be able to check the compatibility of their vehicle by using the Governments E10 compatibility website at: www.gov.uk/check-vehicle-e10-petrol.

For those vehicles unable to use E10, a protection grade of 5% ethanol will continue to be made available at larger petrol stations

Teresa Sayers, DFA's CEO, said: "Transport has a significant role to play in helping the UK reach net zero. According to Government's figures, transport was responsible for 27% of emissions in 2019 making it the single biggest contributor in the UK. The introduction of E10 allows the UK to immediately benefit from a reduction in GHG and is a significant step forward in decarbonising transport".

Further information on E10 can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/e10-petrol-explained>