



LPG is saving you

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or more on every litre you use

In 2001 the cost of petrol was £0.74 LPG was £0.37, a price difference of £0.37p since then we have seen gas and petrol rise steadily over a £1.00 per Litre. In Febuary 2010 the price of petrol was 1.119 per Lt and LPG was 0.599 per Litre so our savings per litre have increased from 0.37 per litre to .52 per litre, which equates to an increase in savings of 40.5% per Litre. The savings look like they are going to continue Fuel prices increased with tax on **1st September 2009** Petrol and diesel up by 2p per Litre and LPG increased by the equivalent of 1.425 per Litre, this means that the gap from petrol to LPG is getting bigger **1st April 2010** Petrol and diesel will go up by 2p per Litre and LPG increased by the equivalent of 1.5p per Litre.

Reminder Letters

We started sending out reminder letters in July 2009 and we have found that most of you like the new higher level of service, but this is still a new service that we are implementing and there may be a few gremlins in the system, so we would be appreciated your feedback, or if you are not getting the letters please check you address on our data base.

Autogas Challenge 2010 (Update)

On September 9th 2010, 22 assorted vehicles all running on LPG / Autogas, will be setting off from Lands End in Cornwall to John 'O' Grouts Scotland. The challenge is to dive economically, so that the percentage difference between petrol and LPG is as small as possible. OEM's, Main dealers, autogas converters, and the general public can all compete to win this national award.

We will assemble in Exeter at Gas Power UK Ltd for the first media opportunity then head down to Penzance and a hotel for the first night away. Following morning we will fill up with LPG (Lima Autogas) and set off to Gloucester (Country Wide Farmers) where we will fill up with LPG. Then we will head for the next filling station in Preston / Bolton, and then the hotel for the second night away. That night a coach will be on hand to transport all 44 drivers to a curry house. The following morning, heading to

Edinburgh, for the next fill up and then on to John 'o' Grouts. For the last autogas fill up, after a media opportunity, we will be heading back to Inverness to the hotel for the last night away, and the presentation awards. That night a coach will be on hand to transport all 44 drivers to a restraint, the following morning we will disband and each team of drivers / car will find their own way home.

After the trip all surplus money will be presented to help the heroes

The cost per car will be £250.00 allowing for 2 people / 1 team to share a room.

Awards will be awarded for the following

- The closest MPG between Autogas and Petrol
- The best tri-fuel vehicle which is closest MPG between Autogas / electric, and Petrol / electric
- The Best MPG from a Vehicle on Autogas (only)
- The Best MPG from a Vehicle on Petrol (only)
- The Best Poker hand for the North trip
- The oldest vehicle to complete the trip under its own power.

Rules

- Participants must paid the entrance fee in full before 1 August 2010
- The entrance fee will pay for the hotels coaches and breakfasts, evening meals drinks etc will be paid for each Participant.
- Petrol / LPG Fuel will be paid for by each driver
- (Sponsorship by the LPG fuel suppliers may mean this will be at a dramatically reduced rate or even free)
- LPG only is to be used on the trip from Lands End to John 'O' Grouts (the time running on petrol to warm up and change over will be deducted at the end)
- Each Vehicle must have 2 drivers
- All participants must obey the rules of the Road
- Each driver will change over at the refuelling points 200 miles or before if required
- Vehicles will only refuel at the designated refuelling points.
- The Fuel marshal will monitor refuelling of all the vehicles, at the start of the trip, at each refuelling point, and at the end of the trip.
- Vehicles are not allowed to drive in convoy
- Each Vehicle must have breakdown cover
- Poker cards can only be collected from the fuel marshal after filling up with fuel.
- To avoid cheating, the What car (used car price guide) will be used as the bench mark for MPG on Petrol, any car exceeding the MPG on petrol by more than 5% will be disqualified.
- Any participant not obeying these rules will be disqualified and will be excluded from any prize/s they may have won.



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- The organisers word will be final on any disputes on the above points



Prizes

- Closest MPG = £250.00 top Prize
- Best on Autogas =£150.00
- Best on petrol = £100.00
- The best tri-fuel vehicle which is closest MPG between Autogas / electric, and Petrol / electric = £75.00
- The best Poker hand = £50.00
- The oldest vehicle to complete the trip under its own power. = £100.00
- All vehicles will receive a Certificate of completion & road trip pennant / badge

If you would like to be part of a historic road trip then please complete the following, and return it to Gas Power UK Ltd, 2 / 4 Clyst works, Clyst road, Topsham, Exeter, Devon, EX3 0DB. Or email the information to Steve@gaspoweruk.co.uk.

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| Name of Driver | |
| Name of 2 nd Driver | |
| Passengers names (if any) | |
| Address | |
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| | |
| Post Code | |
| Make of Vehicle | |
| Model of Vehicle | |
| MPG on Petrol | |
| Tank Range on Petrol | |
| MPG on Autogas | |
| Tank Range on LPG | |
| Autogas System fitted | |

Remember there are only places for 15 cars yes 7 have already gone

2011 Barcelona and back on a wine gum

Autogas Filling stations

Gas Power UK Ltd, has an LPG Tank our opening times will be Monday to Friday 9.00 to

5.30 Saturday 9.00 to 1.00 refuelling is attended service for all of you that like to be waited on The New Filling stations that should be coming on line are

Trago mills at Bovey Tracey and hopefully the rest of the chain

Shell at **Kenford**

Tiverton Car wash (if planning permission is granted)

Country Wide ltd will be pushing into Devon this year with stores and refuelling autogas stations.

We have been told that Lima is looking for more domestic tanks to fill as well as new autogas stations so if you have any ideas please contact us Gas Power UK Ltd, 2 / 4 Clyst works, Clyst road, Topsham, Exeter, Devon, EX3 0DB. Or email the information to Steve@gaspoweruk.co.uk



The LPGA arm of the UKLPG has been working on a national database of Autogas installations To combat fraudulent certification, from people who are not approved installers and do not follow the code of practice and training schedules laid down by the LPGA.

The national database will be able to be accessed by you the customer, the insurance companies, and obviously people wanting to check that an approved installer converted the installation on a particular Vehicle. It will also be linked to DVLA so that road tax reductions can be issued at source with no worries about fraudulent completion of the V5c form. The emergency services will also benefit from the national database of Autogas installations, as they will be able to verify the vehicles with the lower risks in an accident situation.

We hope that because the national database of Autogas installations will be logged with DVLA that the sickening point of the Channel tunnel will be resolved.





The national database of Autogas installations will Exclude all the rouge converters at source and stop fraudulent completion of counterfeit forms.

The Vehicle insurers are backing the **LPGA's** national database of Autogas installations idea, as they tell us that the training required for their staff to identify fraudulent certification is astronomical.

The Vehicle insurers have stated that after the launch of the national database of Autogas installations they will not insure Vehicles that were not converted by a **LPGA** conversion company.

For those people who had their Vehicle converted by a non LPGA company there is a way that your Vehicle can be added onto the national database. First an LPGA approved technician for a fee would inspect your Vehicle, and then if the vehicle passed, that LPGA approved technician would enter the details onto the database. Obviously if it failed you will receive a fail sheet showing what your Vehicle has failed upon, so that you could put right the problems just like an MOT. The insurers have said they will give 7 days grace only and if the faults were not rectified then the Vehicle would not be insured.

The information that will be on show will be as follows

- Car registration
- LPGA certificate number
- Make of Vehicle
- Model of vehicle
- LPG equipment installed

We at Gas Power UK Ltd have volunteered to be part of the trial along with Vauxhall, Ford, and 3 other after market installers.

For more information on the national database of Autogas installations Contact Uklpg at Unit 14 Bow Court Fletchworth Gate, Burnsall Road Coventry CV5 6SP web = www.uklpg.org

Tel 02476711601 Fax 02476672108

The UKLPG Autogas Management Team

The Autogas management team is the LPGA and they meet to debate amendments to the Autogas codes of practice 11, improvements to safety, public relations, the national database, along with other things that are pushing forward or hindering the sales of Autogas and conversions in the UK.

You will see that Mr Stephen Fricker of Gas Power UK Ltd now represents the southwest at a national level of the LPGA, so if you have any ideas that you would like to be voiced, like Autogas converters that are not coming up to scratch, or if you have a site for a filling

station please contact Mr Fricker and he will put it forward at the next meeting.

The 2009/10 Autogas management team

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| John Waghorn | Chairman management team Nicholson McLaren |
| Henry Betts | Autogas limited (Shell / Calor gas) |
| Edward Davies | Autogas Worldwide |
| James Goodson | BP |
| Ken Tucker | Flogas |
| Stephen Fricker | Gas Power UK Ltd |
| Martyn Soer | Jaymic Systems |
| Ray Gardiner | Northern Autogas |
| Mike Chapman | UKLPG |
| Will Putter | Prins Autogas UK |
| Steve Walmsley | Northern Energy |
| Rob Shuttleworth | Chairman UKLPG |

Gas Power UK Ltd's Team

As you know this is a recession so the team has been trimmed down a bit Mr Stephen Fricker heads the team, Ben Barelmann is the workshop manager, then there's Rex Spencer Autogas Technician, The office staff Celia white book keeper and last but not least, Sarah Chalmers who is in charge of accounts and administration.



Servicing LPG

Many of you have been in and had your vehicles checked, but some of you let it slide once you are out of warranty. We would urge you not to do this as the LPG Service / inspection could pay for its self with the amount of fuel you would save by having an optimum running



engine. Your vehicle needs to be checked every year or every 10,000 miles.

Our new form contains an OBD check (if your vehicle has OBD) this check alone is valued at £70.00 or more in most garages.

A 20-point check on your vehicles LPG system covering all the pipe work pipe work unions cabling Filter changes temp of LPG & reducer pressure.

Then if that not enough we finish with an emission test. (See below) The average price is £70.00, or more in some garages.

| LPG | CO | HC | CO ² | O | λ |
|----------|------|-----|-----------------|------|------|
| Idle | 0.05 | 122 | 12.85 | 0.50 | 1.00 |
| 2000 RPM | 0.00 | 32 | 12.97 | 0.43 | 1.00 |

This allows us to identify problems with the LPG system, ignition system or any parts that may need future work. The check of the system helps us maintain optimum performance, which means cheaper running costs for you and also helps you when upgrades could be installed that will make your vehicle run even better. Also a full service book is a plus when selling your vehicle.

Not a bad price for only £75.00 + vat = £88.18

£ 50.00 thank you

The £50 thank you is still a great success so we are going to keep it going. In case you have forgotten how it works, for every client that is referred to us by you, and pays for a conversion in full, you will receive £50. The only thing is making sure that the person you send in tells us you sent them as a lot of people say they found us on the Net etc.

The channel tunnel and alterative fuels

As you are aware, LPG – AUTOGAS Vehicles, Hydrogen Vehicles, CNG Vehicles, LNG Vehicles, and Methane Vehicles, are not permitted to go through the channel tunnel. We have been told that this was all down to the permits and regulations that were drawn up by bureaucrats in France when the channel tunnel was first proposed. We have been told by the Ukplg that this was due to the laws in France, so until the permits and regulations say we can use the channel tunnel, this form of transport is off limits to all alternative fuelled vehicles, because none of these are listed on the permits and regulations laid down for the usage of the channel tunnel. We have been told by the

Ukplg that the bureaucrats in France have refused to change the permits and regulations, as It has also been said that it would be too difficult to filter out the bad conversions or identify the good (British, Dutch, German, Italian) conversions. Since then the port authorities have stated that when the national database of approved LPG cars is up and running they will re look at this situation All we can say is watch this space, more to follow soon.



⚡ New Products ⚡

Top End Lubrication

Flash lube now has 3 different delivery systems The first type is the drip feed system as used with the older types of vehicle the other systems are injected with the LPG so we know it is getting to every cylinder.

Tow hitches

We are looking into the possibility of fitting tow hitches now that we have fitted a few; if you are interested please contact us

Reversing sensors

We will be fitting Reversing sensors, as it seems to be a product that has been requested by a number of customers. if you are interested please contact us

Europe has gone mad for LPG

Phillippe Schultz the Head of Renaults development team, stated in December The French home market is increasing year on year, & that 80% of the vehicles sold from Renault to Italy were LPG powered. The demand through out the European markets has now reached 15% with Germany tripling their demand for cars and for fuel. The UK still sits at 2% of the total market.