

Newsletter

Recent findings on ethanol fuel (E10)

UPDATE

Motoring body RACQ has posted a further warning to motorists regarding the use of ethanol (E10) blended fuel in their vehicles

Further research and feedback from the automotive service industry have indicated the long term use of ethanol blended fuel in vehicles can cause serious damage and deterioration to metal, plastic and rubber components resulting in very expensive repairs.

One such vehicle recently required fuel injection repairs which cost the unhappy and unaware owner over \$1000.00

Such repairs may not be covered by the vehicles warranty so motorists must be aware of their vehicles ability to use E10 without compromising their warranty.

Recently, and contrary to widespread evidence of ethanol damaged components, BP Australia is reported to be removing all unleaded petrol pumps leaving E10 as a substitute.

You may need to switch to premium unleaded or find another service station

To make the ethanol saga even more confusing, they are introducing a new ethanol blend E85 which is specifically made for (at present) only very late model imported cars that have been manufactured to run on this product.

We believe the usage of ethanol blended fuels is false economy. As stated previously, vehicles running on ethanol blended fuels use more fuel per kilometre because ethanol is not as efficient as pure unleaded fuel.

Each kilometre travelled could be adding up to an expensive repair bill

We suggest all motorists check their vehicle manuals to see if their vehicle can safely use E10 or E85 before your next fuel stop.

If you are still unsure, the Federal Chamber of Automobile Industries website contains information on whether your vehicle is able to safely use ethanol.

Visit: www.fcai.com.au/environment

Happy motoring!

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