



European Fuel Quality and Performance over 50 Years

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concawe Tremendous Progress in Vehicle Technology



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1963: Petrol - 10 L/100km



2012: Petrol - 6.2 L/100km Diesel - 4.2- 4.9 L/100km D Hybrid - 3.6 L/100km

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concawe Early Days: Petrol Emissions and Air Quality



- Early CONCAWE Reports:
 - ▶ 03/1973: Effects of gasoline aromatics on exhaust emissions
 - 06/1974: Effects of gasoline aromatics on polynuclear aromatic emissions
 - ▶ **10/1977**: Automotive emission regulations: impact on refinery operations
 - 14/1977: Evaluation of methods for measuring emissions of polycyclic aromatics (PCA)

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pre 1980	ECE R24	
1980	ECE R49	ECE R49
1990	88/77/EEC	13 mode
1992	Euro-1	13 mode
1996	Euro-2	13 mode
2000	Euro-3	13 mode
2005	Euro-4	13 mode
2009	Euro-5	ESC
2013	Euro-6	WHSC

CONCAWE Reports:

- **1986/65:** The relationship between diesel fuel and engine performance
- ▶ **1986/71:** Future diesel fuel quality
- ▶ 10/1989: Costs to reduce the sulphur content of diesel fuel
- STF3 compilation of emission regulations and fuel specifications

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- Evaporative emissions are of concern for their contributions to oxone formation, and direct emissions of benzene
- Work by CONCAWE showed that closing the gasoline fuel system is more effective than reducing vapour pressure alone



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Health effects of lead first reviewed in CONCAWE Report 24/1970

- Concluded that more research needed on long term effects of lead
- Lead-free gasoline and compatible vehicles available from 1989
- European lead phase-out completed in 2000



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Unleaded Gasoline and RUFIT

- EEC Energy Directorate asked the oil and auto industries to study the effects of octane on overall energy consumption
 - ► CCMC → effect of octane number on fuel consumption
 - ► CONCAWE → refinery energy consumption
 - RUFIT led to a minimum 95RON European petrol grade



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CCMC - Comité des Constructeurs d'automobiles du Marché Commun

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1980s: Growing Interest in Diesel Cars concawe

- Oil crises in 1973/1979 heightened interest in more efficient cars
- Diesel engine technology also rapidly developing in early 1980s
 - VW introduced Golf diesel with a 1.5L naturally aspirated engine
 - Turbo-diesels began to appear
 - Peugeot introduced new XUD series of engines
 - Turbocharged Direct Injection engines appeared in 1987
 - Fiat Croma, Austin Montego
- Electronic controls started introduced in the 1990s
- From 2000, common rail systems became the norm



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Combustion Particle Size Distribution



- UK DETR/SMMT/CONCAWE Particulate Programme 1998-2001
 - CONCAWE Reports 1998/51 and 2001/51
 - Summary Report No. DP01/0515, Ricardo Consulting Engineers Ltd.
 - DG TREN 'Particulates' Consortium:
 - Fuel effects on the characteristics of particle emissions from advanced engines and vehicles (CONCAWE 2001/05)
 - Includes aftertreatment CRT/SCR, and gasoline vehicles



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- 1991: The European Commission asked the motor and oil industries to evaluate the best way to control engine and fuels to reduce emissions
- European Programme on Emissions, Fuels and Engine Technologies (EPEFE) was an ambitious programme to generate data
- Test vehicles (prototype Euro II) provided and tested by OEMs
- Test fuels required separation of the key variables
- EPEFE results published in 1995 with SAE Papers in 1996

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Sulphur-free fuels (<10 ppm S)

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concawe Alternative Fuels: Well-to-Wheels Study



Crude Production ~7 %



Refining ~9 %



Distribution & Retail ~1%



Combustion of unit of energy ~83%

Well-to-Tank (WTT) ~17% (production side) *Tank-to-Wheels (TTW)* ~83% (consumption side)

- Growing interest in Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions and biofuels led to a joint Well-to-Wheels study (the JEC Study)
 - JRC: EC's Joint Research Centre (Alternative fuels and availability)
 - EUCAR: European Council for Automotive R&D (Vehicle modelling)
 - CONCAWE (Fuel production pathways)

Widely regarded as an objective, rigorous assessment for Europe

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Version 1 issued in Jan 2004: Version 4 will be published soon

The Rise of Biofuels



Low-level biofuel blends successfully introduced EN228: E5, E10, ETBE

► EN590: B7

CONCAWE is involved in many ways

- WTW analysis helps identify those pathways that maximise GHG emission reductions
- Effects on refining have been studied
- Handling guidelines issued for ethanol and biodiesel
- Specification and test procedure development through CEN/ISO, CEC to respond to vehicle performance issues

Key issues with renewable fuels are:

- Ethanol: changes gasoline volatility in a non-linear way
 - ▶ 2011: volatility specification changed for E10 gasolines
- Biodiesel: oxidation stability and vehicle after-treatment
- Advanced biofuels offer greater GHG emission reduction
 But slow to enter production

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concawe CONCAWE Coordinates Oil Industry Input

- FE/STF-24 provides technical input to discussions on CEN standards for gasoline and diesel
 - Implementation of 'environmental' fuel parameters
 - Standard European gasoline volatility classes
 - Inclusion of oxygenates in fuel specs
- FE/STF-27 provides similar service for aviation/marine fuels
- New or improved test procedures are often required
 - Diesel fuel lubricity, biodiesel stability and cold flow performance
- Board Member on the Coordinating European Council (CEC)
 - Standard reference fuels
 - Engine tests e.g. DW10 DI diesel injector cleanliness
- Market fuel surveys
 - Recent data on metals content, oxidation stability

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- CONCAWE has contributed constructively to fuel quality discussions throughout its history
- The world has changed a lot in 50 years
- And will change even more in the next 50 years
- Fuels and vehicles must be considered in an 'integrated approach'
 - Cooperation is vital: Oil-Vehicle-EU-Biofuel
- The future is always different from what we imagine it will be
 and probably more exciting!

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