### **E85 Pump Locations in Tucson**

Arizona Petroleum, 1015 S. Cherry

Accessible from East 22nd Street

FastLane Chevron, 1999 E. Ajo Way

On the northeast corner of South Kino Parkway

Loma Catalina Mart, 2075 W. Ruthrauff

On the east side of North La Cholla Boulevard

Quik Mart, 10265 E. Irvington Road At South Houghton Road

Ouick Pic, 2710 N. First Avenue

On the southeast corner of East Glenn Street

Quick Pic, 8601 E. Golf Links

At South Pantano Parkway

Shell, C & T Oil Co., 1701 N. Alvernon

At Fast Pima Street

### Southern Arizona

Chevron, 12030 N. Dove Mountain Blvd

In Marana, just north of West Tangerine Road

Puchi's Quick Stop, 483 Grand Avenue

In Nogales, Arizona

Super Stop, 795 W. Via Rancho Sahuarita

In Sahuarita, at Exit 75 off of I-19

### **Maricopa and Pinal Counties**

Western States, 450 S. 15th Avenue, Phoenix Apache Sands, 7602 E. Main Street, Mesa Ludwig Service, 510 S. Arizona Blvd., Coolidge Discovery Fuels. 295 S. Arizona Blvd. Coolidge Chevron, 9080 W. Olive Avenue, Peoria

**Yavapai County** 

Pacific Pride, 900 E. Road 4 North

In Chino Valley, off of AZ-89

**Yuma County** 

Dateland Travel Center, I-8 @ MileMarker 67

Dateland, Arizona



# Ethanol



## **Frequently Asked Questions** See inside for **Flex-fuel Vehicle Listing**



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# Frequently Asked Questions

### What is ethanol?

Ethanol (ethyl alcohol, grain alcohol, EtOH) is a clear, colorless liquid. In dilute aqueous solution, it has a somewhat sweet flavor, but in more concentrated solutions it has a burning taste. Ethanol (CH3CH2OH) is made up of a group of chemical compounds whose molecules contain a hydroxyl group, -OH, bonded to a carbon atom. Ethanol made from cellulosic biomass materials instead of traditional feedstocks (starch crops) is called bioethanol.

### What are ethanol blends?

While pure ethanol is rarely used for transportation fuel, there are several ethanol-gasoline blends in use today. E85 is a blend of 85 percent denatured ethanol and 15 percent gasoline. In certain areas, higher percentages of gasoline will be added to E-85 during the winter to ensure that vehicles are able to start at very cold temperatures. E85 cannot be used in a conventional, gasoline-only engine but can be used in fuel vehicles (FFVs). Another common mix is E10, a blend of 10 percent ethanol and 90 percent gasoline. E10 is available in many areas across the United States and can be used in any gasoline vehicle manufactured after 1980.

### What is a Flex Fuel Vehicle?

An FFV, as its name implies, has the flexibility of running on more than one type of fuel. FFVs can be fueled with unleaded gasoline, E85, or any combination of the two. Like conventional gasoline vehicles, FFVs have a single fuel tank, fuel system, and engine. They are available in a wide range of models such as sedans, pickups, and minivans.

### How are FFVs identified?

A look inside the fuel door quickly identifies FFVs. Since September 2006, the Energy Policy Act of 2005 requires auto manufacturers to place a label inside the FFV fuel compartment that states the vehicle can run on either E85 or gasoline. Flexible-fuel capability also is outlined in the owner's manual and encoded in the vehicle identification number, or VIN. To help determine if an older vehicle is E85 compatible, visit the National Ethanol Vehicle Coalition Web page on flexible fuel vehicles at www.e85fuel.com/ e85101/flexfuelvehicles.php.

### Does E85 affect vehicle performance?

FFVs operating on E85 generally handle and perform just as well as when fueled with gasoline. Sensors in the FFV system automatically prompt adjustments for fuel composition, so emissions and standard performance areas such as power and acceleration are not significantly affected by E85. One difference between E85 and gasoline, however, is fuel economy. Ethanol contains less energy per gallon, which translates into a reduction in fuel economy compared to gasoline. No matter what type of fuel is used, however, fuel mileage is affected by driving habits, weather, ethanol blend in the tank, and other factors. Standard testing results for fuel economy of FFVs and their gasoline counterparts are posted on the combined EPA and U.S. Department of Energy Web site at www.fueleconomy.gov.

### What are the costs and benefits of using E85?

Special features enabling vehicles to run on E85 can add a minimal cost to their purchase price. Often these features are standard or even offered as a no-cost option. Because they have a solid performance history, manufacturers provide standard warranties for FFVs equal to those for gasoline vehicles at no additional charge. Fuel, however, may be a cost factor. To compare the price of fueling with E85 vs. gasoline, use the AFDC's Flexible Fuel Vehicle Cost Calculator at www.eere.energy.gov/fleetguide/cost\_anal.php?0/ E85\*Flex\*Fuel. Even though FFV fuel economy when operating on E85 is less than conventional fuel, E85 provides reductions in lifecycle greenhouse gas emissions because of its renewable source component.

# Listing of flex-fuel vehicles by year, from 1998-2009

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