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## **LPG autogas: How to cut your motoring costs**

Fuel duty has increased with effect from today, further increasing the cost of daily motoring. According to the AA, pump prices have risen by more than 5.5p per litre since the start of 2009. In the current economic climate every penny counts, therefore switching to using LPG autogas the greener, cleaner and cheaper alternative to petrol should be your answer.

Almost any petrol-engine car can be converted to run on LPG autogas which, as well as being much cheaper than petrol, produces fewer greenhouse gases and toxic emissions, and reduces engine wear.

The cost of conversion for an average car is from around £1600, so the payback period can be as short as 12 months, depending on annual mileage and the size of the vehicle. Autogas is now widely available throughout the country – there are some 1400 outlets, including many petrol stations, and the network continues to grow as the price of petrol and diesel soars.

Even if a car is running low on LPG autogas and there is not an outlet in the immediate vicinity, it's not a problem – you simply fill up with a few litres of petrol because a converted car is able to run equally well on both fuels, and you can change from one fuel to the other without even slowing down.

Rob Shuttleworth, Chief Executive of UKLPG, commented: "There are already more than 12 million autogas-fuelled vehicles in operation around the world, including over 150,000 in the UK, we believe the case for converting to a fuel can cut 40% off your fuel costs and has less environmental impact is becoming more and more compelling."

The LPGA Approved Installer Scheme operated by UKLPG, established in consultation with the Department for Transport, currently incorporates nearly 200 conversion companies around the country. Choosing an Approved Installer ensures that the conversion to autogas is carried out in full compliance with all safety, regulatory and warranty requirements.

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## Notes to journalists

- 1 UKLPG is the trade association for the LPG industry in the UK, and represents up to 99% of the total LPG sales in the UK, around 80% of autogas equipment sales and the participants in the LPG Approved installer Scheme account for approximately 70% of vehicle conversions.
- 2 There are approximately 1400 refuelling stations currently in the UK.
- 3 If you would like to test drive an LPG autogas-fuelled car for yourself then please let us know and we will be delighted to arrange a drive at a time and location that is convenient for you. We will also be pleased to arrange a one-to-one interview with our Chief Executive Rob Shuttleworth or our Autogas Manager Mike Chapman if you wish.
- 4 Almost all petrol-engine cars can be converted to run on autogas. Systems are also currently being developed for diesel-engine vehicles, but these systems have not been fully proven.
- 5 LPG autogas currently retails at around 50.9 per litre in the UK compared to about 92.4p for a litre of petrol. (*Source: [www.petrolprices.com](http://www.petrolprices.com) 01/04/09.*)