



Specialty Vehicle Association of Ontario

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SVAO Alert on Proposed New Ethanol Standards

The Ontario Ministry of the Environment is proposing new ethanol standards for gasoline sold in Ontario. They are proposing that all gasoline with an octane of 88 or lower **must have 10% ethanol** in them. Right now the standards mandate that such gases must have 5% ethanol but **may contain up to 10%**.

Note that this is for PUBLIC comment so feel free to pass the link below along to anyone who you think might be interested in this. Comment deadline is 23/01/18

<https://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEB-External/displaynoticecontent.do?noticeId=MTM0MDQ3&statusId=MjAzOTE4&language=en>

At the present time these proposed standards will not apply to gasoline with an octane above 88. That does not mean that some retailers won't choose to go that route but just that they are not mandated to do so (yet).

Some concerns are:

- The production of Ethanol for the fuel industry has driven up the general price of food by using corn crops for non-food production. In addition, the life-cycle environmental benefits of ethanol motor fuel from the farmers' field to the tailpipe of a vehicle are negligible at best and adverse at worst. Overall environmental effects must be considered and not just tail pipe emissions.
- Ethanol has been proven to be detrimental to old car and small engine fuel components.
- Ethanol gasoline contains less energy and requires a richer fuel mixture than non-ethanol gasoline and will therefore cause ALL cars to consume more fuel. Older carbureted vehicles may be further penalized by being forced to switch to higher-cost E0 premium fuel to ensure proper operation.

SVAO believes that this proposal adversely affects society as a whole and not just the specialty vehicle community. In addition, the additional fuel consumption and related fuel taxation will increase operating costs for all Ontario drivers and even more for specialty vehicle owners. The SVAO asks all concerned citizens to make their concerns known to the MOE and their MPPs. A list of contact information for your MPPs can be found under the links section of the SVAO's website.

Please feel free to let the SVAO know of any concerns www.svao.org or (905) 649 – 2664

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