



## New Zealand Vehicles and Biofuel Database

In order to provide information on actual experience of use of biodiesel in motor vehicles the Bioenergy Association of New Zealand (BANZ) is establishing a database of New Zealand experience in different vehicles and with a range of biodiesel blends.

The initiative aims to improve customer confidence through providing factual information on the vehicles whose manufacturers have agreed are suitable for biodiesel, and to supplement this with vehicle trials and customer experiences. There are now a number of vehicle owners who have tried biodiesel or who use it regularly and we want to collate their experiences. There may also be a number of tests underway. BANZ is keen to hear about all experiences. The information gathered will be presented in a database (of vehicle models and user experiences) on the BANZ web-site and may be used to inform potential users.

This initiative is focused on New Zealand based experiences. The information presented will be supplemented by information available internationally from vehicle manufacturers on a range of vehicle types and the biodiesel blends they are currently running on.

### What will the database show?

The database will show national coverage of biodiesel use and where possible demonstrate how a range of vehicle types have been running over extensive distances and in all sorts of climates across New Zealand. The type of fuel used (i.e. the blend) will be noted as will how the vehicle is being used.

Anecdotal information will be used where relevant to support factual information. The information may also be already reported in an article etc which may be an efficient means of your passing the information on to us.

Information displayed will not identify the source of the producer or retailer unless approved by them.

### What information do we want from you?

We would like to receive as much of the following information as you can provide:

- Vehicle Use (for example, regular commute; bus; tour bus)
- Vehicle type (make and model)
- Geographical location
- Details of blend used (e.g. B20, B30, B100)
- Distance driven on biofuel (approx in Km)
- When operating (eg, 'daily use since June 2009'; 'all year round since June 2009')
- Anecdotal comments and feedback from users (where relevant/appropriate to highlight experiences) – for example, performance, ease of use, engine power, engine noise, tailpipe emission, cold start behaviour etc.
- Vehicle Monitoring – please indicate if the vehicle referred to is part of a vehicle monitoring programme. If so, please give details. What is it that is being monitored and what are the results?

Please use the ***BANZ Vehicles and Biodiesel Database Data Collection Form – VBD-02*** to respond with your information.

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