# Propane Vehicle Conversions <br> Jim Proulx 

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## Propane as a Motor Fuel

- Current markets
* Municipal Fleets- code enforcement, town management staff vehicles
* Law Enforcement- high miles, in use now
* State Fleets- highway repair/support vehicles
* Taxi Fleets- high miles per year, high gals/yr.
* Transportation Companies- multiple vehicles, high miles
* Landscaping- mower fuel, reduce fuel theft


## Propane Vehicle Conversionsthe product

- PRINS- a "true dual fuel option

Engine starts on gasoline
Switches seamlessly between either fuel
130 degrees engine temperature
"On the fly" transition
Increased refueling range
Can be transferred to multiple vehicles within the same engine platform

## Propane Vehicle Conversionsthe cost of fuel

- What is the cost difference?

Gasoline $\$ 2.245 /$ gallon- all taxes included Propane net delivered $\$ 1.2595 /$ gallon- all taxes and rebates included
Federal Tax incentives remain after numerous retroactive extensions

## Propane Vehicle Conversionsthe efficiency comparison

- What is the efficiency difference?

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90 \% \text { of gasoline }
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Example: Ford F150-15 mpg with gasoline equates to 13.5 mpg with propane

## Propane Vehicle Conversionswhere can I get propane?

- Where do get refueled?

Refueling stations placed where needed Out of area refueling- networks Competitive market- numerous propane fuel providers can bid for fuel supply

## Propane Vehicle Conversionswhat does it cost?

How much does it cost to convert a vehicle to PRINS?
\$7,200 for an average vehicle including hardware, propane storage tank, etc

## Propane Vehicle Conversionswho does the conversion?

- Where do I get my vehicles converted/worked on?
Train existing fleet mechanics
Expanding independent base

Propane Vehicle Conversionswhat is the return?

- What is the return on investment? (avg. 10.0 miles/gallon)

20,000 miles per year- 2,200 GGE consumed, $\$ 1,719$ saved, 48 months return

30,000 miles per year- 3,300 gallons GGE consumed, $\$ 2,578$ saved, 32 months return

40,000 miles per year- 4,400 gallons GGE consumed, $\$ 3,438$ saved, 24 months return

50,000 miles per year- 5,500 gallons GGE consumed, $\$ 4,297$ saved, 18 months return

## GGE MPG and YTBE

| Miles per year | 40000 | 40000 | 40000 |
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| Miles per gallon | 10 | 12.5 | 15 |
| Gasoline cost per gallon | 2.245 | 2.245 | 2.245 |
| Propane cost per gallon (includes all rebates/taxes) | 1.2595 | 1.2595 | 1.2595 |
| Vehicle conversion cost per vehicle | 7200 | 7200 | 7200 |
| Propane gallons per year | 4400 | 3520 | 2933.333 |
| Gasoline gallons per year <br> \% of propane to gasoline <br> (GGE) | 4000 | 3200 | 2666.667 |
| \% of propane use to gasoline |  |  |  |
| cost per year for propane (tax included) | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.9 |
| cost per year for gasoline (tax included) | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.1 |
| annual savings | 5541.8 | 4433.44 | 3694.533 |
| years to break even | 8980 | 7184 | 5986.667 |

# Propane Vehicle Conversions- is it better for the air we breath? 

- 16\% reduction in Carbon Dioxide
- $28 \%$ reduction in Carbon Monoxide
- $35.6 \%$ reduction in Hydrocarbons
- 3.7\% reduction in NOx



## PROULX <br> OIL \& PROPANE <br> Propane Vehicle Conversions

- The Cleaner and Greener (in many way\$!)

Propane produces less harmful emissions than gasoline
Higher octane $=$ no operating power loss
Propane is less expensive (30-year avg.)
Infrastructure \$/gallon significant savings- $\$ 10,000 / 1,000$ gallon
$\$ 175,000 / 30,000$ gallon

