**FUEL ECONOMY**

Car fuel economy is directly related to miles per gallon, or mpg. The higher its mpg, the better your car’s fuel economy.

Fuel economy refers to the number of miles a car can travel using a specific amount of fuel. It’s measured in miles per gallon or miles per gallon gasoline equivalent (or MPGe) for electric vehicles. The more miles per gallon a car gets, the farther it can go on a tank of gas and the better its fuel economy.

You may have heard car fuel efficiency and car fuel economy used interchangeably. But car fuel efficiency is actually different — it refers to the amount of fuel used to power a car rather than indicating how far the fuel will take the vehicle.

Fuel economy is measured by automakers through a series of tests conducted in a laboratory and then reported to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The EPA reviews the test results and confirms a percentage of those results through its own tests.

First, you’ll need to log the miles you drive and how much fuel you used to get to your destination. Dividing the miles you traveled by the number of gallons you used will give you a reading of your car’s mpg for that particular trip.

The EPA’s 2020 list of the best-fuel-economy vehicles features models that all have a combined mpg of at least 22 mpg — but keep in mind that what’s considered good fuel economy can vary by the type of vehicle. For example, minivans (coming in at that 22mg) and pickup trucks may have lower mpg across the board than a subcompact car. If you’re shopping for a fuel-efficient car, it’s important to consider each vehicle’s EPA-rated fuel economy.