Fuel Economy Test Car List Database Files

The Test Car List data are the vehicle information and test results that were used in calculating the Gas Mileage GUIDE. For information on the acronyms and how these data are used in the calculation of the GUIDE values, please refer to 40 CFR Part 600 - Fuel Economy of Motor Vehicles.

Database Formats

Instructions for Reading the Test Car List/Database Files.

The ZIP'd versions of these files are named ??MFTCL.ZIP for 1997 or earlier model years and ??TSTCAR.ZIP? for 1998 and later model years where "??" is equal to the last two digits of the model year.

1998 and later model years:

Once unZIP'd, the files are in comma-delimited (.csv) or Excel Spreadsheet (.xls) format, which can be read by most spreadsheet programs.

1997 and earlier model years:

These files, after being unZIP'd, have file names such as 96MFTCL.TXT (or .DAT or ASC). They are plain ASCII (DOS) text files and in fixed column format.

Different formats apply to different model years, one for 1984-1985, one for 1986-1997 and one for 1998 and later.

The format for 1998 and later is presented first, followed by the one for 1986-1997 and then for the 1984-1985 files.

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Field Descriptions for 1998 and Later Files:

The files are in comma-delimited format which can easily be read by spreadsheet program of a user's choice.

Field Name Description

yr - model year

mfr - mfr code

Mfr	
Code	Manufacturer Name
20	DAIMLERCHRYSLER
30	FORD MOTOR COMPANY
40	GENERAL MOTORS
70	ASTON MARTIN
90	FIAT AUTO S.P.A.
108	ROVER GROUP LTD. (AR)
120	BMW
178	DAEWOO
190	DAIHATSU MOTOR COMPANY LTD.
196	MITSUBISHI MOTOR MANUF OF AMERIC
200	MERCEDES BENZ
220	FERRARI
230	FIAT
260	HONDA
265	HYUNDAI
290	ISUZU
305	JAGUAR CARS INC
338	KIA MOTORS CORPORATION
350	LOTUS
380	NISSAN
407	PANOZ AUTO-DEVELOPMENT CORP.
420	PORSCHE
440	ROLLS-ROYCE MOTOR CARS LTD.
460	LAND ROVER GROUP LTD.
470	SAAB
490	MITSUBISHI
491	MITSUBISHI MOTOR SALES AMERICA
492	MITSUBISHI MOTORS AUSTRALIA LTD
540	SUZUKI MOTOR CORPORATION
560	MAZDA MOTOR CORP.
570	TOYOTA
576	NEW UNITED MOTOR MFG INC
590	VOLKSWAGEN
600	VOLVO
640	AUDI
660	FUJI HEAVY IND - MAZDA
691	LAMBORGHINI

bidx - basic engine index number identifying a unique basic engine or sub-basic

engine (if a basic engine is divided into two or more groups)

• manufacturer defined vehicle identification number within EPA's computer system (not a VIN number)

carline - car line name (test vehicle model name)

car/truck - 'C' for passenger vehicle and 'T' for truck (classification of the tested vehicle)

cfg - configuration number identifying a unique configuration within a vid

cid - cubic inch displacement of test vehiclepolice - indicator for police vehicle (Y or N)

rhp - rated horsepower

ec1 - exhaust emission control system code
ec2 - exhaust emission control system code
ec3 - exhaust emission control system code
ec4 - exhaust emission control system code
ec5 - exhaust emission control system code

Code Description

002 - Engine modification

005 - Thermal reactor

008 - Exhaust recycle

010 - Air pump

011 - Pulsating air system

016 - Oxidation catalyst

017 - Reduction catalyst

018 - Three-way catalyst

019 - Closed loop control of air/fuel ratio

020 - Three-way catalyst and closed loop control of air/fuel ratio

021 - Closed loop air injection

099 - Other

evc - evaporative emission control system code

101 - Crankcase

102 - Canister

103 - Tank

104 - None

105 - Canister and charcoal air cleaner

199 - Other

trns - transmission code

C4 - Manual 4-Speed (Creeper) (M-4)

M3 - Manual Three-Speed

M4 - Manual Four-Speed (No Creeper)

M5 - Manual Five-Speed

SA - Semi-Automatic

A3 - Automatic 3-Speed (No Lockup)

L3 - Lock-Up/Automatic/3-Speed

A4 - Automatic 4-Speed (No Lockup)

L4 - Lock-Up/Automatic/4-Speed

C5 - Manual 5-Speed (Creeper) (M-5)

S2 - Semi-Automatic Two Speed

S3 - Semi-Automatic Three Speed

S4 - Semi-Automatic Four Speed

S5 - Semi-Automatic Five Speed

AV - Automatic Variable Gear Ratios

M6 - Manual Six Speed

A5 - Automatic 5-Speed (No Lockup)

L5 - Lock-Up/Automatic/5-Speed

C6 - Manual 6-Speed (Creeper) (M-6)

A6 - Automatic 6-Speed (No Lockup)

S6 - Semi-Automatic Six Speed

drv - drive system code

F - Front wheel drive

R - Rear wheel drive

4 - 4-wheel or all-wheel drive

od - overdrive code

1 - No gear ratio <1

2 - Top gear ratio <1

3 - Electronically operated overdrive

4 - Computer-controlled automatic electronic overdrive

5 - Computer-controlled automatic electronic overdrive with lockout switch

trans_desc - Transmission descriptor (it is constructed according to the following logic:

Transmission descriptors are constructed based on the data submitted on G2 record of the General Label subsystem

If Shift Indicator Light is (Y) SIL

If Engine Management System is (Y or L) EMS

If Number of Transmission Mode is an x which is

V, C or a number between 2 and 9

(If x is 1, this item is not to be used) xMODEM

If Variable Lockup Point is an x which is

V, C or a number between 2 and 9

(If x is 1, this item is not to be used) xLKUP

If Declutching/Freewheeling is Y or L DC/FW

Any combination of the above, with a blank in between and in the order as shown and not to exceed 15 columns, makes up a transmission descriptors field.

If the last three (xMODE, xLKUP, DC/FW) are the only descriptors, it is to be displayed as xMODE xLKUP FW.

etw - equivalent test weight

cmp - compression ratio

axle - axle ratio

n/v - n/v ratio (engine speed versus vehicle speed at 50 mph)

a/c - indicates air conditioning simulation

dhp - dynamometer horsepower

sil - shift indicator light for standard transmissions (y = yes or n = no,, indicates if test was performed used the sil to upshift during the test driving cycle.)

prc - test procedure code

2 - CVS 75 & later (EPA city w/o canister loading)

3 - HWFE (highway test)

- Fed fuel 2-day exhaust (C4H10 canister load)

- Calif fuel 2-day exhaust (C4H10 canister load)

- Federal fuel 3-day exhaust (C4H10 canister load)

- Calif fuel 3-day exhaust (C4H10 canister load)

- Federal fuel 2-day exhaust (heat fuel tank to load canister)

- Calif fuel 2-day exhaust (heat to load)

prp - test purpose code

01 - Emission data

08 - Manufacturers' development

31 - Fuel economy

32 - Analytical fuel economy

tnum - test number, a unique identifier for a set of test data performed at the manufacturer or EPA test lab.

fuel - fuel type code

06 - Unleaded (at EPA 96 RON)

09 - Diesel (at EPA #2 Diesel)

22 - Special unleaded (91 RON)

23 - Carb Phase II Gasoline

33 - Methanol(M85)

39 - Ethanol

41 - CNG

C/H - city (C) or highway (H) test identifier

avcd - averaging code for weighting test fuel economy in cases like testing with and without use of shift indicator light

wt - weighting factor for averaging mpg values

hc - HC(hydrocarbon emissions) Test level composite results

co - CO(carbon monoxide emissions) Test level composite results

co2 - CO2(carbon dioxide emissions) Test level composite results

nox - NOX(nitrogen oxide emissions) Test level composite results

pm - particulate matter (for diesel powered vehicles) Test level composite results

mpg - mpg(fuel economy, miles per gallon) Test level

target-a - electric dynamometer target coefficient a

target-b - electric dynamometer target coefficient b

target-c - electric dynamometer target coefficient c

set-a - electric dynamometer set coefficient aset-b - electric dynamometer set coefficient b

set-c - electric dynamometer set coefficient c