

Tests have concluded that ethanol does not increase corrosion, nor will it harm any seals or valves.

Q. Will ethanol plug my fuel filter?

A. Generally no. You can feel safe using ethanol. Ethanol is a very clean burning fuel that has some detergent properties.

These detergents work to reduce build-up and keep your engine running smooth. In fact, using ethanol may even improve the performance of your vehicle.

Q. How will ethanol affect my fuel injection system?

A. Ethanol helps keep fuel injection systems clean so they perform better. Problems with fuel injection plugging are the result of dirty fuel—not ethanol. Some gasolines today do not, by themselves, contain enough detergent additive. Therefore, ethanol is also valuable as a cleaning agent that helps prevent problems.

Q. Will using ethanol help me during the winter?

A. Yes. The ethanol recommended for use in motor fuels is an anhydrous, or water-free additive. It absorbs moisture and helps prevent gas-line freeze-up in cold weather. It works much like gasoline antifreeze that some motorists add to their gas tanks in the winter.

Using ethanol-blended fuel in the winter means you won't need to add expensive and possibly harmful additives to your fuel. Ethanol in your gasoline will protect your vehicle from gas-line freeze-up.

Q. Does ethanol help reduce air pollution?

A. Yes. There is a significant reduction in both carbon monoxide and hydrocarbon tailpipe emissions when ethanol is used. Many cities and states across the nation take advantage of the environmental benefits of ethanol provides. These cities include Chicago, Denver, Milwaukee and Minneapolis.

Ethanol is used in virtually every state in the nation, from Alaska to Florida and from California to New York. For the United States, ethanol-blended fuels offer the promise of cleaner air. Ethanol is an abundant new source of energy for the future that also helps conserve natural petroleum resources.

Q. What is ethanol?

A. Ethanol is a clean burning, renewable, domestically produced product made from fermented agricultural products such as corn.

Ethanol contains oxygen, which helps gasoline burn cleaner and more efficiently. When used in vehicles, ethanol reduces all types of emissions including carbon dioxide—a major contributor to global warming.

Although burning ethanol releases carbon dioxide during its production and combustion, the crops that ethanol is produced from absorb that carbon dioxide. So, during ethanol production, greenhouse gases do not build up in the environment—they are naturally recycled.

Q. What does research say about ethanol-blended fuels?

A. The American Institute of Chemical Engineers compared ethanol fuel to straight gasoline. In a published report, the institute said ethanol was "very similar in driving characteristics to straight gasoline, except that pre-ignition and dieseling (run-on) are noticeably reduced and acceleration can be improved" with ethanol.

The report continued, "Ethanol should be looked at as an octane enhancer. Mixing it with gasoline in a 9 to 1 ratio improves the octane rating about three octane numbers." There have been many other tests of ethanol during the past 20 years. Those tests found ethanol completely safe to use in all types of engines.

THE CLEAN AIR CHOICE

Using ethanol-blended fuel is one of the easiest ways you can help reduce air pollu-

tion and our dependence on imported oil. While many solutions for improving our nation's air quality are being debated, ethanol is here today. Using ethanol-blended fuels in your car, outboard motor, lawnmower, chainsaw, snowmobile and other small engines can make a difference now.

Mr. Speaker, Congress should pass this bill. We would be making good sound policy decisions. We would be benefiting America's environment. We would be helping America's farmers, and we would be addressing our Nation's energy needs.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting a comprehensive solution that does not force us to choose between clean air and clean water. I urge my colleagues to cosponsor H.R. 4011. I will be happy to share any additional information with them.

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RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. KUYKENDALL). Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 37 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. DREIER) at 3 o'clock and 17 minutes a.m.

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REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H. CON. RES. 290, CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET—FISCAL YEAR 2001

Mr. GOSS, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 106-535) on the resolution (H. Res. 446) providing for consideration of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 290) establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2001, revising the congressional budget for the United States government for fiscal year 2000, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for each of the fiscal years 2002 through 2005, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

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LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. HILL of Indiana (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today after 12 p.m. on account of personal reasons.

Mr. DOOLITTLE (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for March 21 on account of attending a funeral.

Mr. BEREUTER (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today after 5 p.m. on account of official business.

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SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legis-

lative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. ABERCROMBIE) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. NADLER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. LIPINSKI, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. JEFFERSON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. KIND, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. MALONEY of New York, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mrs. WILSON) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. NORWOOD, for 5 minutes, March 28.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana, for 5 minutes, March 29.

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REFERRED

A concurrent resolution of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. Con. Res. 97. Concurrent resolution expressing the support of Congress for activities to increase public awareness of multiple sclerosis; to the Committee on Commerce.

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ADJOURNMENT

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 3 o'clock and 18 minutes a.m.), the House adjourned until today, Thursday, March 23, 2000, at 10 a.m.

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EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

6714. A letter from the Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Dried Prunes Produced in California; Changes in Producer District Boundaries [Docket No. FV00-993-1-FIR] received March 10, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6715. A letter from the Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Vidalia Onions Grown in Georgia; Changing the Term of Office and Nomination Deadlines [Docket No. FV00-955 2 FIR] received March 10, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6716. A letter from the Administrator, Farm Service Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Streamlining of Regulations for Real Estate and Chattel Appraisals; Correction (RIN: 0569-AF69) received March 13, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6717. A letter from the Chief, Programs and Legislative Division, Office of Legislative Liaison, Department of the Air Force, transmitting notification that the Commander of