

Fuel Consumption Survey

Reporting Guide - Questionnaire

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**This guide is designed to assist you
as you complete the Fuel Consumption Survey.**

**If you need more information, please call
the Statistics Canada Help Line at the number below.**

1-800-565-1685

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

- Please complete the questionnaire for the **three week period appearing on the label**.
- Please complete the questionnaire for the **vehicle identified on the label** even if it is not your primary vehicle.
- Please fill out the questionnaire regardless of how much you use your vehicle.
- It may be easier to complete the questionnaire if it is kept in the vehicle. However, please do not complete it while driving.

A INTRODUCTION

Survey Purpose

The purpose of this survey is to measure road use by motor vehicles, their fuel consumption and their impact on the environment. The survey results will support policy, analytical and statistical work related to road safety, fuel consumption and greenhouse gas emissions. Your information may also be used by Statistics Canada for other statistical and research purposes.

Confidentiality

Statistics Canada is prohibited by law from releasing any information it collects which could identify any person, business, or organization, unless consent has been given by the respondent or as permitted by the *Statistics Act*.

Record linkages

To enhance the data from this survey, Statistics Canada may combine it with information from other surveys or from administrative sources.

Contribution note

While participation in this survey is voluntary, your cooperation is very important. Your vehicle was one of those that was selected in your province/territory so that we can measure its use over the stated time period. To save money, we are keeping the number of vehicles sampled to a minimum, so it is important that we receive a response from you.

B WHEN YOU BEGIN THE SURVEY

1. Please report the date that you began the survey.

Your start date should be the date specified on the label. If you miss the specified date, please report your actual start date.

2. Please report the odometer reading on the date you began the survey.

3. Please report the fuel gauge reading on the date you began the survey.

Please provide your best estimate based on the scale that appears on the questionnaire. For example, if the actual value falls between two value marks, please choose the closest one. If your vehicle does not have a traditional fuel gauge, provide your best estimate using the reading of your fuel quantity indicator.

C DURING THE SURVEY PERIOD

4. Did you purchase any fuel during the survey period? If yes, please record the date and quantity purchased.

Please do not forget to indicate the units of measure (litres vs. U.S. Gallons if purchased outside Canada).

Please make sure that you enter the quantity of fuel purchased, not the dollar value.

It may be easier to complete this part of the questionnaire if you keep your fuel receipts for the survey period.

D WHEN YOU FINISH THE SURVEY

5. Please report the date that you finished the survey.

Your end date should be the date specified on the label but, if not, please report the actual end date.

6. Please report the odometer reading on the date you finished the survey.

7. Please report the fuel gauge reading on the date you finished the survey.

Please provide your best estimate based on the scale that appears on the questionnaire. For example, if the actual value falls between two value marks, please choose the closest one. If your vehicle does not have a traditional fuel gauge, provide your best estimate using the reading of your fuel quantity indicator.

8. During the survey period, was this vehicle used for commercial purposes?

Commercial purposes refer to a use related to work, regardless of whether the vehicle is owned by a business or not. It includes any business activities (deliveries, local messenger services, sales calls, service calls, etc.) or business trips (industrial or technical visits, attending conferences, training trips, etc.).

Generally, a trip would be for commercial purposes if the fuel costs will be paid or reimbursed by a company or, in the case of self-employed workers, will be included in business related expenses.

9. If yes, what percentage of the total distance driven during the survey period was for commercial purposes?

Please provide your best estimate. Decimal places are not necessary.

E INFORMATION ABOUT THE MAIN DRIVER

10. What is the sex of the main driver?

11. What is the age of the main driver?

Please indicate the sex and the age of the main driver.

The main driver is the person who drove the vehicle the most during the survey period. If the vehicle was shared equally among more than one person, please select only one.

Statistics Canada will only share data from a survey with those organizations that have demonstrated a requirement to use the data. For this survey, Statistics Canada has entered into data-sharing agreements with Transport Canada, Environment Canada and Natural Resources Canada, which have agreed to keep the data confidential and use them only for statistical purposes.

Section 12 of the *Statistics Act* provides for the sharing of information with federal, provincial or territorial government organizations or non-government organizations. Under **Section 12**, you may refuse to share your information with any of these organizations.

12. Do you authorize Statistics Canada to share the information provided?

To reduce respondent burden, you are encouraged to share your data with our partners, Transport Canada, Environment Canada and Natural Resources Canada.

Sharing the data with our partners maximizes the usefulness of the information collected. Please note that we can only share the data if you answer “yes” to the sharing question.

Thank you!

Please return your questionnaire in the postage-paid envelope.