

Car Care Corner

What Type of Fuel Additive is Right for Your Vehicle?

(NAPSA)—Do you know the difference among each type of fuel additive on the market today? Tackling everything from condensation to clogged fuel injectors, dirty intake valves and carburetors, there are several to choose from. Deciding which product will benefit your vehicle, as well as knowing when to use it, can be a daunting task.

Richard Courtney, Director of Prestone Products Research & Development and Technical Services, suggests you pay attention to what type of problems your fuel system is having when deciding which additive to use. For example, Prestone® Gas Treatment is a multi-purpose fuel additive that can be used regularly by drivers who want to maintain vehicle performance, whereas Prestone® Super Concentrated Fuel Injector Cleaner should be used if your fuel injectors are clogged and you're experiencing performance or acceleration loss. If you want to clean the entire fuel system, consider adding a super concentrated cleaner like Prestone® Fuel System Cleaner every 4,000 miles.

Complaining of knocks and pings or poor acceleration? Courtney recommends an octane booster, such as Prestone® 0 to 60™ Booster. It's a premium 2-in-1 additive designed to raise the octane of regular unleaded gasoline by up to 10 points (1 point is equal to 0.1 octane number). It helps restore lost power and improve the overall performance of the fuel system by cleaning fouled injectors and dirty carburetors.



Using a fuel additive is a quick and easy way to keep your fuel system performing like it should.

Certain times of the year can also pose different problems to a vehicle's fuel system. If necessary, purchase a seasonal fuel additive. Winter, with its low temperatures, leaves vehicles susceptible to gas line freeze. An additive such as Prestone® Cold Start® Fuel System Antifreeze & Cleaner is specifically designed to prevent that problem. But if you are also interested in keeping the fuel system clean, a product like Prestone® Winter Fuel System Cleaner with Cold Start® Technology can do double duty, cleaning fuel injectors, intake valves and carburetors in one tank, in addition to fighting gas line freeze.

"It's important to remember that using a fuel additive will not prolong the time between regular maintenance or serve as a substitute," comments Courtney. "However, for just a few dollars, adding a fuel additive for preventative maintenance is well worth the investment."