

# Ethanol is the Octane of the Future

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# Just a bit about me....



1994-2000: Started at largest ethanol distillery in the world. 2000: Worked on the California MTBE Phase Out team. 2007: Worked for largest ethanol trade association, lead on E15 application. 2015: KMoore Consulting formed to work on ethanol market development. Today: I work in all 50 of the United States and in about 20 countries.

## Today's Discussion

What is ethanol and why ethanol use is increasing.

Ethanol and other oxygenates.

Global Fuel Standards and Specifications.

The U.S. Current State

#### Ethanol is used successfully in 71 countries around the world.



#### Ethanol Use Globally

- 1970s: Brazil started a robust ethanol program to reduce fuel imports, create energy security.
- 1978: U.S. EPA approval for 10% ethanol blends with gasoline.2010, 2011: U.S. EPA approval for 15% ethanol blends with gasoline. 2017: ~97% of all U.S. gasoline contains 10% ethanol.
- 2017: China allows use of E10 in 8 provinces. 2020: Nationwide use E10.
- 2018: Latin, South America moving to E10.

Rank	Country	Gasoline Consumption	Ethanol Use?	
1	United States	388KMMT	E10, moving to E15.	
2	China	90KMMT	Introducing E10.	
3	Japan	З9КММТ	Ethanol-based ether used (ETBE).	
4	Russia	36KMMT	None.	
5	Mexico	33KMMT	Introducing E5.8	
6	Brazil	33KMMT	E27 and E95.	
7	Indonesia	24KMMT	E7 and E3.	
8	Saudi Arabia	22KMMT	None.	

## Most Common Ethanol Blends

- 10% Ethanol is the most common fuel in the world.
  - Largest gasoline markets in the world use this blend: U.S., China, Mexico, Germany, UK, Australia.
  - Used in all spark ignition engines.
- 5% Ethanol is second most common.
  - EU moving from 5% to 10% ethanol.
- <u>></u>20% and Higher blends are growing in popularity.
  - Brazil, Argentina, Philippines, Bolivia, Paraguay, Zimbabwe.



Brazil:	27% ethanol = Gasolina, Petrol
	95% ethanol = Alcool

- Clean Air Act of 1970
  - Creation of EPA
- Ban of tetra-ethyl lead 1974
  - Creates need for new octane source
- Clean Air Act of 1990
  - Create evaporative and exhaust emissions controls and RFG
- Winter Oxygenate Fuel Program (1992)
  - Program includes Colorado (elevation)
- Gasoline Detergents (1995)
  - Deposit control additive requirement
- Phase 1 Reformulated Gasoline (1995)
  - Required 17% reduction in VOCs.
- Mobile Source Air Toxics of 2002, 2011
  - Reduction in benzene, etc.
- Tier 2, 3 Sulfur Standards (2004, 2017)
  - Gasoline to 30ppm first, then 10ppm.
- Energy Policy Act of 2005
  - Initiated funds from Department of Agriculture and Energy for alternative fuel sources
- Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (Renewable Fuels Standard 1& 2)
  - Required blending volume of renewable fuels into fossil fuels.

Why Ethanol? Nearly every policy since the creation of the U.S. EPA requires a clean oxygenate like ethanol.





### **United States Gasoline- Ethanol Logistics**

#### Logistics

- Largest in the World: Consumes ~134BGY of gasoline.
  - 15BGY ethanol blending.
- 1,331 terminals in the U.S.
  - Government tracked, published.
  - ~90% handle ethanol.
  - Example: terminals w/out ethanol are airport, jet fuel only.
- Gasoline travels in pipelines, railcars, trucks, barges, ships.
  - Ethanol travels in the same.

#### **Retail Stations**

- ~145,000 retail stations.
  - 60% are single store owners. <5% of the stations are oil company owned.</li>
- 36% sell branded fuel; half are independent brands.
- 10% ethanol now 98% of all gasoline across all octane grades, (87/89/91AKI.)
- 15% ethanol being introduced stations.



### Worldwide Fuels Charter

Established in 1998, the global auto manufacturers desired fuel properties for gasoline, diesel and blends with biofuels.

- Category 1: retired from service.
- Category 2 to 5: 10% ethanol is acceptable. (3.7% oxygen).
- Category 6: Future fuel at a 98- 102 RON octane, 10ppm Sulfur, 20-22% ethanol by volume.

# The E15 Application

- March 6, 2009 waiver submitted to US EPA to increase the allowable ethanol content in gasoline to 15% volume.
- EPA process requires an application, Millions of dollars in health effects testing, EPA scientific panel review, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking process.
- In 2009. US EPA received >78,000 comments from the public on the E15 application.
  - 70% opposed
  - 30% in favor
  - 150 substantive comments
- EPA responded to Petitioner on Nov. 30, 2009
  - Indicated positive data for Vehicle MY2001 and newer
  - Indicated that a dual fueling system may be needed
  - Sufficient data may be available by August 2010 for EPA to rule

## U.S. EPA Approval is only Step 1

- There are many steps to introducing a new fuel.
  - EPA Fuel Regulations
  - EPA Fuel Registrations
  - State Fuel Regulations
  - Marketplace Requirements
- Federal Level = EPA
  - Focused on Fuel Volatility, Sulfur
  - Detergent Additive Requirements
  - Renewable Fuel Standard
- State Level = Various State Agencies
  - State Implementation Plan
  - Legislative adoption of fuel quality expectations
    - Typically recognize ASTM specifications

- Existing Gasoline pool
  - Limited to 15% volume ethanol
    - Market conditions/ regulatory requirements
    - Gasoline saturation
    - Infrastructure/ throughput saturation
- Future fuel pool
  - Data is complete on E20.
  - Fuels like E85 (85% ethanol, 15% gasoline) for flexible fuel vehicles do not need an "application."
- Several petitions, legislative actions have been filed for higher blends of ethanol.
  - Next Generation Fuels Act would require low carbon, high octane.
  - Still in state of proposal in the U.S. Congress

## Future Considerations: High Octane, Low Carbon Fuels

	Gasoline <sup>a</sup>	Ethanol
RON	91-93	109 %
MON	81-84	90 *
AKI	87-88	99
NHV (MJ/kg fuel) at 25°C	44 °	26.9
(MJ/L fuel)	33	21.1
HoV (MJ/kg fuel) at 25°C	0.35 °	0.92 4
(MJ/L fuel)	0.26	0.72
(MJ/MJ LHV)	0.0080	0.034
Stoich. air-fuel ratio (kg/kg)	14.6°	9.0°
Density (kg/L) at 25°C	0.72-0.78°	0.785 °
Molecular weight (g/mol)	95-115 ∝	46

Table 1. Properties of Gasoline and Ethanol

<sup>a</sup> Typical U.S. regular-grade gasoline without ethanol (E0)

<sup>b</sup> Hunwartzen [6]

<sup>c</sup> Heywood [7]

<sup>d</sup> NIST Chemistry Webbook [8]

<sup>e</sup> American Petroleum Institute [9], SAE International

- India can gain from environmental and economic benefits that ethanol blending can provide.
  - Ethanol is a renewable energy source that can serve policy, performance, and supply goals.
  - Ethanol is priced competitively against other octane additives.
  - Ethanol brings dilution benefits that are also economic.
- Effective specifications must support both policy and the market needs.
  - Ethanol capital investment can have a short Return on Investment (ROI) due to the price and dilution economic benefits.
- Expanded global trade is a benefit of introducing new renewable energy sources like ethanol.

## **ANY QUESTIONS?**

Thank you very much!



#### Thank you!

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