

Petrol or Diesel?

Which is the better choice for you?

With diesel fuel usually costing more per litre, and diesel-powered vehicles being more expensive to buy than their petrol-powered equivalents, why are diesel vehicles popular?

When purchasing, or deciding to purchase your next vehicle should you consider a diesel powered vehicle?

Here are some advantages and disadvantages to each option.

PETROL

Advantages

- * Cheaper per litre
- * Lower initial vehicle cost
- * Engine repairs and service visits are less frequent

Disadvantages

- * Less capable, in comparison, of pulling heavy loads
- * Higher CO2 emissions
- * Engine doesn't last as long as Diesel equivalent

DIESEL

Advantages

- * Travel 20% - 50% further on a litre of diesel fuel than the petrol equivalent
- * Vehicle holds better resale value
- * Produces lower greenhouse gas emission per kilometer travelled

Disadvantages

- * More expensive per litre,
- * Engine repairs to diesel motors are more expensive
- * Maintaining vehicle is more frequent

The general consensus is that diesel engines are a better choice for trucks and 4WD vehicles, whilst petrol options suit the average buyer of a family-size or compact car.

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