



# FLEET SERVICES NEWSLETTER

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## Are You Under Enough Pressure?

Who isn't; but the tires on your vehicle may **not** be under enough pressure. When the weather gets colder, the volume of air in your tire shrinks reducing tire pressure. That may cause the low tire pressure light (this looks like a tire with an exclamation point between the sidewalls) to illuminate on your dashboard.

When you put air in the offending tire, you may notice the light does not go out immediately. Drive the vehicle for a few miles and see if it goes out. If the light doesn't go out take a look at your owner's manual. Several manufacturers have complicated processes you must perform in order to get this light to reset. If you have difficulties, the light won't go out or it goes out then comes back on, call the shop for an appointment and we'll take a look.

## What Does That Ethanol Sticker on The Back of My Vehicle Mean?

Every vehicle in our fleet has a yellow bumper sticker on the back bumper or in the back windshield. This means that it is fueled with ethanol (when fueled at our pumps). That may be either E-10 ([aka gasohol]10% ethanol/90% unleaded) or E-85 (85% ethanol/15% unleaded). How do you know which type of fuel your vehicle takes? Look at your colored key tag. It if says "FLEX" that means it is flex fuel and can use E-85. If it doesn't say FLEX, then it takes E-10. Another hint is the color of your gas cap. If it is yellow, then the vehicle can use E-85.

**You cannot put the wrong fuel in at our pumps.** The chip key is coded to allow only the correct fuel to dispense. However, be careful when fueling at a commercial station. Do not put E-85 in a vehicle not designed to use this fuel. If in doubt, use E-10.

## What To Do With Your Little Animals?

Do what I do with mine. Send her (or him) to school with the goal of supporting you in the style you deserve in your old age!! However, those are not the animals I am talking about. I am talking about the furry ones, the ones that leave hair all over the seats of my vehicles. **ANIMALS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN STATE VEHICLES.**

We have had several instances recently where employees, travelling on University business, took their pets with them. Unless the animal is a service animal or a research

animal, it cannot be in our vehicles. We do not have the capability of cleaning the vehicle sufficiently for those future customers who may have allergies. So, we send the vehicle out for professional detailing at the renting departments expense. Please call if you have any questions regarding this policy!!

## The One Class You Want a "D" In

If you are driving a vehicle with a Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) of 16,001 pounds or over or if the vehicle GVWR and the GVWR of the trailer you are towing are equal to or greater than 16,001 pounds then you need a class "D" license. Here is a link with information on Iowa license classes. <http://www.iowadot.gov/MVD/ODS/types.htm>

Here is a link with some information on the Commercial Driver's License. Page 3 of this document has a nice flow chart to determine if a CDL is required. <http://www.iowadot.gov/MVD/ODS/cdl/cdlnut.pdf>

## The 2010 Fuel Economy Guide is Now Available

If you are searching for a resource to compare fuel economy for various vehicles, this guide is very helpful. Here is a link to the guide. <http://www.fueleconomy.gov/feg/FEG2010.pdf>

## Car Joke of the Month

Thanks to Doug Y for this joke. A guy walks into a bar carrying a set of jumper cables and asks for a drink. The bartender looks the guy over and says, "Fine, one drink, but don't start anything!"

## Fleet Services Factoid

According to the 2010 Fuel Economy Guide, the vehicle with the highest highway MPG is the 2010 Toyota Prius at 48 MPG. It is also rated at 51 MPG in the city.

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