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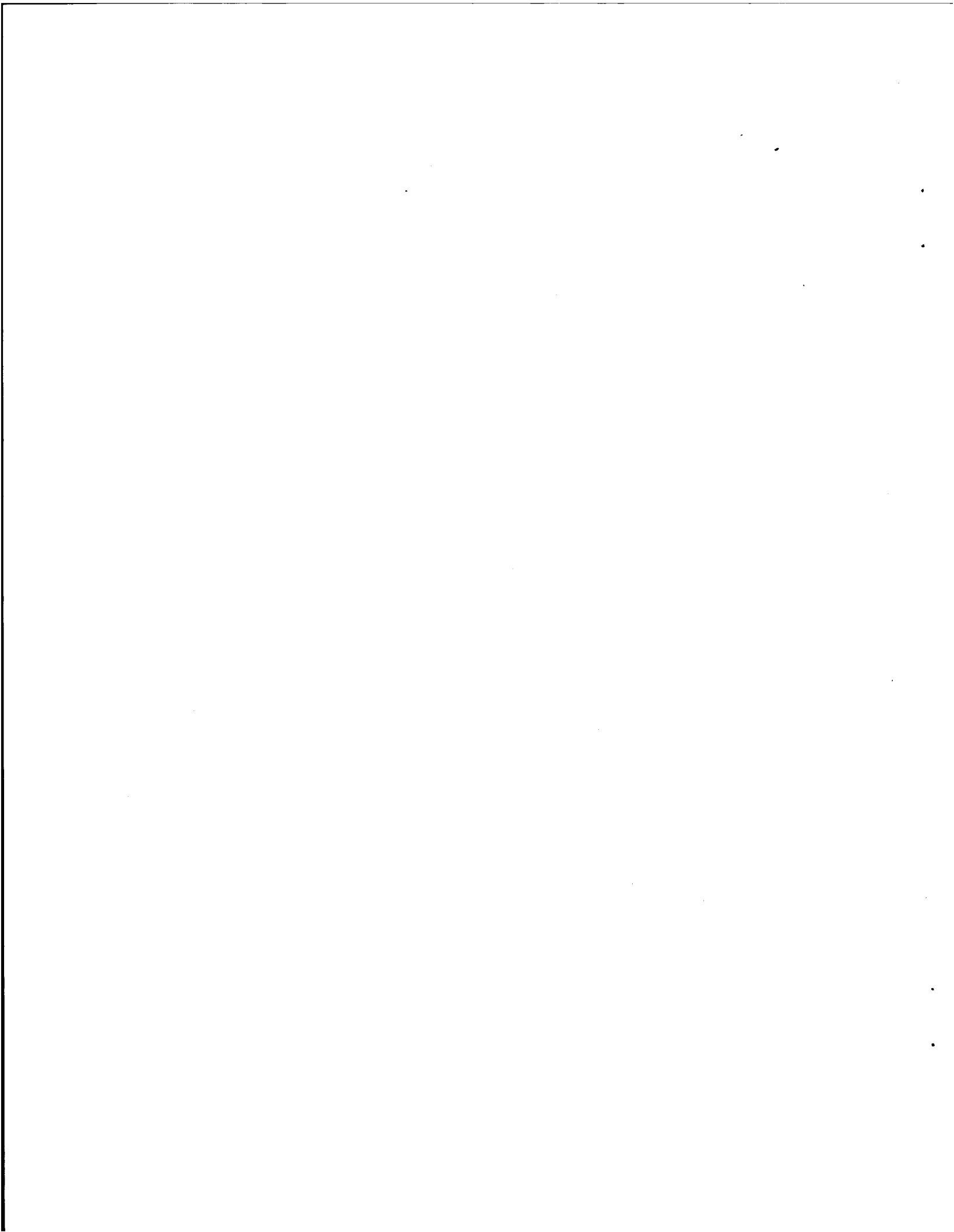
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16. Abstract This report is intended as a concise reference for transit managers and other fleet managers on the properties of alternative vehicle fuels. The report contains information on a wide variety of fuel properties for a number of alternative fuels under consideration for transit bus fleets. Properties of conventional fuels are also included for comparison. The fuels covered include: hydrogen, compressed natural gas, propane gas, methanol, ethanol, biodiesel, gasoline, and diesel. For each of these fuels, key properties are listed under the categories of Physical Properties, Chemical Composition, Combustion Properties, Energy Content, Energy Comparisons, and Health Properties. The report contains references to related literature sources.					
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1 inch (in) = 2.5 centimeters (cm)
 1 foot (ft) = 30 centimeters (cm)
 1 yard (yd) = 0.9 meter (m)
 1 mile (mi) = 1.6 kilometers (km)

AREA (APPROXIMATE)

1 square inch (sq in, in²) = 6.5 square centimeters (cm²)
 1 square foot (sq ft, ft²) = 0.09 square meter (m²)
 1 square yard (sq yd, yd²) = 0.8 square meter (m²)
 1 square mile (sq mi, mi²) = 2.6 square kilometers (km²)
 1 acre = 0.4 hectares (he) = 4,000 square meters (m²)

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 1 pound (lb) = .45 kilogram (kg)
 1 short ton = 2,000 pounds (lb) = 0.9 tonne (t)

VOLUME (APPROXIMATE)

1 teaspoon (tsp) = 5 milliliters (ml)
 1 tablespoon (tbsp) = 15 milliliters (ml)
 1 fluid ounce (fl oz) = 30 milliliters (ml)
 1 cup (c) = 0.24 liter (l)
 1 pint (pt) = 0.47 liter (l)
 1 quart (qt) = 0.96 liter (l)
 1 gallon (gal) = 3.8 liters (l)
 1 cubic foot (cu ft, ft³) = 0.03 cubic meter (m³)
 1 cubic yard (cu yd, yd³) = 0.76 cubic meter (m³)

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 1 meter (m) = 1.1 yards (yd)
 1 kilometer (km) = 0.6 mile (mi)

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1 square centimeter (cm²) = 0.16 square inch (sq in, in²)
 1 square meter (m²) = 1.2 square yards (sq yd, yd²)
 1 square kilometer (km²) = 0.4 square mile (sq mi, mi²)
 1 hectare (he) = 10,000 square meters (m²) = 2.5 acres

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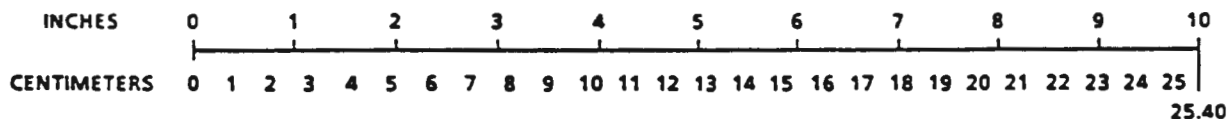
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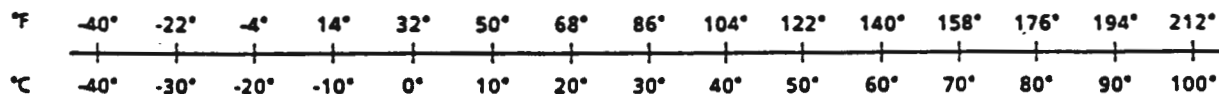
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INTRODUCTION

As interest in alternative fuels grows, the need for data on various fuel properties grows also. This report on alternative fuel properties is intended to provide a convenient reference to a number of alternative fuel properties. In this edition, two additional alternative fuels have been included -- hydrogen and biodiesel.

Hydrogen is of importance not only as a possible internal combustion engine fuel, but also for its role as the primary fuel for fuel cells. The information for hydrogen is given for fuel storage in either gaseous or liquid form. However, we recognize that developments in metal hydride technology to store hydrogen are also proceeding.

Biodiesel fuels are prepared through the reaction of various vegetable oils with methanol in a process called transesterification. Thus, the biodiesel data given are for this product and not for the vegetable oil itself. Because the amount of research data on the use of biodiesel fuels is less than for some other alternative fuels, not all fuel property data were available for inclusion in this report. Additional data will be included in later editions.

Even though some penalty in readability is extracted, an attempt has been made to provide literature references to virtually all the data in the table. Many of these references also contain explanatory material that could not be included in the tables proper. The reader is urged to consult these references and also the accompanying glossary for additional information on the origin, derivation, and meaning of the data in the tables.

Fuel cost data, formerly contained in this document, are now contained in a separate alternative fuel cost report which can be updated more frequently.

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UNIT ABBREVIATIONS

<u>Abbrev.</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Description</u>
C	degrees Celsius	temperature
cP	centipoise	viscosity
gal	gallons	fluid volume
GJ	gigajoules	energy (10^9 joules)
$g/m^2\cdot s$	grams per square meter per sec.	burning rate: mass per unit area per unit time
kg	kilograms	mass
kg/L	kilograms per liter	density
kJ/kg	kilojoules per kilogram	energy per unit mass
kJ/L	kilojoules per liter	energy per unit volume
kPa	kilopascals	pressure (103 kPa= 1 atm)
mJ	millijoules	energy
MJ	megajoules	energy
MJ/kg	megajoules per kilogram	energy per unit mass
m/s	meters per second	velocity
ppm	parts per million	vapor concentration
$\mu S/m$	microsiemens per meter	electrical conductivity

OTHER ABBREVIATIONS

Alg.	Algerian
coeff.	coefficient
cond.	conductivity
CHG	Compressed hydrogen gas
CNG	Compressed natural gas
exp.	expansion
HHV	higher heating value (energy with heat of water vaporization)
ign.	ignition
LHG	Liquefied hydrogen gas
LHV	lower heating value (energy without heat of water vaporization)
LM	Commercial liquid methane
LNG	Liquified natural gas
N.A.	Not applicable
NG	Natural gas
press.	pressure
pt.	point
temp.	temperature
wt.	weight

See Glossary for additional definitions and explanation.

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ALTERNATIVE FUEL DATA SUMMARY: Physical Properties

See accompanying glossary for explanation of terms.

	Hydrogen	Natural Gas	Propane	Methanol	Ethanol	Biodiesel	Gasoline	Diesel Fuel
Appearance	Colorless gas	Colorless gas	Easily liquified gas	Clear liquid	Clear liquid	Amber liquid	Clear-amber liquid	Amber liquid
Boiling pt., C	-253 ⁽¹⁾	-162 ⁽²⁾	-38 ⁽³⁾	65 ⁽⁴⁾	78.5 ⁽⁵⁾	approx. 280 ⁽⁶⁾	33-213 ⁽⁷⁾	188-340 ⁽⁸⁾
Fuel density, kg/L	CHG: 0.0175 ⁽⁹⁾ LHG: 0.071 ⁽¹⁰⁾	CNG: 0.19 ⁽¹¹⁾ Algerian LNG: 0.453 ⁽¹²⁾ LM: 0.424 ⁽¹³⁾	0.51 ⁽¹⁴⁾	0.791 ⁽¹⁵⁾	0.789 ⁽¹⁶⁾	0.889 ⁽¹⁷⁾	0.77 ⁽¹⁸⁾	0.81-0.88, Avg:0.85 ⁽¹⁹⁾
Relative vapor density, air = 1.00	0.07 ⁽²⁰⁾	0.60 ⁽²¹⁾	1.5 ⁽²²⁾	1.11 ⁽²³⁾	1.6 ⁽²⁴⁾	10 ⁽²⁵⁾	2-4 ⁽²⁶⁾	4-6 ⁽²⁷⁾
Reid vapor press, kPa	N.A. (gas)	N.A.(gas)	1400 ⁽²⁸⁾	32 ⁽²⁹⁾	15 ⁽³⁰⁾	0.001 ⁽³¹⁾	50-100 ⁽³²⁾	0.1-1.5 ⁽³³⁾
Heat of vapor., kJ/kg	58 ⁽³⁴⁾	509 ⁽³⁵⁾	425 ⁽³⁶⁾	1167 ⁽³⁷⁾	920 ⁽³⁸⁾	440 ⁽³⁹⁾	275-365 ⁽⁴⁰⁾	225-280 ⁽⁴¹⁾
Water soluble	no ⁽⁴²⁾	no ⁽⁴³⁾	no ⁽⁴⁴⁾	yes ⁽⁴⁵⁾	yes ⁽⁴⁶⁾	no ⁽⁴⁷⁾	no ⁽⁴⁸⁾	no ⁽⁴⁹⁾
Viscosity, cP @ 15 C	H ₂ : 0.009 ⁽⁵⁰⁾ LHG: 0.013 ⁽⁵¹⁾	NG: 0.011 ⁽⁵²⁾ CNG: 0.018 ⁽⁵³⁾ LNG: 0.202 ⁽⁵⁴⁾	0.008 (gas) ⁽⁵⁵⁾ 0.121 (liq) ⁽⁵⁶⁾	0.65 ⁽⁵⁷⁾	1.3 ⁽⁵⁸⁾	3.6 @ 40 C ⁽⁵⁹⁾	0.64 ⁽⁶⁰⁾	2.6 ⁽⁶¹⁾
Cloud pt., C	N.A. (gas)	N.A. (gas)	N.A. (gas)	N.A. ⁽⁶²⁾	N.A. ⁽⁶³⁾	0 ⁽⁶⁴⁾		-20 ⁽⁶⁵⁾
Pour pt., C	N.A. (gas)	N.A. (gas)	N.A. (gas)	N.A. ⁽⁶⁶⁾	N.A. ⁽⁶⁷⁾	-4 ⁽⁶⁸⁾	-60 ⁽⁶⁹⁾	-29 ⁽⁷⁰⁾

	Hydrogen	Natural Gas	Propane	Methanol	Ethanol	Biodiesel	Gasoline	Diesel Fuel
Coeff. Cubical Exp.	CHG: N.A. ⁽⁷¹⁾	CNG: N.A. ⁽⁷²⁾	1.6 ⁽⁷³⁾	1.20 ⁽⁷⁴⁾	1.12 ⁽⁷⁵⁾		1.08 ⁽⁷⁶⁾	0.81 ⁽⁷⁷⁾
Electrical Cond., uS/m	N.A. (gas)	N.A. (gas)	N.A. (gas)	44 ⁽⁷⁸⁾	0.14 ⁽⁷⁹⁾		0.000001 ⁽⁸⁰⁾	0.0001 ⁽⁸¹⁾

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ALTERNATIVE FUEL DATA SUMMARY: Chemical Composition

See accompanying glossary for explanation of terms.

	Hydrogen	Natural Gas	Propane	Methanol	Ethanol	Biodiesel	Gasoline	Diesel Fuel
Chemical Formula	H ₂	85-95% CH ₄ ⁽⁸²⁾	Mainly C ₃ H ₈ ⁽⁸³⁾	CH ₃ OH ⁽⁸⁴⁾	C ₂ H ₅ OH ⁽⁸⁵⁾	CH _{1.8} O _{0.1} ⁽⁸⁶⁾	C ₄ -C ₁₂	C ₁₄ -C ₁₉
Carbon, wt %	0	75.44 ⁽⁸⁷⁾	81.71 ⁽⁸⁸⁾	37.49 ⁽⁸⁹⁾	52.14 ⁽⁹⁰⁾	78.0 ⁽⁹¹⁾	86.74 ⁽⁹²⁾	87.3 ⁽⁹³⁾
Hydrogen, wt %	100.0	24.56 ⁽⁹⁴⁾	18.28 ⁽⁹⁵⁾	12.58 ⁽⁹⁶⁾	13.13 ⁽⁹⁷⁾	11.7 ⁽⁹⁸⁾	13.22 ⁽⁹⁹⁾	12.5 ⁽¹⁰⁰⁾
Oxygen, wt %	0	0 ⁽¹⁰¹⁾	0 ⁽¹⁰²⁾	49.94 ⁽¹⁰³⁾	34.73 ⁽¹⁰⁴⁾	10.3 ⁽¹⁰⁵⁾	0 ⁽¹⁰⁶⁾	0 ⁽¹⁰⁷⁾
Sulfur, ppm by weight	0	11 ⁽¹⁰⁸⁾	<123 ⁽¹⁰⁹⁾	<100 ⁽¹¹⁰⁾	<100 ⁽¹¹¹⁾	<50 ppm ⁽¹¹²⁾	339 ⁽¹¹³⁾	2000 ⁽¹¹⁴⁾ After 1 Oct 93: <500 ⁽¹¹⁵⁾
Nitrogen, ppm by weight	0	0 ⁽¹¹⁶⁾	0 ⁽¹¹⁷⁾	0	0	29 ⁽¹¹⁸⁾	29 ⁽¹¹⁹⁾	

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ALTERNATIVE FUEL DATA SUMMARY: Combustion Properties

See accompanying glossary for explanation of terms.

	Hydrogen	Natural Gas	Propane	Methanol	Ethanol	Biodiesel	Gasoline	Diesel Fuel
Flash point, C	Already a gas	Already a gas	Already a gas	11 ⁽¹²⁰⁾	13 ⁽¹²¹⁾	118 ⁽¹²²⁾	-43 ⁽¹²³⁾	58-116, Avg.73 ⁽¹²⁴⁾
Autoignition temp., C	400 ⁽¹²⁵⁾	450 ⁽¹²⁶⁾	450 ⁽¹²⁷⁾	385 ⁽¹²⁸⁾	365 ⁽¹²⁹⁾	250 ⁽¹³⁰⁾	300 ⁽¹³¹⁾	230 ⁽¹³²⁾
Spark ign. energy, mJ	0.017 ⁽¹³³⁾	0.29 ⁽¹³⁴⁾	0.25 ⁽¹³⁵⁾	0.14 ⁽¹³⁶⁾	0.2 ⁽¹³⁷⁾		0.24 ⁽¹³⁸⁾	0.24 ⁽¹³⁹⁾
Flammability Limits, %	4.0-75 ⁽¹⁴⁰⁾	5-15 ⁽¹⁴¹⁾	2.1-9.5 ⁽¹⁴²⁾	6.7-13 ⁽¹⁴³⁾	3.3-5.4 ⁽¹⁴⁴⁾		1.4-7.6 ⁽¹⁴⁵⁾	0.6-5.5
Stoichiometric Air/Fuel Ratio	34.5 ⁽¹⁴⁶⁾	17.2 ⁽¹⁴⁷⁾	15.7 ⁽¹⁴⁸⁾	6.45 ⁽¹⁴⁹⁾	9.0 ⁽¹⁵⁰⁾	12.6 ⁽¹⁵¹⁾	14.7 ⁽¹⁵²⁾	15.0 ⁽¹⁵³⁾
Octane number	Poor ⁽¹⁵⁴⁾	117 ⁽¹⁵⁵⁾	106 ⁽¹⁵⁶⁾	99 ⁽¹⁵⁷⁾	98 ⁽¹⁵⁸⁾	73 ⁽¹⁵⁹⁾	87 ⁽¹⁶⁰⁾	30 ⁽¹⁶¹⁾
Cetane number		-10 ⁽¹⁶²⁾	-5 to 0 ⁽¹⁶³⁾	0-4 ⁽¹⁶⁴⁾	5-15 ⁽¹⁶⁵⁾	47 ⁽¹⁶⁶⁾ -52 ⁽¹⁶⁷⁾	8-14 ⁽¹⁶⁸⁾	40-47, Avg. 45 ⁽¹⁶⁹⁾
Flame visibility, relative		0.6 ⁽¹⁷⁰⁾	0.6 ⁽¹⁷¹⁾	0.0003 ⁽¹⁷²⁾	0.03 ⁽¹⁷³⁾		1.0 ⁽¹⁷⁴⁾	1.0 ⁽¹⁷⁵⁾
Pool burn rate, g/m ² -s	CHG: N.A. (gas) LHG: 16 ⁽¹⁷⁶⁾	CNG: N.A. (gas) LNG: 78 ⁽¹⁷⁷⁾	99 ⁽¹⁷⁸⁾	17 ⁽¹⁷⁹⁾	15 ⁽¹⁸⁰⁾		55 ⁽¹⁸¹⁾	35-39 ⁽¹⁸²⁾

	Hydrogen	Natural Gas	Propane	Methanol	Ethanol	Biodiesel	Gasoline	Diesel Fuel
Flame spread rate, m/s	N.A. (gas)	N.A. (gas)	N.A. (gas)	2-4 ⁽¹⁸³⁾	unk.	unk.	4-6 ⁽¹⁸⁴⁾	0.02-0.08
Flame temp., C	2115 ⁽¹⁸⁵⁾	1884 ⁽¹⁸⁶⁾	1990 ⁽¹⁸⁷⁾	1886 ⁽¹⁸⁸⁾	1930 ⁽¹⁸⁹⁾	2003 ⁽¹⁹⁰⁾	1977 ⁽¹⁹¹⁾	2054 ⁽¹⁹²⁾

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ALTERNATIVE FUEL DATA SUMMARY: Energy Content
See accompanying glossary for explanation of terms.

	Hydrogen	Natural Gas	Propane	Methanol	Ethanol	Biodiesel	Gasoline	Diesel Fuel
Fuel energy value , LHV, MJ/kg	120.0 ⁽¹⁹³⁾	Avg. NG: 47.0 ⁽¹⁹⁴⁾ Alg. LNG: 48.8 ⁽¹⁹⁵⁾ LM: 49.7 ⁽¹⁹⁶⁾	46.3 ⁽¹⁹⁷⁾	20.1 ⁽¹⁹⁸⁾	27.0 ⁽¹⁹⁹⁾	37.3 ⁽²⁰⁰⁾	42.6 ⁽²⁰¹⁾	42.8 ⁽²⁰²⁾
Fuel energy value, LHV, MJ/L	CHG: 2.1 ⁽²⁰³⁾ LHG: 8.5 ⁽²⁰⁴⁾	CNG: 8.9 ⁽²⁰⁵⁾ Alg. LNG: 22.1 ⁽²⁰⁶⁾ LM: 21.1 ⁽²⁰⁷⁾	23.6 ⁽²⁰⁸⁾ In tank: 18.9 ⁽²⁰⁹⁾	15.9 ⁽²¹⁰⁾	21.3 ⁽²¹¹⁾	33.2 ⁽²¹²⁾	32.9 ⁽²¹³⁾	36.4 ⁽²¹⁴⁾
Fuel energy value, HHV, MJ/kg	141.8 ⁽²¹⁵⁾	Avg. NG: 52.2 ⁽²¹⁶⁾ Alg. LNG: 54.1 ⁽²¹⁷⁾ LM: 55.2 ⁽²¹⁸⁾	50.3 ⁽²¹⁹⁾	22.7 ⁽²²⁰⁾	29.7 ⁽²²¹⁾	39.7 ⁽²²²⁾	45.4 ⁽²²³⁾	45.6 ⁽²²⁴⁾
Fuel energy value, HHV, MJ/L	CHG: 2.5 ⁽²²⁵⁾ LHG: 10.0 ⁽²²⁶⁾	CNG: 9.8 ⁽²²⁷⁾ Alg. LNG: 22.5 ⁽²²⁸⁾ LM: 23.4 ⁽²²⁹⁾	25.7 ⁽²³⁰⁾ In tank: 20.5 ⁽²³¹⁾	18.0 ⁽²³²⁾	23.4 ⁽²³³⁾	35.3 ⁽²³⁴⁾	34.0 ⁽²³⁵⁾	38.8 ⁽²³⁶⁾

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ALTERNATIVE FUEL DATA SUMMARY: Energy Comparisons

See accompanying glossary for explanation of terms.

	Hydrogen	Natural Gas	Propane	Methanol	Ethanol	Biodiesel	Gasoline	Diesel Fuel
Mass fuel with same energy (LHV) as one mass of diesel:	0.36 ⁽²³⁷⁾	0.91 ⁽²³⁸⁾	0.92 ⁽²³⁹⁾	2.13 ⁽²⁴⁰⁾	1.59 ⁽²⁴¹⁾	1.15 ⁽²⁴²⁾	1.00 ⁽²⁴³⁾	1 ⁽²⁴⁴⁾
Mass fuel with same energy (LHV) as one mass of gasoline:	0.36 ⁽²⁴⁵⁾	0.91 ⁽²⁴⁶⁾	0.92 ⁽²⁴⁷⁾	2.12 ⁽²⁴⁸⁾	1.58 ⁽²⁴⁹⁾	1.14 ⁽²⁵⁰⁾	1 ⁽²⁵¹⁾	1.00 ⁽²⁵²⁾
Volume fuel with same energy (LHV) as one volume of diesel:	CHG: 17.3 ⁽²⁵³⁾ LHG: 4.3 ⁽²⁵⁴⁾	CNG: 4.09 ⁽²⁵⁵⁾ LNG: 1.65 ⁽²⁵⁶⁾	1.54 ⁽²⁵⁷⁾ In tank: 1.93 ⁽²⁵⁸⁾	2.29 ⁽²⁵⁹⁾	1.71 ⁽²⁶⁰⁾	1.10 ⁽²⁶¹⁾	1.11 ⁽²⁶²⁾	1 ⁽²⁶³⁾
Volume fuel with same energy (LHV) as one volume of gasoline:	CHG: 15.7 ⁽²⁶⁴⁾ LHG: 3.9 ⁽²⁶⁵⁾	CNG: 3.70 ⁽²⁶⁶⁾ LNG: 1.49 ⁽²⁶⁷⁾	1.37 ⁽²⁶⁸⁾	2.04 ⁽²⁶⁹⁾	1.54 ⁽²⁷⁰⁾	0.99 ⁽²⁷¹⁾	1 ⁽²⁷²⁾	0.89 ⁽²⁷³⁾

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ALTERNATIVE FUEL DATA SUMMARY: Health Properties

See accompanying glossary for explanation of terms.

	Hydrogen	Natural Gas	Propane	Methanol	Ethanol	Biodiesel	Gasoline	Diesel Fuel
Odor threshold, ppm	Odorless	10,000(with odorant) ⁽²⁷⁴⁾	4200 (with odorant) ⁽²⁷⁵⁾	2000 (100-5900) ⁽²⁷⁶⁾	10 ⁽²⁷⁷⁾	See value for diesel fuel ⁽²⁷⁸⁾	0.2 ⁽²⁷⁹⁾	0.08 ⁽²⁸⁰⁾
TLV-TWA, ppm	none est. ⁽²⁸¹⁾	10,500 ⁽²⁸²⁾	1000 ⁽²⁸³⁾	200 ⁽²⁸⁴⁾	1000 ⁽²⁸⁵⁾	See value for diesel fuel ⁽²⁸⁶⁾	300 ⁽²⁸⁷⁾	14 ⁽²⁸⁸⁾
TLV-STEL, ppm	none est. ⁽²⁸⁹⁾	none est. ⁽²⁹⁰⁾	none est. ⁽²⁹¹⁾	250 ⁽²⁹²⁾	none est. ⁽²⁹³⁾	none est. ⁽²⁹⁴⁾	500 ⁽²⁹⁵⁾	none est. ⁽²⁹⁶⁾
Vapor Hazard Ratio	N.A. (gas)	N.A. (gas)	N.A. (gas)	820 ⁽²⁹⁷⁾	76 ⁽²⁹⁸⁾	See value for diesel fuel ⁽²⁹⁹⁾	approx. 1000	approx. 1

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GLOSSARY

Appearance The way the fuel appears to the eye.

Autoignition Temperature The temperature at which a substance will ignite in the absence of an external ignition source. In other words, ignition from heat alone and not from a spark or flame.

Biodiesel Biodiesel fuel is a fuel made by reacting vegetable oils, such as soybean or canola oil with methanol to make a product that is less viscous and more suitable as a diesel engine fuel. The term *biodiesel* is sometimes used to refer to a mixture of this vegetable oil product with diesel fuel. Biodiesel made from soybean oil is sometimes called methyl soyate because chemically this fuel is in a class of chemical compounds called esters which are usually named with an -ate ending.

Boiling Point The temperature at which the liquid boils at a given pressure, usually atmospheric. Methanol and ethanol are pure substances and have definite boiling points, while natural gas, commercial propane, gasoline and diesel fuel, being mixtures, boil over a range of temperatures.

Carbon, Hydrogen, Oxygen Weight Percent The percent by weight of each element in the fuel. The weight percents can be used to calculate an apparent chemical formula for the fuel, which may then be used in combustion calculations.

Cetane Number A measure of the tendency of a fuel to cause engine knock in a diesel engine. The scale is based on a comparison of the knock tendency of the fuel in question to that of two reference fuels, cetane and alpha-methylnaphthalene. Cetane, which has good compression ignition properties is assigned a value of 100. Alpha-methylnaphthalene, which has very poor compression ignition qualities is assigned a value of zero. Fuels with high cetane numbers tend to have low octane numbers and vice versa.

Chemical Formula The chemical composition. Methanol and ethanol are pure substances with a definite formula. Natural gas, commercial propane, gasoline, and diesel fuel have variable compositions.

Cloud Point The temperature at which a liquid fuel just shows a cloud or haze of wax crystals when cooled under standard test conditions as defined in ASTM test D-2500.

Coeff. Cubical Expansion The coefficient of cubical expansion is the increase in volume experienced by the liquid fuel as the temperature increases. The coefficients cited in this table are 1000 times the change in fuel density per degree C at 20 C.

Diesel Fuel Diesel fuel the most common fuel for heavy duty engines and therefore a standard of comparison for other, alternative fuels.

Electrical Conductivity The degree to which a fluid will conduct electricity. A typical conductivity for water in a city supply (Chicago) is 26,000 uS/m.

Ethanol Ethanol is an alternative fuel that belongs (along with methanol, isopropanol, etc) to the general class of alcohols. Ethanol fuel is usually used in some type of fuel blend. Because of its tax-free status, fuel ethanol must be "denatured" to prevent diversion to a taxable use for beverages. This means some other chemical is mixed with the ethanol such that the resulting mixture cannot be consumed. There are many different approved denaturants. These denaturants are chosen to be compatible with the intended use of the ethanol while also being difficult to remove.

Flammability Limits The range of volume percents of fuel vapors in air over which burning can occur. Below the lower flammability limit there is not enough fuel to burn. Above the higher flammability limit there is not enough air to support combustion.

Gasoline In this report gasoline refers to 87 octane unleaded gasoline.

Flash Point The temperature below which the liquid does not produce sufficient vapors for immediate ignition by an external ignition source. If a flammable substance is not above its flash point, it must be heated to the flash point before ignition can occur.

Heat of Vaporization The amount of heat energy necessary to vaporize one kilogram of liquid fuel. For comparison, the latent heat of vaporization of water is 2550 kJ/kg.

Flame Spread Rate The speed with which a flame will spread across the surface of a liquid pool of fuel.

Flame Temperature The temperature of a flame burning a stoichiometric mixture (neither fuel nor air is in excess) of fuel and air.

Flame Visibility The amount of visible light produced by a flame of burning fuel relative to the flame from burning unleaded gasoline.

Fuel Density The mass of the fuel per volume. Water has a density of 1 kg/L.

Fuel Energy Value The amount of energy contained in the fuel. Fuel heating values are listed as higher heating values, HHV, or lower heating values, LHV, depending on whether the latent heat of vaporization of the water formed from combustion of the fuel is considered to be available. If it is, then the higher or gross heating value is used. If the water formed from combustion is not condensed and therefore not considered to be available, then the lower, or net, heating value is used. In USA practice, gross fuel heating values are generally used for all types of energy analysis, except in the transportation industry. In Europe lower or net heating values are more common. In this table fuel values are also given on both a mass and a volume basis, e.g. MJ/kg and MJ/L.

Hydrogen An alternative fuel consisting of hydrogen gas. Hydrogen gas has the formula H_2 .

Methanol Methanol is an alternative fuel that belongs (along with ethanol, isopropanol, etc) to the general class of alcohols. Fuel methanol is usually at least 98 percent pure methanol.

Natural Gas An alternative fuel, natural gas is the same natural gas burned for heating and cooking. Natural gas varies in composition with location. Natural gas is usually more than 90 percent methane with smaller amounts of other hydrocarbons.

Nitrogen, ppm by Weight The amount of nitrogen that is chemically combined with the fuel. This nitrogen content does not include nitrogen gas from the atmosphere.

Octane Number A measure of the tendency of a fuel to cause engine knock in a spark-ignited engine. The scale is based on a comparison of the knock tendency of the fuel in question to that of two reference fuels, isooctane and n-heptane. Isooctane, which has good knock resistance is assigned a value of 100. N-heptane, which has very poor knock resistance is assigned a value of zero. Fuels with high octane numbers tend to have low cetane numbers and vice versa.

Odor Threshold The lowest concentration at which the human nose can detect that an odor is present (compared to purified, odor-free air), but not necessarily identify the odor.

Pool Burn Rate The rate at which fuel in a pool of fuel burns. The rate is given as the mass of fuel burned per unit of time per unit area. The burn rate is a measure of the intensity of the fire which may result from a given size fuel spill.

Pour Point The lowest temperature at which a fuel will just flow when tested under standard conditions as defined in ASTM test D-97.

Propane Commercial propane usually contains 90 percent or more of the hydrocarbon propane along with smaller amounts of other hydrocarbons. Liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) is a broader term which includes commercial propane as well

as other fuel gas mixtures (such as butane-propane mixtures) which can be liquified under moderate pressure.

Reid Vapor Pressure The pressure exerted by the vapor over the liquid in a closed container of a specified type at 38 C. Reid vapor pressure is a measure of the fuel volatility.

Relative Fuel Vapor Density The density of the fuel vapor compared to air. Thus, on this scale, air equals 1.00.

Viscosity The resistance to flow of a fluid. The viscosity of water at room temperature is approximately 1.0 cP.

Spark Ignition Energy The minimum spark size required to ignite the most flammable mixture of the vapor and air under the most favorable conditions. The details of the test apparatus used can easily account for a factor of two variation in the experimental results. Note also that a typical two-cell flashlight produces about 2000 mJ of energy per second, so the ignition energies listed represent very small amounts of energy.

STEL Short-term exposure limit type of threshold limit value. The maximum concentration to which workers can be exposed for a period of up to 15 minutes without suffering from irritation, tissue change, or narcosis.

Stoichiometric Air/Fuel Ratio The mass of air that is just enough to burn a unit mass of fuel. A stoichiometric ratio of 6.45 implies that one kg of fuel requires 6.45 kg of air for combustion if neither fuel nor air is to be in excess.

Sulfur, ppm by Weight The amount of sulfur in the fuel.

TLV Threshold limit value. The airborne concentration of a substance to which it is believed that nearly all workers may be exposed day after day without adverse effects.

TWA Time-weighted average type of threshold limit value. The time-weighted average for an 8-hour workday or a 40-hour week to which all workers can be repeatedly exposed without ill effects.

Volume Fuel with Same Energy This is the ratio of the volumetric energy content of the fuel to that of gasoline or diesel fuel. Numerically, this is the ratio of the lower heating value(LHV) in MJ/L for the fuel to the lower heating value of gasoline or diesel fuel in MJ/L.

Vapor Hazard Ratio Ratio (ppm/ppm) of equilibrium vapor pressure at 25 C to the threshold limit value. The vapor hazard ratio is a measure of the tendency of a substance to form hazardous vapors.

Water Solubility The degree to which the fuel will dissolve in water. Methanol and ethanol will mix with water in any proportion, and are said to be totally miscible with water.

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163. Estimated, based on an octane number of 106 for propane reported in Kirk-Othmer Encyclopedia of Chemical Technology Vol. 11, p. 691, and a correlation between octane number and cetane number reported in The Internal Combustion Engine, by F.A.F. Schmidt, p. 140. LPG is generally 90-95 percent propane. The presence of propene is reported to change the octane number only slightly as compared

with pure propane.

164. Cetane number values are reported in several reports:

"Alternative Fuels in Diesel Engines--A Review," C.D. Wood, SAE Paper 810248 (1981).

"Use of Alcohol-in-Diesel-Fuel Emulsions and Solutions in a Medium Speed Diesel Engine," Q.A. Baker, SAE Paper 810254 (1981).

"The Utilization of Alternative Fuels in a Diesel Engine Using Different Methods," E. Holmer, P.S. Berg, B-I Bertilsson, SAE Paper 800544 (1980).

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166. Value given is for sunflower oil-based biodiesel fuel. The cetane number of soybean oil-based biodiesel fuel is expected to be similar. Sunflower oil value from: "Diesel Engine Combustion of Sunflower Oil Fuels," J. Zubik, S.C. Sorenson, and C.E. Goering, Transactions of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers, 27, 1252 (1984).

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170. Estimated to be 0.6 because radiant intensity has been shown to decrease as the hydrogen content of the fuel increases. See Gas Turbine Combustion, A.H. Lefebvre, 1983. p. 272.

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187. Calculated for propane and above heat of combustion using Battelle adiabatic flame temperature software.
188. Calculated for above molecular formula and heat of combustion using Battelle adiabatic flame temperature software.
189. Calculated for above molecular formula and heat of combustion using Battelle adiabatic flame temperature software.

190. Calculated for above molecular formula and heat of combustion using Battelle adiabatic flame temperature software.
191. Calculated for above heat of combustion and assuming hydrogen/carbon ratio of 2.0 using Battelle adiabatic flame temperature software.
192. Calculated for above heat of combustion and assuming hydrogen/carbon ratio of 1.8 using Battelle adiabatic flame temperature software.
193. Perry's Chemical Engineers' Handbook, Sixth Edition, Robert H. Perry and Don Green, Editors, 1984. p. 3-155.
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195. Based on composition of Algerian LNG reported in "Fuel Issues for Liquefied Natural Gas Vehicles," William E. Liss, Shiro Okazaki, George H. Acker, Jr., and David S. Moulton, SAE paper 922360, 1992. The Algerian LNG was 91.5 percent methane, 5.6 percent ethane, 1.5 percent propane, 0.5 percent butanes, and 0.9 percent nitrogen.
196. Based on the calculated heating value of liquid methane of composition 99.6 mole percent methane and 0.4 mole percent nitrogen.
197. Calculated heating value for fuel composition: propane, 95 percent; propylene, 2.5 percent, butane, 2.5 percent.
198. Internal Combustion Engines and Air Pollution, by E.F. Obert, p. 241. Same value is obtained by using JANAF heats of formation and equation for combustion of methanol:

$$\text{CH}_3\text{OH}(\text{l}) + 1.5 \text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{CO}_2 + 2 \text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{l})$$
199. Internal Combustion Engines and Air Pollution, by E.F. Obert, p. 241. Same value is obtained by using JANAF heats of formation and equation for combustion of ethanol:

$$\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OH}(\text{l}) + 3 \text{O}_2 \rightarrow 2 \text{CO}_2 + 3 \text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{l})$$
200. "Combustion of Soybean Oil Methyl Ester in a Direct Injection Diesel Engine," Kyle W. Scholl and Spencer C. Sorenson, SAE paper 930934. Table 3.
201. "Fuel Blending and Analysis for the Auto/Oil Air Quality Improvement Research Program", R.H. Pahl and M.J. McNally, SAE paper 902098 (1990). Table 10.
202. Based on higher heating value above, corrected using the expression: $\text{LHV} = \text{HHV} - 212(\% \text{H})$, found in Hydrocarbon Fuels, E.M. Goodger, p. 78. The %H was calculated using the expression: $\% \text{H} = 26 - (15)(\text{Density})$ found in ASHRAE Handbook, 1985 Fundamentals, p. 15.5.
203. Calculated using the lower heating value for hydrogen gas given above and the density of compressed hydrogen at 25 MPa.
204. Calculated using the lower heating value for hydrogen gas given above and the density of compressed hydrogen at 25 MPa.
205. Calculated using the lower heating value for natural gas given above and the density of compressed methane gas at 240 atm.

206. Based on composition of Algerian LNG reported in "Fuel Issues for Liquefied Natural Gas Vehicles," William E. Liss, Shiro Okazaki, George H. Acker, Jr., and David S. Moulton, SAE paper 922360, 1992 and the LNG fuel density calculation in "How to Calculate Density of NG at Cryogenic Temperatures," G.J. Boyle and D. Reece, Oil and Gas Journal, 18 Jan 1971, p. 56., and the fuel density reported above. The Algerian LNG was 91.5 percent methane, 5.6 percent ethane, 1.5 percent propane, 0.5 percent butanes, and 0.9 percent nitrogen.

207. Based on the calculated heating value of liquid methane of composition 99.6 mole percent methane and 0.4 mole percent nitrogen and the density as given above.

208. Calculated using the lower heating value above and a density of 0.51 kg/L.

209. Effective energy density only 80 percent of theoretical: Because of the possibility of fuel release upon fuel expansion due to an increase in ambient temperature, vehicle propane tanks are equipped with "stop fill" devices which permit only 80 percent of the tank volume to be filled by propane. "An Assessment of Propane as an Alternative Transportation Fuel in the United States," R.F. Webb Corporation report, June 1989. p. 8-30.

210. Calculated using lower heating value above and density of 0.791 kg/L.

211. Calculated using lower heating value above and density of 0.789 kg/L.

212. Calculated using lower heating value above and density from physical properties table.

213. Calculated using the lower heating value above and a density of 0.749 kg/L.

214. Calculated using the lower heating value given above and a density of 0.85 kg/L.

215. Perry's Chemical Engineers' Handbook, Sixth Edition, Robert H. Perry and Don Green, Editors, 1984. p. 3-155.

216. Based on average higher heating value for non-electric utility users of natural gas as listed in U.S. Energy Information Administration Monthly Energy Review, April 1990. p. 123.

217. Based on composition of Algerian LNG reported in "Fuel Issues for Liquefied Natural Gas Vehicles," William E. Liss, Shiro Okazaki, George H. Acker, Jr., and David S. Moulton, SAE paper 922360, 1992 and the LNG fuel density calculation in "How to Calculate Density of NG at Cryogenic Temperatures," G.J. Boyle and D. Reece, Oil and Gas Journal, 18 Jan 1971, p. 56. The Algerian LNG was 91.5 percent methane, 5.6 percent ethane, 1.5 percent propane, 0.5 percent butanes, and 0.9 percent nitrogen.

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220. Internal Combustion Engines and Air Pollution, by E.F. Obert, p. 241. Same value is obtained by using JANAF heats of formation and equation for combustion of methanol:
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221. Internal Combustion Engines and Air Pollution, by E.F. Obert, p. 241. Same value is obtained by using JANAF heats of formation and equation for combustion of methanol:
$$\text{CH}_3\text{OH(l)} + 1.5 \text{ O}_2 \rightarrow \text{CO}_2 + 2 \text{ H}_2\text{O(l)}$$

222. "Combustion of Soybean Oil Methyl Ester in a Direct Injection Diesel Engine," Kyle W. Scholl and Spencer C. Sorenson, SAE paper 930934. Table 3.
223. Based on lower heating value listed above, and the percent hydrogen listed below using the expression: $LHV = HHV - 212(\%H)$, found in Hydrocarbon Fuels, E.M. Goodger, p. 78.
224. Based on an average diesel fuel density of 0.85 and a correlation between density and heating value of:
Higher Heating Value, kJ/kg = $51\,916 - [8792 (\text{specific gravity})^2]$
Correlation from ASHRAE Handbook, 1985 Fundamentals Volume, p. 15.5.
225. Calculated using the higher heating value for hydrogen gas given above and the density of compressed hydrogen at 25 MPa.
226. Calculated using the higher heating value for hydrogen gas given above and the density of compressed hydrogen at 25 MPa.
227. Calculated using the higher heating value for natural gas given above and the density of compressed methane gas at 240 atm.
228. Based on composition of Algerian LNG reported in "Fuel Issues for Liquefied Natural Gas Vehicles," William E. Liss, Shiro Okazaki, George H. Acker, Jr., and David S. Moulton, SAE paper 922360, 1992 and the LNG fuel density calculation in "How to Calculate Density of NG at Cryogenic Temperatures," G.J. Boyle and D. Reece, Oil and Gas Journal, 18 Jan 1971, p. 56., and the fuel density reported above. The Algerian LNG was 91.5 percent methane, 5.6 percent ethane, 1.5 percent propane, 0.5 percent butanes, and 0.9 percent nitrogen.
229. Based on the calculated heating value of liquid methane of composition 99.6 mole percent methane and 0.4 mole percent nitrogen and the density as given above.
230. Calculated using the higher heating value above and a density of 0.51 kg/L.
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234. Calculated using higher heating value above and density from physical properties table.
235. Calculated using the higher heating value above and a density of 0.749 kg/L.
236. Calculated using the higher heating value above and a density of 0.85 kg/L.
237. Based on lower heating value of hydrogen in MJ/kg, above, and the lower heating value of diesel fuel in MJ/kg, above.
238. Based on lower heating value of natural gas in MJ/kg, above, and the lower heating value of diesel fuel in MJ/kg, above.

239. Based on lower heating value of propane in MJ/kg, above, and the lower heating value of diesel fuel in MJ/kg, above.
240. Based on lower heating value of methanol in MJ/kg, above, and the lower heating value of diesel fuel in MJ/kg, above.
241. Based on lower heating value of ethanol in MJ/kg, above, and the lower heating value of diesel fuel in MJ/kg, above.
242. Based on lower heating value of biodiesel in MJ/kg, above, and the lower heating value of diesel fuel in MJ/kg, above.
243. Based on lower heating value of gasoline in MJ/kg, above, and the lower heating value of diesel fuel in MJ/kg, above.
244. Base fuel for comparison.
245. Based on lower heating value of hydrogen in MJ/kg, above, and the lower heating value of gasoline in MJ/kg, above.
246. Based on lower heating value of natural gas in MJ/kg, above, and the lower heating value of gasoline in MJ/kg, above.
247. Based on lower heating value of propane in MJ/kg, above, and the lower heating value of gasoline in MJ/kg, above.
248. Based on lower heating value of methanol in MJ/kg, above, and the lower heating value of gasoline in MJ/kg, above.
249. Based on lower heating value of ethanol in MJ/kg, above, and the lower heating value of gasoline in MJ/kg, above.
250. Based on lower heating value of biodiesel in MJ/kg, above, and the lower heating value of gasoline in MJ/kg, above.
251. Base fuel for comparison.
252. Based on lower heating value of diesel fuel in MJ/kg, above, and the lower heating value of gasoline in MJ/kg, above.
253. Obtained by dividing the LHV of diesel fuel in kg/L by the above LHV of hydrogen in kg/L.
254. Obtained by dividing the LHV of diesel fuel in kg/L by the above LHV of hydrogen in kg/L.
255. Obtained by dividing the LHV of diesel fuel in kg/L by the above LHV of CNG.
256. Obtained by dividing the LHV of diesel fuel in kg/L by the above LHV of LNG.
257. Obtained by dividing the LHV of diesel fuel in kg/L by the above LHV of commercial propane.
258. Effective energy density only 80 percent of theoretical: Because of the possibility of fuel release upon fuel expansion due to an increase in ambient temperature, vehicle propane tanks are equipped with "stop fill" devices which permit only 80 percent of the tank volume to be filled by propane. "An Assessment of

Propane as an Alternative Transportation Fuel in the United States," R.F. Webb Corporation report, June 1989. p. 8-30.

259. Obtained by dividing the LHV of diesel fuel in kg/L by the above LHV of methanol.
260. Obtained by dividing the LHV of diesel fuel in kg/L by the above LHV of ethanol.
261. Obtained by dividing the LHV of diesel fuel in kg/L by the above LHV of biodiesel fuel.
262. Obtained by dividing the LHV of diesel fuel in kg/L by the above LHV of unleaded gasoline.
263. The lower heating value of diesel fuel, above, is used as a basis for comparison.
264. Obtained by dividing the LHV of gasoline in kg/L by the above LHV of hydrogen in kg/L.
265. Obtained by dividing the LHV of gasoline in kg/L by the above LHV of hydrogen in kg/L.
266. Obtained by dividing the LHV of gasoline in kg/L by the above LHV of CNG.
267. Obtained by dividing the LHV of gasoline in kg/L by the above LHV of LNG.
268. Obtained by dividing the LHV of gasoline in kg/L by the above LHV of commercial propane.
269. Obtained by dividing the LHV of gasoline in kg/L by the above LHV of methanol.
270. Obtained by dividing the LHV of gasoline in kg/L by the above LHV of ethanol.
271. Obtained by dividing the LHV of gasoline in kg/L by the above LHV of biodiesel fuel.
272. The lower heating value of gasoline, above, is used as a basis for comparison.
273. Obtained by dividing the LHV of gasoline in kg/L by the above LHV of diesel fuel.
- 274) Natural gas is generally required to be odorized such that a concentration 1/5 of the lower flammable limit is detectable.
- 275) LPG gas is generally required to be odorized such that a concentration 1/5 of the lower flammable limit is detectable.
- 276) Typical value 2000 ppm. The range of values reported in the literature is 100-5900 ppm. See background document for critique of reported literature values.
277. "Odor Threshold Determinations of 53 Odorant Chemicals," Journal of the Air Pollution Control Association, **19**, 91 (1969).
278. If vegetable oil methyl esters are mixed with diesel fuel, the diesel fuel will be the more volatile component and the odor threshold is assumed to be determined by the diesel fuel component.
279. Material Safety Data Sheet for gasoline prepared by Occupational Health Services, Inc. 400 Plaza Drive, Secaucus, NJ.
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281. Listed by ACGIH as a "simple asphyxiant."
282. Based on natural gas composition with 3.9 percent propane, 1.63 percent butane, 0.475 percent pentane, and 0.141 percent hexane. Gas composition is average of first 25 natural gas compositions listed in "Effect of Fuel Gas Composition on Appliance Performance," Gas Research Institute report GRI-82/0037, 1982. TLV is based on OSHA P.E.L. for propane as listed in Fundamentals of Industrial Hygiene, 3rd Ed., B. A. Plog, 1988, p. 829. and TLV's for other hydrocarbons as listed in "Threshold Limit Values and Biological Exposure Indices for 1988-1989," American Conference of Governmental and Industrial Hygienists, 1988.
283. Based on OSHA P.E.L. for propane as listed in Fundamentals of Industrial Hygiene, 3rd Ed., B. A. Plog, 1988. p. 829.
284. Fundamentals of Industrial Hygiene, 2nd Ed., J.B. Olishifski, 1979. p. 1074.
285. Fundamentals of Industrial Hygiene, 2nd Ed., J.B. Olishifski, 1979. p. 1000.
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287. Material Safety Data Sheet for gasoline prepared by Marathon Oil Company.
288. Patty's Industrial Hygiene and Toxicology, Third Revised Ed., George D. Clayton and Florence E. Clayton, Editors, (1981). p. 3394. Value listed is NIOSH recommended TWA for kerosene.
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294. Fundamentals of Industrial Hygiene, 2nd Ed., J.B. Olishifski, 1979. p. 1000.
295. Material Safety Data Sheet for gasoline prepared by Marathon Oil Company.
296. Material Safety Data Sheet for No. 2 fuel oil prepared by Marathon Oil Company.
297. Fundamentals of Industrial Hygiene, J.B. Olishifski, 1979. p. 148.
298. Fundamentals of Industrial Hygiene, J.B. Olishifski, 1979. p. 148.
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