



FUEL QUALITY

Frequently Asked Questions

What is better: petrol or E5 petrol?



The high-quality petrol and diesel Rubis sells contains 100% petroleum, which means that when you buy a litre of fuel from a Rubis forecourt – you receive 1000ml of petrol. If you buy a litre of E5 petrol, you will only receive 950ml of petrol, up to 50ml will be a bio content with a lesser calorific value.

This means that the fuel you buy from a Rubis forecourt therefore has a higher calorific value per litre than if you bought a litre of E5 petrol from another forecourt.

The result is you get more miles from your tank if you use Rubis fuel.

What do you advise me to do?

Be absolutely sure what fuel your car can use, and know what you are putting in your tank. Choose a forecourt that only sells high quality products that are clearly and accurately labelled and explained.

Hydrocarbon fuel vs Biofuels?

Rubis only sells high quality petroleum-based products such as Premium Unleaded, Super Unleaded and Diesel. All of which are produced in the UK and comply with British Standards. A small number of garages in the Channel Islands sell biofuel such as E5, petrol containing ethanol and B7 diesel containing FAME (Fatty Acid Methyl Esters). These fuels contain a bio element and not all vehicles are able to perform well on biofuels.

How do I know your fuel is right for my vehicle?

Rubis only imports and distributes high grade fuels.

Our fuels are stored at La Collette Terminal and undergo above industry standard housekeeping procedures, which is critical for the energy requirements of the Island. When you pick up fuel from a Rubis forecourt you can be assured that you are using high quality motor fuel.



Why don't you sell biofuels?

We believe that by continuing to supply high quality motor fuel, we are providing the best possible fuel we can for the local consumers.

There is nothing wrong with these new biofuels as long as they are handled, stored and dispensed properly. We believe providing hydrocarbon fuel is more cost effective for the consumer in the long term. We have been supplying high quality fuel to the Channel Islands for over 60 years and will continue to do so for as long as we can. When the time comes to switch to biofuels, our experienced and trained technicians will ensure all of our forecourts are thoroughly prepared to the highest technical standards to ensure that our customers continue to be served the best fuel available.

Are Biofuels better for the environment?

Yes and no. In theory yes, because ethanol and FAME containing fuels are plant-based and therefore they should be better for the environment. However, there are a number of studies that suggest turning land used to grow crops for food to now grow crops for fuel can actually have a worse impact on the environment. Especially when you consider the energy used to harvest and produce the bio-content.

Due to the lower calorific power in biofuels you will need to consume more fuel and pay higher costs in the long term.

The benefits of these fuels are still being studied by the EU governments.

How do I know if my car can use biofuels?

If you own a pre-2002 car, a classic or motorsport vehicle, the use of biofuel may cause issues.

Rubis does not sell biofuel at our forecourts. However, we would suggest if you decide to use another forecourt that does sell biofuel, you read the owner's handbook or check the vehicle manufacturer's website, or alternatively you can call your local car dealer to ensure you will still benefit from your manufacturers guarantee on your vehicle.



**Find out more comprehensive advice
and information on the RAC website
www.rac.co.uk**



📞 01534 709800

✉ enquiries@rubis-ci.co.uk

🌐 rubis-ci.co.uk

