

Ethanol-rich E85 fuel now available in 4,000 filling stations in France

Thanks to the commitment of all E85 fuel distributors in France, the milestone of 4,000 E85 filling stations nationwide has just been reached. Today, nearly 42% of French service stations¹ are equipped with E85, the renewable fuel that favours motorists' purchasing power. Sold at an average of €0.72 per liter, E85 fuel allows drivers to save around €730 per year for 13,000 km driven. Cheaper, greener, and increasingly available, E85 fuel is a solution to decarbonize the existing and future Petrol and hybrid car fleet, alongside electrification.

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- 4,000 filling stations offer E85 in France, representing 42% of all stations
 - On average, more than one new E85 station has opened every day for the past 8 years
 - Use of E85 results in savings of more 730€ for 13,000 km driven and more than €1100 for 20,000 km per year
 - Nearly 93% of French people live within less than 10 km from an E85 station
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E85 fuel, more and more available

In November 2025, E85 fuel crossed a new milestone, making it even more accessible to motorists. It is now available in 4,000 service stations across France, covering 42% of the national network. As a result, nearly 93% of French people² live within less than 10 km from an E85 station. Drivers can easily find nearby stations or those along their route thanks to the **"Mes Stations E85" app**, available on [iOS](#) and [Android](#), which lists all stations and updates prices daily.

A fuel that protects the purchasing power of French households

As of 21 November 2025, the average price of E85 fuel is 0.72€/l³, compared to 1.71€/l for SP95-E10.

A motorist driving 13,000 km per year (the French average) can save about €735 on their annual fuel budget. High-mileage drivers covering 20,000 km annually can expect savings around €1130. (These calculations take into account a 25% overconsumption ; [detailed methodology available on the Bioethanol Collective website.](#))

E85 fuel: decarbonizing today's and tomorrow's vehicles

Containing between 60% and 85% bioethanol, **E85 fuel reduces net CO2 emissions by an average of 50%⁴** and particle emissions by up to 90%⁵ compared to fossil gasoline. Drivers can use it either by installing an approved flex-E85 conversion box on a compatible gasoline vehicle, or by driving a flex-fuel vehicle available directly from manufacturers—new, such as the **Ford Kuga Full Hybrid Flex-E85**, or second-hand.

French-produced bioethanol is made almost entirely from French agriculture (sugar beet, wheat, maize, sugar industry residues, starch by-products, and wine residues) in distilleries located close to farming areas. In 2023, bioethanol production used only 0.66% of French

¹ Delivering more than 500 m3 of products per year

² Based on the 2020 INSEE census, excluding Corsica and overseas department and territories (DOM-TOM)

³ Source : DGEC as of 21 November 2025 <https://www.ecologie.gouv.fr/politiques-publiques/prix-produits-petroliers>

⁴ For an E85 fuel containing on average 75% ethanol and 25% fossil gasoline, and average reduction of 73% in greenhouse gas emissions for pure ethanol (source : CarbuRe 2024 – DGEC)

⁵ Study « Research of Real Driving Emissions with E85 and Two Flex Fuel Vehicules » by Prof. Czewinski from the Bern University of Applied Sciences, titled (2017)

agricultural land, net of co-products⁶. Moreover, palm oil is not a raw material for ethanol production.

At the European level, the regulation on CO₂ emissions for light vehicles already provides a role for vehicles running exclusively on CO₂ neutral fuels after 2035. Within this framework, work is underway to develop a **fossil-free E85 fuel**, in which the fossil gasoline share is replaced by renewable gasoline (such as bio-naphtha, a co-product of Sustainable Aviation Fuel or HVO production). Such a fuel already exists in California since 2022. This will allow motorists to continue driving conveniently while further decarbonizing their journeys.

About the Bioethanol Collective

The Bioethanol Collective is represented by the French Sugar Beet & Sugar Association (AIBS) and Bioethanol France (formerly SNPAA). Its mission is to inform professionals and the general public about the bioethanol sector. Today, bioethanol is blended into gasoline in France in pure form or as a derivative—up to 7.5% (including up to 5% pure ethanol) in SP95 and SP98, up to 10% in SP95-E10, and up to 85% in Superethanol-E85. For more information: <https://www.bioethanolcarburant.com/>

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⁶ Source : FranceAgrimer, 2025