

Oxygenated Fuels

Some conventional gasolines are being blended with alcohol or an ether compound to increase the gasoline's octane. These gasolines are collectively referred to as oxygenated fuels. Some areas of the United States and Canada use oxygenated fuels to help meet clean air standards.

If you use an oxygenated fuel, be sure it meets the minimum octane rating requirement as recommended on page 86.

ETHANOL (ethyl or grain alcohol)

Gasoline containing more than 10% ethanol by volume may cause starting and/or performance problems. Gasoline containing ethanol may be marketed under the name "Gasohol".

METHANOL (methyl or wood alcohol)

Gasoline containing methanol must contain cosolvents and corrosion inhibitors to protect the fuel system. Gasoline containing more than 5% methanol by volume may cause starting and/or performance problems and may damage metal, rubber, and plastic parts of your fuel system.

MTBE (Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether)

You may use gasoline containing up to 15% MTBE by volume.

Before using an oxygenated fuel, try to confirm the fuel's contents. Some states/provinces require this information to be posted on the pump. If you notice any undesirable operating symptoms, switch to a conventional unleaded gasoline as recommended on page 86. Fuel system damage or performance problems resulting from the use of an oxygenated fuel are not the responsibility of Honda and are not covered under warranty.

CAUTION:

- * **Oxygenated fuels can damage paint and plastic. Be careful not to spill fuel when filling your fuel tank. Damage caused by spilled fuel is not covered under warranty.**