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Global Vehicle and Engine Manufacturers Release New World-Wide Fuel Charter

Washington, DC--The Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers and the Engine Manufacturers Association are pleased to join the world's leading automobile and engine manufacturers in releasing the 4th edition of the World-Wide Fuel Charter (WWFC). The WWFC provides information about the types of gasoline and diesel fuel needed to minimize vehicle emissions and obtain the best vehicle performance. In this edition, fuel specification categories have been realigned to reflect more accurately today's market conditions as well as engine and vehicle requirements. Automobile and engine manufacturers promote the WWFC around the world as one of their contributions to improving air quality and harmonizing global fuel standards. The new WWFC 4th Edition can be found at www.autoalliance.org/fuel_charter.htm or <http://www.enginemanufacturers.org/admin/library/upload/975.pdf>

“Scientific knowledge about how fuels interact with vehicle technologies is continually being updated and refined. Much of this new information is developed through cooperative efforts between engine manufacturers and fuel providers,” said Alliance CEO, Fred Webber. “The 4th Edition of the WWFC incorporates this updated knowledge base.”

Previous editions recommended reducing sulfur levels in gasoline and diesel fuel and eliminating the use of lead in gasoline around the world. Improved fuels and updated standards are an essential tool needed to reduce vehicle emissions and enable new types of emission control technologies that will allow vehicles to meet increasingly stringent emission standards. Automobile and engine manufacturers first introduced the WWFC in 1998 to promote greater understanding of how fuel quality affects motor vehicle emissions and performance and to help harmonize vehicle-fuel systems globally.

The Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers is a trade association of nine car and light truck manufacturers: BMW Group, DaimlerChrysler, Ford Motor Company, General Motors, Mazda, Mitsubishi Motors, Porsche, Toyota, and Volkswagen. For more information, visit the Alliance website at www.autoalliance.org.

The Engine Manufacturers Association is a trade association of thirty-one engine manufacturers: American Honda, Briggs & Stratton, Caterpillar, CNH, Cummins, DaimlerChrysler, Deere, Detroit Diesel, Deutz, Ford, General Motors, Hino, International Truck & Engine, Isuzu, Kohler, Komatsu, Kubota, Mitsubishi Fuso, MTU Detroit Diesel, Onan, PACCAR, Scania, Tecumseh Power, Volkswagen, Volvo Powertrain, Wartsila, Waukesha, Yamaha, and Yanmar. For more information, visit the Engine Manufacturers website at <http://www.enginemanufacturers.org/>

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