

TRAVELLING ABROAD

LPG is widely used as a vehicle fuel in continental Europe. Holland, Italy and France have particularly well developed infrastructures. Spain, which in the past only permitted LPG to be used in taxis and public vehicles have now permitted public fuelling sites to be opened and a link to a Spanish site can be found in the LPG Refuelling Site list elsewhere on this website.

It is recommended that you take your log book, insurance certificate and the conversion certificate (issued by the LPGA Approved Installer) as part of your documentation when going abroad with a converted vehicle.

Getting there:

There are no restrictions on LPG fuelled vehicles using ferries to Europe, with the exception of Speedferries who require the conversion to be either by the vehicle manufacturer or proof supplied by way of an LPGA "LPG Conversion Certificate" ([click here for details](#)).

Currently, LPG vehicles are not permitted in the Channel Tunnel. LPG has passed all the operator's safety risk assessments and UKLPG continues to lobby the operators to amend their procedures to allow LPG vehicles through.

Refuelling:

LPG may be sold under a variety of names "LPG", "GPL" and "Autogas" being the commonest.

Three refuelling systems may be found. In some countries all three systems are used. Most continental motorway service areas hold "adaptors" however these must be used with great care.

The most common fittings are:



"Dutch" bayonet	"Italian" dish	ACME thread
UK Holland Poland Switzerland	Italy, France, Greece, Hungary, Romania, Sweden, Denmark, Poland, Turkey, Tunisia	Austria, Belgium, Canada, Germany, Poland, Eire, New Zealand

Adaptors should always be securely fitted to the vehicle filling point before the filling nozzle is attached. They should never be fitted to the nozzle itself. Few pumps have English language instructions and attended service is rare on motorway service areas and in hypermarkets. Local motorists can, however, be helpful.

Adaptors can be purchased in the UK before you travel. Autogas 2000 Ltd can supply – contact shop@autogas.co.uk / tel 01845 523213 - and some installers also supply these items.

Fuel Composition:

The proportion of propane and butane in the fuel varies across Europe. The European Standard allows for different proportions but these are selected on a national basis so there is no differentiation at the pump and there is no “choice”. Your car will probably cope quite happily with all of them but you may notice small differences in performance and driveability.

Car Parks:

Some underground car parks, particularly in France and Italy, have restrictions on LPG vehicles.

Tunnels:

Although there are no restrictions on the use of road tunnels by LPG vehicles within the UK we believe there may be restrictions in some tunnels in Europe. The Association does not have details and we would recommend that you contact the relevant motoring organisations