



## Dealing with the High Price of Gas – Part 2

I've received a lot of emails in response to last week's article on the high price of gas. As a result of those comments I wanted to follow up with some helpful internet links to help folks move things along to the next step.

#1 - <http://www.epa.gov/greenvehicles/Index.do>

This web site from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency gives you several ways to shop for a new or used car. You can pick the year, make and model and it will give you the fuel economy (MPG) as well as the extent to which it pollutes on a scale of 1-10. Pretty interesting – I never would have guessed a Land Rover was as bad as a Hummer!

Another option allows you to pick the style of vehicle you need – like a station wagon for example – and compare the models from various manufacturers. You can even line three different vehicles up side by side. I learned that the fuel economy of station wagons varies quite a bit, from a low of 14 MPG to a high of 33 MPG.

#2 <http://www.motortrend.com/roadtests/alternative/index.html>

This site from MotorTrend Magazine will appeal to “gear heads” and consumers alike. The test drive reports from auto professionals include both new as well as up and coming alternative fuel vehicles. Have you heard of the Tesla (all-electric drive) Roadster? It's not only one of the fastest cars on the road but also one of the most efficient. Zero to sixty miles per hour in four seconds and the gasoline equivalent of 55 miles per gallon. All you need is \$100,000 and it's yours!

#3 <http://www.greencars.org/drivinggreen.html>

OK, let's get practical. This web site from the American Council for Energy Efficient Economy is just the ticket. Can't afford a new car? Want to get the most out of what you currently have? This web site has the tips you need as well as a wealth of related information.

I hope you find these links useful – maybe even valuable? If nothing else, it's downright fascinating to see how inventive we humans can get when times are calling for change. We're going to see a major revolution in transportation technology over the next few years so, hang onto your hat - a new set of green wheels for you could be right around the corner!

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