



## Diesel Cars in Alpine Regions in Winter

This Fuel News is a **GUIDE** for drivers of diesel cars venturing into the alpine country regions of Australia during winter. As a general rule the diesel fuel purchased in the city and coastal regions will have different cold temperature properties than the diesel fuel sold locally in Alpine regions. Diesel fuel purchased in the coastal regions may freeze in the vehicle lines in colder highland areas if the vehicle is left outside overnight or for a number of hours in below zero temperatures. This means that the vehicle will not start until the diesel has melted. To avoid this problem it is strongly recommended that if a prolonged or overnight stay is planned in an alpine region then the diesel vehicles carry enough fuel to get to the Alpine region and then refuel with local diesel fuel.

**In general Alpine regions can be considered as all part of the great dividing range but principally the snowfields.**

**A list of locations is provided where it is advisable to use local fuel if the vehicle is going to be left overnight, these are taken from AS 3570 of 1998.**

Note that diesel fuel supplied in these areas has the cold temperature properties suitable for that area.

### AREA by STATE

The locations are listed and the months when it is better to use local fuel are highlighted in red, the numbers indicate the importance of filling with local fuel to avoid overnight problems, the higher the number out of 10 the greater the potential for problems depending on local weather.

#### QLD and NSW

Towns: Woolbrook, Armidale, Deepwater, Guyra, Tenterfield, Walcha, Mount Mitchell

Area	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Woolbrook				2	2	4	4	2	2	2		
Armidale				2	2	2	2	2	2	2		
Deepwater				2	2	2	2	2	2	2		
Guyra				2	2	2	2	2	2	2		
Tenterfield				2	2	2	2	2	2	2		
Walcha				2	4	4	4	2	2	2		
Mount Mitchell				2	2	2	2	2	2	2		

#### NSW

Towns: Bathurst, Blayney, Canobolas, Carcoar, Oberon, Lisdale State Forest, Newnes Forest, Kirkconnel Prison Camp, , Molong

Area	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Bathurst					2	2	2					
Blayney					4	4	2	2	2			

Carcoar					2	2	2	2	2			
Oberon					4	2	4	2	4			
Lisdale State For.					2	2	2		2			
Newnes For.					2	2	2	2	2			
Kirconnel Prison					2	2	2	2	2			
Molong					2	2	2					

### NSW

Bombala, Canberra, Crookwell, Nimmitabel, Taralga, Cooma, Gudgenby, Orroral Valley, Goulburn, Honeysuckle Creek, Nalbaugh State Forest,

Area	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Bombala				2	2	4	4	2	2			
Canberra					2	2	2	2				
Crookwell				2	2	2	2	2	2			
Nimmitabel				4	4	4	4	4	2			
Taralga				2	2	2	2					
Cooma				4	4	4	4	4	2			
Gudgenby				10	10	10	10	10	4			
Orroral Valley				4	4	4	4	4	2			
Goulburn					4	2	2	2	2			
Honeysuckle Crk				2	2	2	2	2	2			
Nalbaugh State For.				2	2	2		2	2			

### NSW

Towns: Tumbarumba, Cabramurra, Charlotte Pass (Kosciusko), Kiandra Chalet, Spencers Creek, Thredbo, Perisher Valley

Area	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Tumbarumba			2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Cabramurra	2	2	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	10	10
Charlotte Pass	10	4	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Kiandra Chalet	4	4	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Spencers Creek	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Thredbo	10	4	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Perisher Valley	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10

### NSW/VIC

Towns: Mount Buller, Omeo, Woods Point, Falls Creek, Bright, Mount Buffalo, Mount Hotham, Myrtleford,

Area	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Mt Buller	10	10	10	4	4	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Omeo			2	4	4	4	2	2	2	2	2	2
Woods Point	2	2	4	4	4	4	2	4	2	2	2	2
Falls Creek	4	4	10	4	4	4	10	10	4	10	10	10
Bright				2	2	2	2					
Mt Buffalo	2		2	4	2	2	2	4	4	4	4	2
Mt Hotham	10	4	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Myrtleford					2							

The following BP sites on the way to the snowfields in NSW supply an Alpine Diesel

Jindabyne

BP Jindabyne

Thredbo

BP Thredbo Service Station

Timut

BP Fiveways

Talbingo

BP Talbingo

Adaminby

BP Adaminby

Cooma

BP Snowstop

BP Rhythm

In Victoria, BP service stations selling an Alpine diesel can be found in Bright, Corryong and Mansfield.