



Good for cars, no good for sniffing!

Opal[®] fuel - Good for cars, not good for sniffing

BP remains committed to working with communities and government agencies to address the issue of petrol sniffing in remote communities.

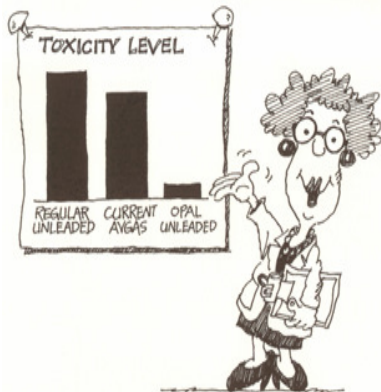
Opal fuel is the first of its kind and has been available since January 2005. Opal fuel is not available for general distribution, but is available to all remote communities who participate in the Petrol Sniffing Prevention Program managed by the Department of Health and Ageing.

Opal is a low aromatic fuel and maintains the same deterrent aspect of Comgas whilst also removing the lead component. However, like all fuels, Opal is a volatile substance and should not be inhaled due to possible health effects including, in extreme cases, suffocation and death.



What does the doctor say?

BP has consulted a professional toxicologist to assess how Opal fuel compares to other types of fuel.



On the basis of the assessments conducted, the toxicologist stated that *'all fuels are potentially toxic, but that in terms of chronic exposure [Opal] is the least toxic of all the fuels assessed'*.

Prof M Moore, Report to BP on Comgas, October 2004

Does Opal[®] fuel cost more?

No. Opal fuel is subsidised under the Australian Government's Petrol Sniffing Prevention Program. This financial support allows Opal fuel to be priced at an equivalent local price to regular unleaded fuel.

What will happen if I mix other things with Opal[®] fuel?

It is safe to mix Opal fuel with your tank of regular unleaded when you fill up. It cannot be altered to produce a 'high' by using polystyrene or other solid materials. However, it can be made intoxicating if it is mixed with regular or premium unleaded fuel.

Can you sniff Opal[®] Fuel?

Opal is a low aromatic fuel and as such will not produce a 'high' if sniffed. However, Opal, like all fuels, is a volatile substance and should not be inhaled due to possible health effects including, in extreme cases, suffocation and death.

What about my car or outboard?

Opal fuel is an unleaded product and can be used in all applications that require regular unleaded petrol including two and four stroke motors. These are:

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| 2 strokes: | 4 strokes: |
| • Lawn mowers | • Passenger vehicles |
| • Outboards | • Vans |
| • Chainsaws, Whipper snippers etc. | • Petrol 4WDs |



Independent testing was commissioned by BP in October 2004. The testing found that *'There is no significant difference when a vehicle runs on Opal fuel compared to the same vehicle running on regular unleaded petrol.'*

*Independent automotive testing laboratory report,
October 2004*

How does my community get supply of Opal[®] fuel?

For your community to be approved to receive Opal under this scheme please contact the Department of Health and Ageing on (02) 6289 4197. Once your community has been approved, order Opal through your regular fuel supplier.

Where can I buy Opal[®] fuel?

For an up-to-date list and map of communities and roadhouses supplying Opal fuel please visit the website of the Department of Health & Ageing at www.health.gov.au/petrolsniffingprevention.

Going on a trip?

You can fill up with Opal fuel in Alice Springs. If you go to another town or community that doesn't have Opal fuel, take jerry cans of Opal fuel with you so you don't bring regular

Are less young people sniffing petrol?

"There has been vastly less sniffing in the communities that have got Opal, it's the best chance for stopping sniffing" Blair McFarlane, Central Australian Youth Link Up Service (CAYLUS).

"Where Opal has been supplied it has made a positive impact." Hon. Tony Abbott, MHR

For more information

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