

Autogas Ambulances in Spain



Did you know?

- Autogas is the abridged name for **automotive LP Gas** – that is, LP Gas used as an automotive transportation fuel.
- LPG is proven to be a genuinely **low carbon fuel** with savings of over 20% against gasoline in the autogas markets.
- Air quality study confirmed that using LPG vehicles in urban areas can make a significant **improvement to air quality**.
- Despite improvements in conventional automotive technology, LPG vehicles can **emit far less NOX and particulate** matter than diesel equivalents and still represent good value for the consumer.
- Poor air quality damages human health, buildings and vegetation, at enormous economic cost.



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What are we doing?

- In order to further develop the autogas market in Spain, **Repsol signed an agreement with the National Federation of Ambulance Companies (ANEA)** in collaboration with vehicle manufacturer Mercedes Benz, Spain in September 2009.
- Just after seven months from signing the agreement, there are now **86 Mercedes Benz ambulances** that run on Repsol autogas which means an average consumption of 774 tons per year.
- Ana Lopez Ballesteros, Key Account Manager (Microbuses and Ambulances) from Mercedes Benz said “initially it was very difficult to introduce autogas into the Spanish market, however I am pleased that our **partnership with Repsol has provided a platform to open up the autogas market in Spain.**”

What is the result?

- The objective is to have **400 to 500 Mercedes Benz ambulances** running on Repsol autogas by 2011. It is imperative for us to continuously work with the autogas industry to further raise the awareness of autogas and the many fantastic benefits of this alternative green fuel,” added Lopez.
- **There are many benefits of having ambulances run on autogas** as they are far quieter than regular fuels, as well as providing a significant cost saving” said Inigo Placio Prada, Chairman of GAIN and previous Autogas Marketing Manager, Repsol.
- “However, more work needs to be done to increase the level of awareness about autogas and continuously work towards getting more refuelling points in place”, he added.