

All cars are not the same

There can be big differences in fuel consumption between cars of the same or similar size.

The star rating and indicative cost per year will help you to easily see the difference between cars, and help you to save fuel and money, without having to compromise on other important aspects.

“Medium” sized cars often offer the same driver comfort and safety features as a “large” car, while using less fuel. Generally, the smaller a vehicle is, the less fuel it will use, so consider choosing the smallest vehicle that meets your lifestyle needs.

The following table shows the fuel economy rating and fuel consumption in litres per 100km across a range of makes and models. This does not cover every type, size or category of vehicle.

	Engine Size	FROM: Best fuel economy*	TO: Highest fuel consumption*
Small	Up to 1.4 litres	4.3l/100km ★★★★★	8.8l/100km ★★★★★
Medium	1.4 – 2.2 litres	4.4l/100km ★★★★★	9.6l/100km ★★★★
Large	2.2 – 5 litres	6.8l/100km ★★★★★	13l/100km ★★★
SUV	1.4 – 5 litres	6.5l/100km ★★★★★	15.8l/100km ★★

* Based on information from www.fuelsaver.govt.nz

Where can I find out more?

Visit the ENERGYWISE™ website www.energywise.govt.nz or call 0800 749 782.

To find out more visit www.energywise.govt.nz



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Fuel Economy Labels: The power to save fuel and money



What is the star rating?

The rating will help you choose a vehicle that uses less fuel – so you can go further on a full tank and save money.

The star rating is out of six – from six stars for the most economical to half a star for the biggest gas guzzler. It is based on independent testing of fuel consumption.

The rating is shown for new and used cars, utes and vans 3.5 tonnes and under, manufactured since the year 2000, where the information is available.

The more stars, the less fuel you use, the more you save.

Why should I use less fuel?

Every litre of fuel costs you money. It also harms the environment by releasing carbon dioxide and other gases that cause pollution and contribute to climate change.

By choosing a vehicle that uses less fuel you can reduce both your costs and negative impacts on the environment, while still meeting your lifestyle needs and getting you where you need to go. The Fuel Economy Label showing the star rating will help you do that.

You could save hundreds of dollars a year simply by choosing a car with a higher star rating.

When you're looking at cars, it's a good time to see how much you can save by comparing the fuel consumption of different vehicles.

How much will it actually cost to run?

Fuel consumption depends on a wide range of factors, such as your driving style and habits; speed and distance travelled; vehicle load; vehicle condition and maintenance, including tyre pressure; any modifications such as fitted roof racks; and use of features such as air-conditioning.

While it is never possible to perfectly predict what a particular vehicle's fuel consumption will be, the cost stated is a useful indication to help you compare vehicles.

The Fuel Economy Label shows an indication of fuel cost for a vehicle, so you can compare different vehicles.

What does the label tell me?

Fuel economy stars – rated out of 6, this indicates how much fuel the vehicle uses. The more stars, the more economical it is.

Litres per 100km – fuel consumption figure expressed in litres per 100km based on independent testing of the vehicle. Note that this will only be shown for new vehicles.

Average fuel price – used to calculate the cost per year.

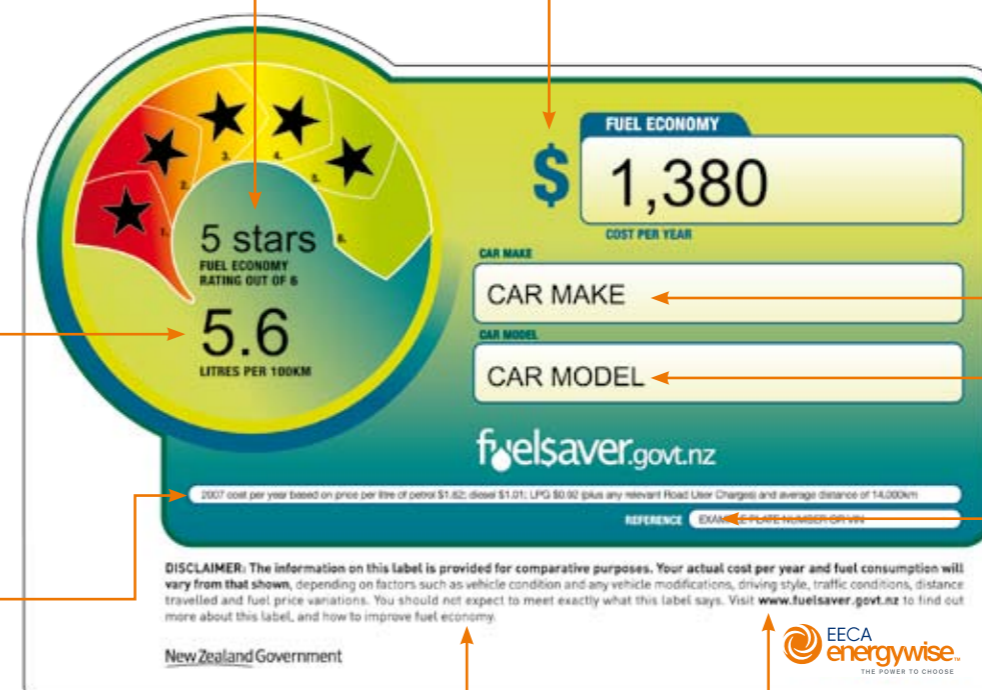
Disclaimer – important note about the status of the information on the label. This clarifies that the information is provided for comparative purposes only and is not the actual cost of running the vehicle.

Cost per year – estimated annual fuel economy cost based on an average fuel price and an annual distance of 14,000km. It includes Road User Charges (RUC) for diesel vehicles. **This is calculated to help you compare one vehicle with another; it does not tell you what you will actually pay because it's based on averages, not your actual vehicle use.**

Vehicle make and model – this provides details on the make and model of the vehicle.

Reference number – this confirms that the label refers to the vehicle it's displayed with.

fuelsaver.govt.nz – the website you can go to for more information.



The fuel economy information must be displayed with vehicles offered for sale, where the information is available.