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### Website could save UK motorists £billions

UK motorists may have overpaid for their fuel by up to £5.8 billion pounds last year according to figures released today from fuel comparison website, [www.petrolprices.com](http://www.petrolprices.com)

Motorists, excluding those driving heavy goods vehicles, purchased a total of 35.5 billion litres of fuel during 2005. The maximum potential daily saving between the cheapest and most expensive stations was identified to be 16.4 pence per litre.

Kay Joyce, Media and Trade Relations Manager for the website commented, "With petrol prices up 10p from a year ago, motorists could counter this rise by shopping around for their fuel rather than buying from their local petrol station or the first station they come across whilst enroute".

There are 32 million motorists in the UK with the average motorist consuming around 21 litres of fuel each week. This could equate to a potential saving of up to £175 per year.

The following table illustrates typical and potential savings to be made:

Litres Consumed		Annual Saving	
Per Week	Per Year	Typical Saving	Maximum Saving
10	520	£26.00	£85.28
20	1,040	£52.00	£170.56
30	1,560	£78.00	£255.84
40	2,080	£104.00	£341.12
50	2,600	£130.00	£426.40
60	3,120	£156.00	£511.68
70	3,640	£182.00	£596.96
80	4,160	£208.00	£682.24
90	4,680	£234.00	£767.52
100	5,200	£260.00	£852.80

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Typical savings are based on the difference between the average price of fuel, and the cheapest, which works out at around 5 pence.

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### **Sources**

35.5 billion Litres of fuel during 2005 - Catalist

32 million motorists in the UK - DVLA

### **Notes for Editors**

Petrolprices.com is the UK's only comprehensive and free fuel price website for consumers, where they can find the cheapest petrol stations near any town or postcode of their choice. Prices are updated daily and displayed conveniently using Google Maps technology.

Petrolprices.com was launched in November 2005 by Fubra Limited, the same company that launched the largest UK house price website [www.ourproperty.co.uk](http://www.ourproperty.co.uk) in January 2005.

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