

# Annual Emissions and Fuel Consumption for an "Average" Passenger Car<sup>1</sup>

<u>Pollutant</u>	<u>Problem</u>	Amount <sup>2</sup> per mile (mi)	Miles <sup>3</sup>	<u>Calculation</u>	Pollution/Fuel Consumption <sup>4</sup>
Hydrocarbons	Urban ozone (smog) Air toxics	2.9 grams (g)	12,500	2.9 g/mi X 12,500 mi X 1 lb/454 g	= 80 pounds of hydrocarbons
Carbon Monoxide	Poisonous gas	22 grams	12,500	22 g/mi X 12,500 mi X 1 lb/454 g	= 606 pounds of carbon monoxide
Nitrogen Oxides	Urban ozone (smog) Acid rain	1.5 grams	12,500	1.5 g/mi X 12,500 mi X 1 lb/454 g	= 41 pounds of nitrogen oxides
Carbon Dioxide	Global warming	0.8 pound (lb)	12,500	0.8 lb/mi X 12,500 mi	= 10,000 pounds of carbon dioxide
Gasoline	Imported oil	0.044 gallon	12,500	0.044gallon/mi X 12,500 mi	= 550 gallons of gasoline

### **Notes:**

- 1. These are averages. Individual vehicles may travel more or less miles and may emit more or less pollution per mile than indicated here. Emission factors and pollution/fuel consumption totals may differ slightly from original sources due to rounding.
- 2. The emission factors used here come from standard EPA emission models. They assume an "average," properly maintained car on the road in 1997, operating on typical gasoline on a summer day (72-96°F). Emissions may be higher in very hot or very cold weather.
- 3. Average annual mileage source: EPA Office of Mobile Sources Assessment and Modeling Division.
- 4. Fuel consumption is based on average in-use passenger car fuel economy of 22.5 miles per gallon. Source: US DOT/FHA, Highway Statistics 1995.





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## Annual Emissions and Fuel Consumption for an "Average" Light Truck<sup>1</sup>

\*\* "Light trucks" include popular passenger vehicles such as pickups, vans, minivans, and sports-utility vehicles \*\*

<u>Pollutant</u>	<u>Problem</u>	Amount <sup>2</sup> per mile (mi)	Miles <sup>3</sup>	<u>Calculation</u>	Pollution/Fuel Consumption <sup>4</sup>
Hydrocarbons	Urban ozone (smog) Air toxics	3.7 grams(g)	14,000	3.7 g/mi X 14,000 mi X 1 lb/454 g	= 114 pounds of hydrocarbons
Carbon Monoxide	Poisonous gas	29 grams	14,000	29 g/mi X 14,000 mi X 1 lb/454 g	= 894 pounds of carbon monoxide
Nitrogen Oxides	Urban ozone (smog) Acid rain	1.9 grams	14,000	1.9 g/mi X 14,000 mi X 1 lb/454 g	= 59 pounds of nitrogen oxides
Carbon Dioxide	Global warming	1.2 pound (lb)	14,000	1.2  lb/mi  X 14,000  mi	= 16,800 pounds of carbon dioxide
Gasoline	Imported oil	0.065 gallon	14,000	0.065 gallon/mi X 14,000 mi	= 915 gallons of gasoline

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- 2. The emission factors used here come from standard EPA emission models. They assume an "average," properly maintained truck on the road in 1997, operating on typical gasoline on a summer day  $(72-96^{\circ}F)$ . Emissions may be higher in very hot or very cold weather.
- 3. Average annual mileage source: EPA Office of Mobile Sources Assessment and Modeling Division.
- 4. Fuel consumption is based on average in-use light truck fuel economy of 15.3 miles per gallon. Source: US DOT/FHA, Highway Statistics 1995.

