

Refuelling / Handling Petrol – Standard Operating Procedure

There are some basic principles for managing petrol safely:

- No naked lights in the vicinity of petrol
- Where possible fill equipment prior to first use
- Never smoke within 20 metres of petrol
- Never refuel a hot engine or an engine that is running. Shut down the engine and let it cool off for at least 10 minutes. The highest temperatures attained by a small engine occur immediately after shutdown, so it is not safe to refuel then.
- Use only approved petrol containers. When transporting containers, be sure they are secured in the vehicle. Fill containers to no more than 95 percent of the container to allow room for thermal expansion. Be sure your containers have secure lids.
- Never remove the cap from a petrol tank while the engine is hot, combustible vapour can flow out and come in contact with manifolds, exhaust pipes and other hot engine parts.
- Do not leave petrol containers in direct sunlight or in the boot of a car.
- Never store petrol containers or equipment with petrol tanks near a flame, for example natural gas water heaters or heating systems.
- Do not use electronic equipment such as cell phones near petrol. A spark from the electronics could ignite the petrol.
- When fuel is transferred from a container into a vehicle, follow basic health and safety precautions:
- Decant (pour) in the open air not inside the garage;
- Use a pouring spout or funnel.
- If clothing is splashed with fuel, change it immediately.

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