

University of Cincinnati Fleet Policy

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Purchasing

Along with safety and productivity, UC must prioritize fuel efficiency when selecting vehicles for purchase.

Details of procurement

Federal alternative fuel vehicle regulations apply to university vehicles:

1. Purchase alternative-fuel vehicles or low emissions and most fuel efficient when feasible.
2. Replace vehicles with electric alternative when possible
3. The university is required to purchase alternative fuel vehicles in accordance with 42 U.S.C. 13251, which requires such purchase beginning with vehicles received after September 1, 2010.
4. Vehicles purchased by the university after September 1, 2010 are not required to be fueled with alternative fuel, but must be able to use alternative fuel.
5. The mandate only applies to light duty vehicles, up to and including 8500 GVWR (gross vehicle weight rating), excluding public safety and automotive research vehicles.
6. Units must purchase flex fuel vehicles capable of using either gasoline or E85.

Vehicle Idling

Drivers should conserve fuel whenever possible including minimizing vehicle idling time to that which is necessary to accomplish work related tasks.