

# Rodac Diesel Injection Services

The best choice in Randburg

## Filled with the wrong fuel? Petrol into a Diesel Vehicle

**Don't turn on the ignition or start the engine**

Filled up with the wrong fuel?

If you've accidentally put the wrong fuel in your car, **don't turn on the ignition** or start the engine. This will circulate the contaminated fuel and increase the risk of very expensive damage.

Many diesel engines use a low-pressure electric pump in the tank or sender unit and this begins to work as soon as the ignition is switched on, circulating the contaminated fuel through the pump and rail – **so if you've put the wrong fuel in your car it's important not even to turn the ignition on and the engine must certainly not be started.**

You wouldn't be alone. At least **150,000 in the UK** drivers put the wrong fuel in their vehicle every year. That's one every three-and-a-half minutes. It could be a result of being new to the vehicle or simply being distracted while filling up.

'Misfuelling' seems to be associated particularly with the growth in diesel car sales. Modern diesels are so quiet it's easy to forget you're driving one, particularly if it's a second family car or hire car.

There are very few motorists that will disagree with this scenario and with the newer high tech diesel vehicles sounding and looking more and more similar to their petrol counterparts every day, your chances of becoming a victim of incorrect fueling at the garage is growing all the time.

Incorrect fuel doesn't sound like a big issue, fuel is fuel and maybe you think your vehicle will simply sputter a bit and then all will be okay, but you would be horribly wrong! Hopefully you realise the mistake before leaving the filling station. If you do, don't drive the vehicle, get assistance and remove the fuel in the easiest and most convenient way possible.

Should you choose to ignore the problem or drive to another workshop facility, this could be a **very costly drive**, to repair the damage you would have done to your vehicle's engine. If you did not realise the mistake before you left the filling station and have now found your vehicle to be running **very rough**, or perhaps it has even become **un-driveable**, either get the vehicle towed to a garage or repair shop as soon as possible. You should tell them exactly what happened, how far you have driven like this, how much fuel was in the tank and how much wrong fuel you added, etc.

#### Potential Cost to repair Damage

To drain the contaminated fuel & replace fuel filters only is about R1200.00

However, overhaul Injectors & Diesel Pump could go as much as R30000.00 or even need to replace your engine

**This is an estimate as ever case is different**

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We often have vehicles towed into our workshop with the incorrect fuel from Service Stations a number of times the Service attended has filled up your vehicle with Petrol. If you can prove that you did not give the Attendant the wrong verbal instruction, then the Service Station would pay for getting your vehicle back on the road. Beware most Service Stations have CCTV.

Rodac Diesel can offer the following services if you have the wrong fuel

- ✓ We can arrange a towing company to collect your vehicle in the Gauteng Area.
- ✓ We are able to drain the fuel and replace the fuel filters.
- ✓ If the Injectors and pump are damaged we are able to fully overhaul the injectors and diesel pump
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#### **Potential damage and more Technical Information**

For those of you who want to know a bit more why the damage can be sudden and substantial, [read more on our web site ...](#)

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