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VEHICLE CO2 POLICIES ON THE ROAD TO

CO2 (TANK-TO-WHEEL) EMISSION OF VEHICLES A BROAD AND PERSISTENT PROBLEM



> Sketching the problem of persistence of CO_2 emissions of vehicles:

- > Different actors keeping each other in balance and thereby ineffective
- Legislation and standards that suggests distinct reponsibilities, that cannot be disentangled in reality
- Countries cannot rely on European "tools" to meet CO₂ reduction targets
- Mismatch of national stimulations in the free European market creating international trade
- > The wrong incentives: PHEVs, motorway speed limits, safety-by-size, etc.
- > Current actions to repair the problems:
 - Gaining control with EC/2019/631 (fuel consumption monitoring and independent testing)
 - > Transparency act, consumer information, Certificate of Conformity
- Paradigm shift needed
-) "Collapsing the triangle"
- > Move to the hard facts: litres of fuel, kilograms of weight,



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- > Participated in the development of WLTP and RDE legislation
-) Addressing the CO_2 gap for passenger cars since 2009.
- Developing new measurement and monitoring techniques to inject facts into policies and discussions.

See at: https://repository.tudelft.nl/search/tno/?q=ligterink



THE BOTTOM LINE, TALKING ABOUT TANK-TO-WHEEL ONLY TOTAL LITRES OF FUEL CONSUMED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (~20% OF TOTAL CO2)







REAL-WORLD FUEL CONSUMPTION LESS THAN HALF OF TYPE-APPROVAL REDUCTIONS



Already in 2009 TNO noted that lower type-approval values did not lead to similar reductions in real-world CO_2 emissions:

-) Real world reduction is not proportionally with the relative reduction on type-approval $\Delta\%$
- Real world reduction is not proportional to the absolute reduction on the type-approval ∆CO2 [g/km]

The mechanisms are not removed in the WLTP in 2017



PER MODEL YEAR PETROL, DIESEL, LCV ABSOLUTE DIFFERENCE THE BEST MEASURE OF THE GAP



- A year-by-year shift, started in 2008:
 - Less than half effective for reducing real-world CO₂ emissions.
 - All vehicle brands in the race-to-the-bottom
 - Dutch national figures are adapted in 2010 to reflect the "gap".
- 5 Mton/yr of CO₂ missed if "official figures" (like EEA) are used, of the 35 Mton/year total for mobility in the Netherlands
- The CO₂ values are increasing again with the changes in the tax system (towards electric vehicles)



HEAVY-DUTY VEHICLES ENGINE VERSUS VEHICLE

Without transparency, Adam Smith's "Invisible Hand" does not work. Current systems are protected by the secrecy.

- > Heavy duty: many vehicles and uses with the same engine
 - > Certification of the engine
 - Work based (g/kWh), tested relative to rated (max) power
- > Fuel consumption trucks: (~2015)
 - Real world: FC[I/100km] ~ 0.5 * total weight [ton] + 0.05 * rated power [kW]
 - > effects from driving behaviour and/or engine losses
 - > about half of the fuel consumption is related to engine size, that increases with 3 kW per year.
 - Engine tests are based on rated power [g/kWh], but its CO₂ result is considered "confidential" information.
- Heavy-duty CO₂ certification is also confidential and based on a lot of simulations using "vehicle and usage standards".
 - Little seemed to be learned from the problems with lightduty vehicles.





CAR OWNERS AND USERS VEHICLE AS LIFESTYLE CHOICE AND PERSONAL SAFETY BOX

- The higher the speed limits on the motorway "require" the bigger vehicles and more power.
 - Japan has 100 km/h max speed limit and very cute (small) cars
- Marketing of vehicles is not really about low fuel consumption, but about status, lifestyle, and exclusivity.
- Engine power and weight increase continuously and CO₂ emissions with it



Fuel type	CO2/kg
	g/(km*kg)
Petrol	0.084
Diesel	0.083
Hybrid petrol/electric	0.064
Hybrid diesel/electric	0.075
Plug-in Hybrid	0.075
petrol/electric	
EU project: MILE21	



real science aerodynamics



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ELECTRIC VEHICLE SIMULATION IN THE NETHERLANDS LOSING PUBLIC SUPPORT BY DRIVING-FOR-THE-RICH

- > Electric vehicles have been a high-end business
- Associated with +40.000 Euros subsidies in the Netherlands
 - while 200,000 km lifetime driving ~ 20,000 Euros total fuel cost (assuming electricity is free)
- Current policies do not include "average family" vehicle use (more than half of all vehicles):
 - > A- and B-segment vehicles
 - > second-hand 4-10 years old when bought
 - > replaced when "maintenance bill" is too high.
 - no financing system: out of pocket costs
- Large import of A- and B- segment vehicles and vehicles with high CO₂ taxes
- > Large export of subsidized and business-end cars



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DO NOT DISENTANGLE THE DEPENDENCIES INSTEAD IGNORE THE COMPLEXITY, AND RETURN TO BASICS



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ATTEMPTS TO CHANGE THE (EU) SYSTEM BY ADDING ON-BOARD FUEL CONSUMPTION METERING AND INDEPENDENT TEST		
25.4.2019 EN Official Journal of the European Union	L 111/13	
REGULATION (EU) 2019/631 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL		
of 17 April 2019		
setting CO ₂ emission performance standards for new passenger cars and for new light commercial vehicles, and repealing Regulations (EC) No 443/2009 and (EU) No 510/2011		
(recast)		
(Text with EEA relevance)		
THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,		
Monitoring of fuel consumption by validated fuel consumption metres (Article 12)		
> no remedial actions associated with On-Board Fuel Meter (OBFCM), "monitoring" until 2025		
) Testing of fuel consumption and CO ₂ to verify the manufacturer declared value (Article 13)		
> In-Service Verification testing and remedial actions, a task for type-approval authorities		

CERTIFICATE OF CONFORMITY CONSUMER INFORMATION

- Information for the vehicle owner provides now more information:
 - > CO2 emission per phase (urban, rural,)
 - > weight, weight, tyres, tyre labels.
- With the NEDC the driving resistance was often unrealistic low, lower than the rolling resistance of the tyres.
- Now the driving resistance can be checked against the driving resistance of the tyres (given the tyre labels).
 - Some vehicle models are already very close to the physical limit.





JOINT DUTCH EFFORT TO GENERATE MORE TRANSPARENCY PROVIDING FUEL CONSUMPTION DATA IN ALL DETAIL

> Together with Statistics Netherlands TNO has developed the "bottom-up approach":

- > Every vehicle in the Netherlands has an individual real-world CO₂ emission estimate (~15 millions vehicles)
- These results are multiplied with the actual mileages of the vehicles as registered by the road authority (~120 billion kilometers)
- > Urban/rural/motorway shares are based on annual mileage of the vehicle and used in real-world estimate
- > This data is shared with parties who develop models and tools to determine impact:
 - > In policy development and policy assessment
 - > Data will be available for downloads for transparency
- > Any differentiation and presentation is possible
 - > Zoom in and zoom out
- Hopefully OBFCM will further improve this approach
 - > Data is the start, but without sharing, augmenting, linking and presenting data it only has the "air of authority"





COLLAPSING THE BLAME TRIANGLE JOINT RESPONSIBILITIES

> Shared fuel costs above 95 g/km (LD) and 95 g/km + 25 g/(ton-3.5)*km (HD), or less

- OEM pays part of excess fuel cost and taxes up to 5 years of use
- > Lease contracts only, fuel included, with user instructions.
 - > Ensuring the right information for using and keeping cars efficient and clean
- Road taxes based on On-Board Fuel Consumption Meter data.
 - Presenting the personal climate bill

LEAVING THE BLAME TRIANGLE

RETHINKING CURRENT MOBILITY AND TRANSPORT

- > Return to the weight-based taxing and subsidy systems
 - Mobility requires only 600 kilograms; the rest is ego, safety, comfort, and utility
- > Reduce motorway speed limits to 90 or 100 km/h, with instant and long-term effects
 - > Also beneficial for stimulating affordable, energy-efficient electric vehicles (~20 kW)
- > Limit access to inner cities, make it pedestrian zones with cycle lanes
 - More livable and safe cities





source: autoevolution.com

CONCLUSIONS THE UNRESOLVED PROBLEMS WILL AFFECT THE FUTURE

) Taking a step back from the CO_2 emissions of vehicles policies after ten years of limited effectiveness.

) There is a tendency to follow the white rabbit down the rabbit hole of technical problems and technical solutions.

Policies should establish a direct link with bottom line, i.e., litres of fuel, and kilograms of CO₂

- > and the allocation of sources as in Kyoto treaty and by IPCC guidelines:
- Kyoto: a national system for the estimation of anthropogenic emissions by sources (i.e., Sectors/source categories → Energy → Fuel combustion → Transport)
- IPCC: [Transport] Emissions of CO₂ are best calculated on the basis of the amount and type of fuel combusted and its carbon content.

> A shift the focus in policies from tests, declared values and technologies towards actual fuel consumption is needed:

- Not only new vehicles, but all vehicles (with immediate effects, not after 10 years)
- > Back to basics, e.g., by reducing vehicle weight, motorway velocity and vehicle use.



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