

Wheels: An e-mail from Ken says, “As you mentioned in past articles, gasohol does do wonders to help an auto pass e-check. My problem at present is that I cannot locate a gasoline station in the Dayton area that carries gasohol. A recent article of yours suggested that it is still available. Would you give me the name of a gasoline station where I can still purchase gasohol?”

Halderman: Gasohol is a term used in the 1980s to describe 10% ethanol blend with gasoline. Many gasoline stations have stickers on the pumps that state that the fuel contains up to 10% ethanol (ethyl alcohol). Performing an actual test for alcohol is the only way to determine if it is in the fuel. Because many winter grade gasolines contain some alcohol, try using premium grade at your favorite station to help you pass the e-check emission test, especially NOx emissions. Ethanol (ethyl alcohol) is the good alcohol compared to methanol (methyl alcohol). Methanol has been used in the past in some gasoline and in the fuel used in Indianapolis 500 race cars. This alcohol is highly corrosive and can damage rubber components of the fuel system. Ethanol on the other hand is made from corn and other similar products and is far less damaging than methanol.

