



Diesel Exhaust Fluid — Part 1

Diesel Exhaust Fluid (DEF) is used with diesel engines to reduce the amount of regulated emissions produced. The DEF system must be maintained for the vehicle to run properly.

LOCATING DIESEL EXHAUST FLUID

DEF can be purchased at a Chevrolet or GMC dealer. It can also be purchased at authorized vehicle and truck dealerships. Additionally, some diesel truck fueling stations or retailers may also have DEF for purchase. For vehicles with an active OnStar® subscription, OnStar can help to locate a DEF retailer. For more information on locating DEF see www.afdc.energy.gov/afdc/vehicles/diesels_fluid.html. See “Customer Assistance Offices” in the Owner’s Manual for phone numbers to assist you in contacting a GM dealer. See “Recommended Fluids and Lubricants.”

As the DEF tank becomes low on fluid, warnings begin with approximately 1,000 miles (1,600 km) of remaining range. These warnings will increase in intensity as the tank becomes empty. Once the tank is empty, the vehicle will be speed-limited to 55 mph (89 km/h) and eventually to 4 mph (7 km/h). The tank should be refilled to avoid vehicle speed limitation. If there is an issue with the quality of the fluid or the exhaust fluid system, warnings will be displayed in the Driver Information Center (DIC). The vehicle will have 200 miles (322 km) before being speed limited to 55 mph (89 km/h). If the vehicle continues to be driven in this condition, it will become speed limited to 4 mph (7 km/h). See “Diesel Exhaust Fluid.”