

OEM APPROVALS

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Beginning with the January 2004 production cycle, GM's Duramax Diesel engines will be approved for B5, giving fleets another choice for fueling and for complying with state and federal requirements.

Biodiesel a petroleum-free fuel made from fats and oils (such as soybean oil), which are refined to remove the glycerin. This leaves a clean-burning fuel that can be blended at any level with petroleum diesel. It is a federally-registered motor fuel approved by the EPA, the Department of Transportation and the Department of Energy. It has achieved fuel specification from the American Society of Testing and Materials (ASTM D6751).

Essentially free of sulphur and aromatics, Biodiesel is biodegradable and non-toxic. B5 refers to the biodiesel/petroleum diesel blend ratio. Here, 5% Biodiesel is blended with 95% petroleum diesel for enhanced lubricity, improved domestic energy security and some emissions benefits with no loss in performance.



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