

OEM APPROVALS

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Kubota Tractor Corporation (KTC) announces a global Kubota decision to approve the use of B5 Biodiesel fuels in specified Kubota diesel-powered products. Biodiesel fuels, most often offered in a blended-petroleum format, are derived mostly from vegetable oils, and are offered in the US as an alternative source of energy.

Biodiesel fuel blended with diesel fuel may be used in the Kubota diesel powered products listed below only if the fuel meets the following conditions:

1. Biodiesel concentration must not exceed 5% by volume (B5). Greater concentrations increase the likelihood of corrosion and failure of the aluminum, zinc, rubber, and plastic parts of the fuel system.
2. The petroleum diesel fuel base must meet ASTM D975 fuel specification, or the European EN 590 specification. The pure Biodiesel base must meet minimum requirements provided by ASTM D6751 or EN 14214 prior to blending. Raw pressed vegetable oils are NOT acceptable for use in any concentration.
3. Kubota strongly recommends that B5 blend be purchased from a BQ-9000 accredited producer or certified marketer. Kubota discourages local blending of Biodiesel, because it is difficult to meet the quality requirements explained above.
4. Users of Kubota Emission Certified Engines are responsible for obtaining any required local, state or national regulatory approvals for the use of Biodiesel.

Enhanced engine care may be required even if the fuel meets the above standards. Kubota has the following concerns and recommendations regarding the use of B5:

1. B5 attracts moisture and may contain higher water content than conventional diesel fuels. Keep storage and vehicle tanks as full as possible and ensure all caps and covers are installed properly to prevent water from entering and collecting in the fuel system.
2. Follow the oil change intervals recommended by Kubota in your operator's manual. Extended oil change intervals may result in premature wear or engine damage.
3. B5 is biodegradable and degradation of the fuel supply is accelerated by the presence of water, heat, oxygen and other impurities.
4. In consideration of the particular properties of Biodiesel it is very important to follow the maintenance interval and procedures regarding the fuel system as specified in the operator's manual.
5. B5 will damage painted surfaces. Clean up spills immediately.
6. Tampering with the factory adjustments on fuel system components is a violation of EPA regulations, and can result in denial of warranty coverage.

Kubota's statement of allowance to use B5 in no way changes the published warranty terms and conditions. Fuel system failures that can be attributed to the quality of fuel used are ineligible for warranty coverage. Please contact your local Kubota dealer for more information.



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