

# ABATE's Position on E15

ABATE of Colorado hereby opposes the introduction and attempts to expand the availability of E15 fuel (gasoline comprised of 15% ethanol).

WHEREAS, E15 cannot be used in motorcycles because it would void your warranty and has detrimental effects to engines:

- Damages fuel lines – gums rapidly as it ages forming “clumps” that clog filters, injectors, and carburetors;
- Attracts moisture which mixes with the gasoline and causes rust to internal engine components and gas tanks;
- Acts as a powerful solvent which causes rubber seals and plastic parts to dissolve, stretch and wear out; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has not conducted adequate safety testing of E15, and

WHEREAS, the EPA has not provided adequate safety precautions for misfueling:

- Warning stickers on pumps go virtually unnoticed;
- Made it illegal to use in motorcycles; and

WHEREAS, fueling through blender pumps could disburse a significant amount of E15 from previous fueler, and

WHEREAS, increased ethanol production is environmentally destructive:

- Millions of acres of land set aside for conservation have vanished as farmers fill in wetlands and plow pristine prairies to grow more corn.
- Irrigation and fertilization-intensive development has depleted aquifers, and has contaminated surface and subsurface water systems with nitrogen pollution.

WHEREAS, the total cost to the consumer has not been evaluated:

- Loss of gas mileage;
- Cost of vehicle maintenance and repair;
- Potential shorter life expectancy and related cost;
- Overall cost of ownership;

Be it resolved that ABATE of Colorado opposes the introduction and attempts to expand the availability of E15 fuel.