Conversion Kits Run Cars, Trucks On Veggie Oil

It seems like you can't pick up a magazine these days without reading about someone running a vehicle on vegetable oil. So it's probably not surprising that there are now at least two companies offering conversion kits to switch diesel engines over to "cooking oil".

The kits allow mechanically injected diesel vehicles to run on straight, filtered vegetable oil. They come with everything you need to convert your diesel vehicle. They say there are two big benefits: You save money by burning less diesel fuel. And vegetable oil is supposedly less polluting than diesel.

The kits allow you to fuel your vehicle with filtered frying oil that's collected from local restaurants. But the vehicle's existing diesel circuit is left in place, so if you want you can still use diesel fuel. (With both kits, the engine is started and shut down with diesel fuel and can operate on diesel at any time.)

The auxiliary fuel modification systems can be used with virtually any diesel vehicle, tractor, or other machines.

Greasel.com Vehicle Kit

Kits for economy vehicles start at \$494.50 plus S&H. Larger vehicle kits start at \$604.50.

A "tankless" conversion kit that uses an existing fuel tank includes everything you need to convert an engine to burn vegetable oil, and everything you need to convert your existing tank to heat it. Sells for \$330 plus S&H.

The company also offers another tankless conversion kit equipped with a small 3-gal. diesel tank. Its tiny size helps minimize loss of trunk space. The company's Nomad kit is designed for long hauls. A 3/4-ton, 4-WD Dodge Cummins sporting the company's 140-gal. Nomad system can drive for 2,800 miles empty.

Base pricing for the Nomad starts at \$1,100.

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