

Hydrogen For Transport

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Building the first national network of hydrogen refuelling stations across UK and Ireland



What is a Fuel Cell?

"A fuel cell is an electrochemical cell that converts the chemical energy of a fuel and an oxidizing agent into electricity through a pair of redox reaction"

For hydrogen fuel cells the reaction is

 $2H_2 + O_2 = 2H_2O + 4$ electrons + heat

A Fuel Cell is a Hydrogen Battery





History of Fuel Cells

First hypothesised by Sir Humphrey Davy in 1800

Discovered by Sir William Gove in 1839

First functional device Prof Francis Bacon 1953

First use – Gemini and Apollo manned space flights

First use of PEM fuel cells in vehicles by Ballard 1992







How To Make a Fuel Cell



Current State of The Art & Developments

	Current	Planned
PEM System Cost (\$/KW*)	\$75-100	\$50-75
Power Density (Gravimetric) (Volumetric)	4.0 KW/Kg 1.2 KW/Litre	5.0kW/Kg 2.0 KW/Litre
Durability ('000 hrs)	>10,000	>30,000
Thermal Efficiency	50-55%	55-60%

*Assumes 50,000 vehicles p.a.



Hydrogen As A Combustible Fuel

- First self-sustaining combustion engine developed by Etienne Lenoir in 1860 (16 years before Otto Benz), using hydrogen.
- First hydrogen powered buses WW2 conversions
- Hydrogen fuelled engines are the most efficient ICE's developed to date
- Every current combustion process can be modified to use hydrogen.





Current Developers of Hydrogen Combustion Vehicles

- Ulemco, UK conversion of vehicles to dual fuel hydrogen and diesel.
- First Hydrogen conversion of vehicles to dual fuel hydrogen and diesel.
- Cummins engines now available for supply to OEM's with warrantees (15 litre V8 engine blocks).
- JCB started to make construction diggers with hydrogen fuel based on a modified diesel engine block.
- Isuzu (Toyota), Mercedes, Volvo, Iveco, DAF and MAN all planning to launch hydrogen combustion trucks over the next 24 months.
- UK Government has now changed the definition for zero emission vehicles, which will allow H2 combustion vehicles to be the same as BEV.



