

Repsol and Renault Group renew collaboration agreement to continue promoting AutoGas

- Repsol leads the AutoGas supply market in Spain, with more than 415 service stations out of a total of over 700 that offer this eco-friendly fuel in the country.
- Renault Group largely dominates the market for bi-fuel vehicles (gasoline/LPG) in Spain, concentrating 90% of sales in 2020 through the models of its brands Dacia (66% of the market) and Renault (24% of the market).

Madrid, June 28, 2021. Repsol and Renault Group have renewed their collaboration agreement with the aim of continuing to promote AutoGas in the automotive sector, as part of their strategy to encourage the use of alternative energies. The two companies share a vision of sustainable mobility and both have set zero-emission targets. They are actively working on all mobility alternatives available on the market.

Repsol's Executive Director of Mobility in the Iberian Peninsula, José Barreiro, and the General Manager of the Dacia brand in the Iberian Peninsula, Francisco Hidalgo, have signed the collaboration agreement at Campus Repsol, the corporate headquarters of the multi-energy company.

Thanks to this alliance, both companies are committed to promote the benefits of AutoGas as an alternative and eco-friendly fuel, through its use in vehicles of the Dacia ECO-G range (Duster and Sandero) and the Renault LPG range (Clio and Captur). The multi-energy company will also carry out actions for both private and professional customers to promote the purchase of these types of vehicles from the Renault Group.

Both Dacia and Renault models hold the top positions in the LPG market in Spain. In 2020, the Dacia Sandero was the leader, with 3,551 units sold and a 31.1% market share, followed by Renault Clio in second position and Dacia Duster, in third.

AutoGas reduces nitrogen emissions (NOx) by 68% and particle emissions by up to 100%, according to data from the European Liquefied Gas Association. It also contributes to reducing the greenhouse effect by lowering CO₂ emissions by 14%, and it reduces noise levels by 50%. For all these reasons, AutoGas vehicles have the ECO label that is granted by the Spanish General Directorate of Traffic (DGT), a reference for traffic regulations in cities that allows them to circulate without restrictions.

To José Barreiro, Executive Director of Mobility in the Iberian Peninsula at Repsol, "this agreement with Renault Group helps us to continue positioning AutoGas as a real alternative for today's mobility, because it offers great autonomy and benefits from a wide network of Repsol service stations with AutoGas. It also reinforces our position as a multi-energy company, a leader in mobility and committed to the goal of achieving zero net emissions by 2050, being the first company in the sector to adopt this ambitious target".

For his part, Francisco Hidalgo, General Manager of the Dacia brand in the Iberian Peninsula, said that "the value of the Dacia brand and the extraordinary reception that it has historically had in Spain is based in part on the success of its LPG range that covers two-thirds of the market thanks to its different models. We have gone hand in hand with Repsol, which has been progressively increasing its presence throughout Spain. This is essential to set new ambitions in a market where alternative energies continue to increase their growth".

An eco-friendly and affordable option

AutoGas is the most widely used alternative fuel in the world, with a performance similar to that of traditional fuels, but with very low emissions. Worldwide, there are already 26 million vehicles of this type in circulation. In Europe there are 15 million and in Spain, more than 120,000.

In May this year, 1,039 AutoGas vehicles were registered in Spain, an increase of 31% compared to May of the previous year. In cumulative terms, 5,869 registrations have been recorded so far in 2021.

The reasons for this increase are to be found not only in environmental awareness, but also in the autonomy of the vehicles and their price that makes AutoGas vehicles the most affordable option. AutoGas is also a good alternative for different groups, such as the self-employed, companies, driving schools and municipalities, among others, for daily use and weekend and vacation journeys.

The network of AutoGas supply points is developed throughout the Iberian Peninsula and the Balearic Islands. There are pumps offering this alternative fuel at over 700 service stations throughout the country, and Repsol leads the market with more than 415 of them.

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