

## Vehicle Purchases

In accordance with the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPAct 2005), Florida Atlantic University has been mandated to purchase "E85" compliant flex-fuel vehicles. This is a federally mandated program which applies to Florida public entities in specified metropolitan regions, and extends to all FAU campuses. Vehicles purchased for the university must comply with this mandate.

E85 compliant vehicles accept standard unleaded gasoline as well as an ethanol/gasoline blend which is being made available in many areas as an alternative to regular gasoline. E85 is an alternative fuel as defined by the US Department of Energy. Besides its superior performance characteristics, ethanol burns cleaner than gasoline. It is a completely renewable domestic, environmentally friendly fuel that enhances the nation's economy and energy independence.

In addition to the environmental benefits, Florida motorists can now enjoy use of the HOV lanes (regardless of the number of occupants) on E85 compliant vehicles, once a decal is affixed to the vehicle.

The E85 flex-fuel designation is available on many new vehicles, and more model options are being added regularly. While this is typically a "no-cost" option, it should be noted that delivery may take longer due to the mandate and increased popularity of these vehicles. Therefore, we suggest that you plan accordingly in anticipation of extended lead times.

For a list of E85 compliant vehicles, please visit the link to the National Ethanol Vehicle Coalition's web site at <http://www.e85fuel.com/flexible-fuel-vehicles/>

At the above link, you can find a list of the FFVs (Flex Fuel Vehicles) here:

**Home page > Ethanol Benefits Your Customers** (hover over this green icon on left border to see a drop down) > drop down to **Flex Fuel Vehicles** and click it > at the bottom of the page that opens is a link to **"Download a pdf of current FFVs"**

After you have selected an appropriate vehicle for your use, please contact the Purchasing Department for pricing and availability information at 297-3080.