Ecodriving and Speed Limits

improving driver behaviour for saving fuel, reducing emissions and improving road safety, the principles and practise of Het Nieuwe Rijden, the Dutch ecodriving program

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1986 - 2006

1) Highway speed limits 120/100/80 km/hr since 88
Strict highway speed limit enforcement [up to 2M fines/yr!] + tactics + communication + HDV speed retarders: drop in real speeds since 88;
Speed limits part of env. policies and effective:
\[ V_{50} = 109 \text{ km/hr} = 2\% - 4\% \text{ CO2/NOx traffic emissions reduction} \] [or 5\% -10\% ref. BRD]

2) Ecodriving part of TRANS/ENV policies since 88; program R&D in-car and networking, today
"HNR" program part of NL Kyoto implementation & budget: nr.1 cost-effectiveness: <10 euro/ton CO2!
Vehicles and driver behaviour trends

VEHICLE TRENDS: the car-industrial-cultural complex
Constant upgrading in dimensions, weight, power and speed / performance [from 30/40 hp 2CV/Mini >150/300 hp TDI/SUV]
Average new car: 1700 cc, >100 hp, 200 km/hr, 1250 kg [NL]
Engine man. >>low pollution and f.c. in EU test cycle> shortfall

DRIVER BEHAVIOUR TRENDS = driver<>vehicle interaction
Too dynamic driving style dominant [high RPM/acceler./speed]
Aggression, fun, self expression, risk compensation [“Top Gear”!]
Speed and vehicle dynamics major risk/pollution/energy factors
More driver self-restraint needed than ever before

Climate Change Policy Trends [road traffic]: Veh. tech / alt. fuels overestimated, “soft” measures/behaviour promising = no regret
What is ecodriving?! The principles

Preferably “in Top Gear”, but not the Jeremy Clarkson way!!
Best practise in WW2, Suez crisis, 1973 and in car manuals

Today: Oil Shock but Boiling Frog!

Rule 1: individual benefits = community benefits
f.e./ CO2 system effects = total of individual f.e. effects

Rule 2: CAPACITY: using modern engine/transmission capacities, in-car/simulator training/behavioral change

Rule 3: OPPORTUNITY: avoiding inefficiencies in all driving actions [all trips, all vehicle types, all kms]

Rule 4: ACCEPTABILITY: rationality & safety first, awareness and consciousness, communication & networking
Specific power/fuel efficiency engine speed map
[turbocharged-petrol] source: TNO Automotive
Ecodriving fuel /CO$_2$/damage reduction potentials, the practise

Ecodriving advanced training

-Up to 25% individual fuel savings potential
-Up to 5-10% fuel savings in fleet owner practice
-Up to 40% less accidents, less stress/aggression

Ecodriving.... HOW?

Less engine speed: gear change at 2000 – 2500 RPM [cars, LDV]

Less vehicle dynamics (acceleration/ deceleration/ speeding/ overtaking/ aggression: anticipation)

less idling & cold start short trips, tyre pressure +10%

CAPACITY >> Training, communication, in-car devices (on-board computer, cruise control, RPM, MDD, GSI)

ECCP: EU 15 reduction estimates:
10% fuel costs = 25 billion litres /Euro = >50 Mton CO2
Fuel economy in gears [petrol 1,8 l.]

1st gear

2nd gear

3rd gear

4th gear

5th gear
Gear change pattern: ecodriving vs. the old way

- **5th gear**
  - 0 km/h at 0 revs/min
  - 120 km/h at 7000 revs/min

- **4th gear**
  - 0 km/h at 0 revs/min
  - 100 km/h at 6000 revs/min

- **3rd gear**
  - 0 km/h at 0 revs/min
  - 80 km/h at 5000 revs/min

- **2nd gear**
  - 0 km/h at 0 revs/min
  - 60 km/h at 4000 revs/min

- **1st gear**
  - 0 km/h at 0 revs/min
  - 40 km/h at 3000 revs/min

- **revs/min**
  - 0 to 7000

- **km/h**
  - 0 to 120

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**Legend**

- **Blue line** represents ecodriving.
- **Red line** represents the old way.
How Gear Shifting Affects Fuel Consumption

Seat Ibiza 1,4 l. 55 kW at 50 km/hr:

- In 2nd gear = 3600 RPM = 8 km/l
- In 3rd gear = 2600 RPM = 12 km/l
- In 4th gear = 1900 RPM = 17 km/l
- In 5th gear = 1400 RPM = 21 km/l
In-car instruments & driver behaviour support

1. Econometer/vacuum meter [petrol only]
2. On-board computer/fuel consumption meter
3. Cruise-control [incl. adaptive c.c.]
4. Modern Drive Device/ Gear Shift Indicator
5. RPM meter, with green band 1200 – 3000 RPM
6. Vehicle speed retarder
7. Engine speed retarder
8. Electronic accelerator, throttle pressure control
9. Lambda=1 full load engine management
10. Adaptive low RPM automatic automatic gearbox
11. Satellite navigation
In-car driver feedback/support devices
Training activities
Ecodriving tips

“You can save 10% - 25% fuel today when you:”

1. Keep engine speeds between 1200 – 3000 RPM
2) Change gears (up) at 2000 – 2500 RPM
2) Avoid strong accelerations, full throttle and long idling
3) Use your RPM meter / board computer / cruise control
4) Live up to (highway) speed limits or max.120 km/hr
5) Add 10% to standard tyre pressure & check it!
6) Less use of airco [= >10% f.c.] or set >21°C
7) Use your bike for short trips [cold start = <300% f.c.]
Ecodriving programme implementation NL

- Ecodriving needs programming and networking
- Ecodriving part of CO₂, noise & air quality policies
- Ecodriving part of road safety & licensing policies
- **PARTNERS**: business organisations and institutions [car business, HDV transport, fuels, driver training, insurance, car lobby, media, lease/fleet owners, local govts., NGO’s, road safety lobby, consumer org. ]
- NL priorities:
  - Training of professional drivers [national, corporate]
  - Driving schools and training the trainers [national, EU]
  - Awareness raising and mass media communication [id.]
  - In-car: board computer no.1 priority [EU + car industry]
  - Tyre pressure +10% [EU/ACEA, FIA]
Ecodriving programmes and links

- EU: TREATISE; TRAINER; ECODRIVEN
- Many Member-States: national programs
- Asia [China!] and CEE too

- www.hetnieuwerijden.nl
- www.ecodrive.org
- www.treatise.eu.com

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RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE IEA, THE EU, THE G8...

Saving fuel and improving driver behaviour are low-cost or no regret options with best societal benefits:

1) Strict highway speed limits enforcement
2) No speed limits above 130km/h (D, I !)
3) Implementation of Eco-driving in driver education and other policies (env., transport, energy)
4) In-car driver support compulsory in new cars (NOW!) by agreement or regulation
5) RPM-meter + eco-zone : all new cars.
   - on-board computer + actual F.C.: all new cars.
   - cruise-control : all new diesel cars
6) Standard tyre pressure +10% (ACEA, OICA, JAMA, KAMA)