

**Paris Motor show:  
A winning return for LPG with a 113% growth in sales of new LPG  
vehicles between 2009 and August 2010!**

**Puteaux, 27 September 2010** - *A few days after the start of the Paris Motor Show 2010 focused on new fuel types, sales of LPG vehicles in France set a new record with its market share growing from 0.64% in 2009 to 3.58% by the end of August 2010! Reflecting this incredible success, LPG will be at the Paris Motor Show 2010 showing new vehicles and growth in the company.*

**The sales record for LPG vehicles from 2009 has already been broken!**

The popularity of LPG vehicles in France has been reconfirmed by figures showing that 53,300 new LPG vehicles were registered by the end of August 2010. With 25 000 new LPG vehicles registered in 2009, LPG has seen a growth of 113% in just over 12 months! These record-breaking figures for the LPG market have three causes: the relatively low cost and price stability of LPG at the pump, an attractive Environmental Premium available to buyers and lastly a wide range of new models offered by car manufacturers. Today there are over 5 million LPG vehicles in Europe and more than 13 million worldwide.

**A cheap and green fuel that satisfies car-owners' needs.**

Whilst LPG fuel is the most widely available (around 1750 fuel stations in France and 27 000 in Europe) and the cheapest alternative fuel, it is also recognized for its environmental credentials. The CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from a LPG vehicle are on average 16% less than a petrol engine and 11% less than a diesel engine (from the well to the wheel). LPG also has lower levels of NO<sub>x</sub> emissions and its exhaust is particle free. These environmental features allow drivers of LPG vehicles to receive an Environmental premium of 2 000€ (depending on the level of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions of the new vehicle or the converted vehicle).

Converting a vehicle to LPG instantly reduces the pollutant and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions of the original engine. Because of this instant effect and to help automobilists to convert their petrol car to LPG, a new AFNOR certification was created at the end of 2009. This certification guarantees the expertise of professionals who install and convert LPG engines.

**A LPG vehicle offer at the Paris Motor Show 2010**

LPG has a rightful place in this years' Paris Motor show 2010 as the focus is on alternative fuels and their importance for the automobile industry. The environmental credentials of LPG fuel, its price, its compatibility with petrol, electric and bio-fuel engines allows LPG fuels continue to provide manufacturers and public authorities with new solutions .

At the 2010 Motor Show, three manufacturers models will be on display at the stand of the French Committee for Butane and Propane specifically dedicated to LPG; the Chevrolet Spark 1.2 16v GPLi, the new Citroën C3 confort 1.4 Airdream GPL and the Renault Clio Expression 1.2 16v eco2 as well as a car provided by CFBP, an Alfa Romeo MiTo 1.4 TB MultiAir which has converted to LPG. Besides, the range which also includes vehicles from



manufacturers Dacia, Lada and Opel, will soon be enriched by LPG models from Fiat and Lancia.

**Attendance of the French Committee for Butane and Propane (CFBP)  
at the Paris Motor Show 2010  
(30 September - 17 October, Porte de Versailles)**

**LPG Stand  
Pavillon des nouvelles énergies  
Hall 2.1 - Stand 225**

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**About the French Committee for Butane and Propane (CFBP)**

French Committee for Butane and Propane (CFBP) is the trade organisation for the LPG industry in France. The CFBP represents the industry to different political and economic actors. In partnership with National, European and International authorities, the CFBP contributes to the development of standards and rules relating to the use of LPG. The CFBP informs the public and the various services and industries linked to LPG about the uses and advantages of butane, propane, and LPG fuel. For more information: [www.cfbp.fr](http://www.cfbp.fr) , [www.gpl.fr](http://www.gpl.fr)