Operating Heritage Australia How much carbon does your historic vehicle emit?

On the table find where your vehicle's km/year intersects with its fuel consumption to find CO2 emitted in kg.

e.g. Based on the latest FIVA survey, Australian historic cars travel, on average, around 1200 km/vr and, if we assume a 14L/100km (20mpg) fuel consumption, then the amount of carbon dioxide produced is 504kg for the year.

Road Motor Vehicles								
kg CO2 Produced per Year								
		km driven per year						
		500	1000	1200	1500	2000	2500	3000
	3	45	90	108	135	180	225	270
	4	60	120	144	180	240	300	360
_ 1	5	75	150	180	225	300	375	450
L/306 km	6	90	180	216	270	360	450	540
9	7	105	210	252	315	420	525	630
	8	120	240	288	360	480	600	720
5	9	135	270	324	405	540	675	810
1	10	150	300	360	450	600	750	900
fue I consumption	11	165	330	396	495	650	825	990
2	12	180	360	432	540	720	900	1080
2	13	195	390	468	585	780	975	1170
3	14	210	420	504	630	840	1050	1260
	15	225	450	540	675	900	1125	1350
ve rage	16	240	480	576	720	960	1200	1440
¥	17	255	510	612	765	1020	1275	1530
~	18	270	540	648	810	1080	1350	1620
1	19	285	570	684	855	1140	1425	1710
	20	300	600	720	900	1200	1500	1800

As a comparison:

- A human breathes out around 240kg CO₂ per year.
- A medium-sized dog produces (breathing) and food) 700-800kg CO2 per year.
- A typical electric car driving 10,000 km per year and charged from the grid produces around 1150kg per vear.

Politicians decision-makers, and the general public need to know that the contribution of historic vehicles to carbon emissions is tiny, and that we are working to eliminate, through wise use, and renewable fuels or offsets, even that small amount.

What can you do?

- Know how much carbon dioxide your historic vehicle actually emits each year
- Let your family, friends and colleagues know how little CO2 your historic vehicle emits
- Support your peak bodies' efforts to inform regulators that historic vehicles are not the problem
- Ensure your club and other historic motoring events you attend adopt environmentally appropriate procedures
- Be aware of, and ready to use, suitable e-fuels
- Consider carbon offsetting for your vehicle/s In 2023 the average historic motor vehicle can offset its total carbon emissions through ethical means for under \$20 per year.

Operating Heritage Australia supports a threestep approach to minimising carbon emissions from historic vehicles and machinery

- minimise use of fossil fuels
- use renewable fuels where appropriate.
- where no alternative is available, offset emissions by supporting projects that consume more carbon dioxide than we produce.

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