

# IEA-Advanced Motor Fuels ANNUAL REPORT 2020

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#### ***Drivers and Policies***

The overall goal of Sweden's environmental policy is to be able to pass on to the next generation a society in which major environmental problems have been solved, without increasing environmental and health problems beyond the country's borders. Sweden aims to become one of the world's first fossil-free welfare countries. In order to achieve this, the fossil-fuel dependency of the transport sector needs to be broken. Several measures are needed, such as reducing the total energy demand of the transport sector and ensuring that the remaining energy is both renewable and sustainable.

In 2017, a new climate policy framework was approved. The long-term climate goal means that by 2045, at the latest, Sweden will have no net emissions of GHG. In more precise terms, the long-term climate goal means that emissions from activities on Swedish territory will be cut by at least 85% compared with emissions in 1990. To achieve net zero emissions, flexibility measures are included. For the transport sector, a reduction in emissions (not including domestic air travel) of at least 70% by 2030, compared with 2010, has also been adopted.

In mid-2018, the Swedish government introduced what is known as a bonus-malus system, whereby environmentally adapted vehicles with relatively low CO<sub>2</sub> emissions are awarded a bonus at the time of purchase, and vehicles with relatively high CO<sub>2</sub> emissions (above 90 g/km as of April 1, 2021) are subject to a higher tax (malus) during the first three years. The system includes cars, light buses, and light trucks. The bonus is limited to a maximum of SEK 70,000 (\$8,400 US).

Another important measure introduced in mid-2018 is the reduction obligation, which entails an obligation for fuel suppliers to reduce GHG emissions from sold volumes of petrol and diesel fuels by incorporating biofuels. In 2020, the reduction obligation was 4.2% for petrol and 21% for diesel. A current proposal from the government states increased levels up to 2030. In 2030, the proposed levels are 28% for petrol and 66% for diesel. However, at the time of writing, the levels have not yet been decided. The biofuels included in the reduction obligation system are subject to the same energy and CO<sub>2</sub> taxation as fossil fuels. Biofuels outside the reduction obligation scheme have reduced taxes.

#### ***Advanced Motor Fuels Statistics***

Since 1990, the number of passenger cars has increased from approximately 3.5 million vehicles to 4.9 million vehicles. At the same time, GHG emissions from passenger cars were rather stable at around 13 million tons from 1990 to 2007. However, since 2007, emissions have been reduced significantly and were about 10 million tons in 2019. The main reason for the reduction is the increased energy efficiency of new vehicles and renewable motor fuels.

During the same time period, the increase in the number of vehicles other than petrol- and diesel-fueled has been moderate. The fleet of alternative-fueled vehicles was around 340,000 at the end of 2019 (see Fig. 1). In addition, there is an increasing share of conventional diesel vehicles which have been approved by the manufacturers to be fueled with HVO100. However, currently there are no available statistics on how large this share is.

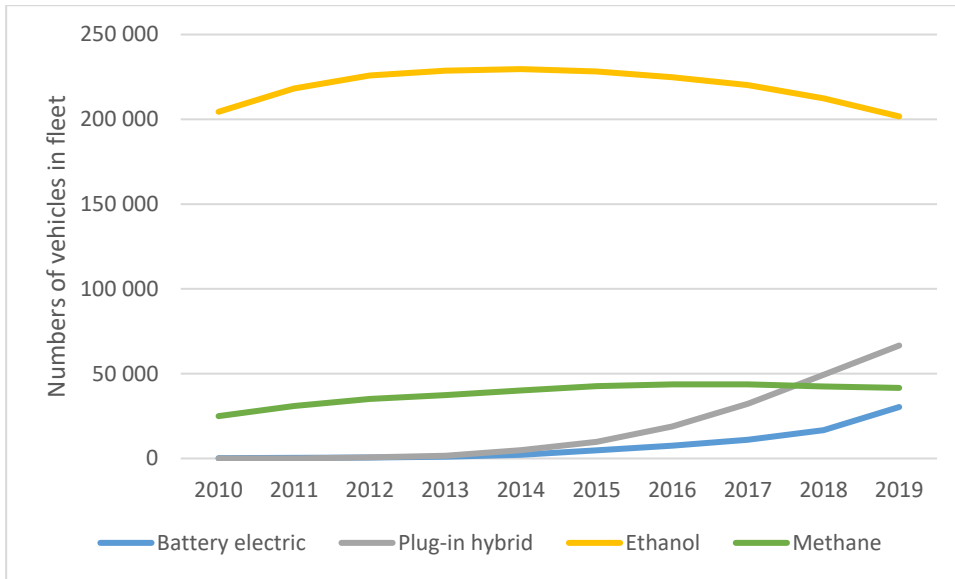


Fig. 1. Number of Advanced Motor Fuel Passenger Cars in the Fleet, 2010 – 2019

The alternative-fueled vehicles correspond to 7% of the total fleet of passenger cars (excluding diesel cars that can be fueled with HVO100). For light commercial vehicles and heavy-duty vehicles, the corresponding numbers are 2% and 1%, respectively. However, for buses, the share of vehicles registered as other than petrol- or diesel-fueled is around 20% of the fleet. The use of HVO100 in diesel-registered buses is extensive.

Although flex fuel ethanol vehicles are the most common type of alternative fuel vehicle in Sweden, the ethanol fuel (E85) sold during 2019 only corresponded to less than 1% of the energy content of transportation fuels sold. To a very high extent, flex fuel vehicles are fueled with petrol. The number of methane-fueled vehicles has stagnated at around 40,000 vehicles, which corresponds to approximately 1% of the fleet. The number of chargeable vehicles has increased substantially during the past few years, but from a low absolute number.

The use of renewable biofuels for transport in Sweden amounted to 17 terawatt hours (TWh), or 23% of the transportation fuels sold during 2019 (see Fig. 2). Around 85% of the renewable fuel used in Sweden during 2019 was hydrotreated vegetable oil (HVO) and fatty acid methyl ester (FAME).

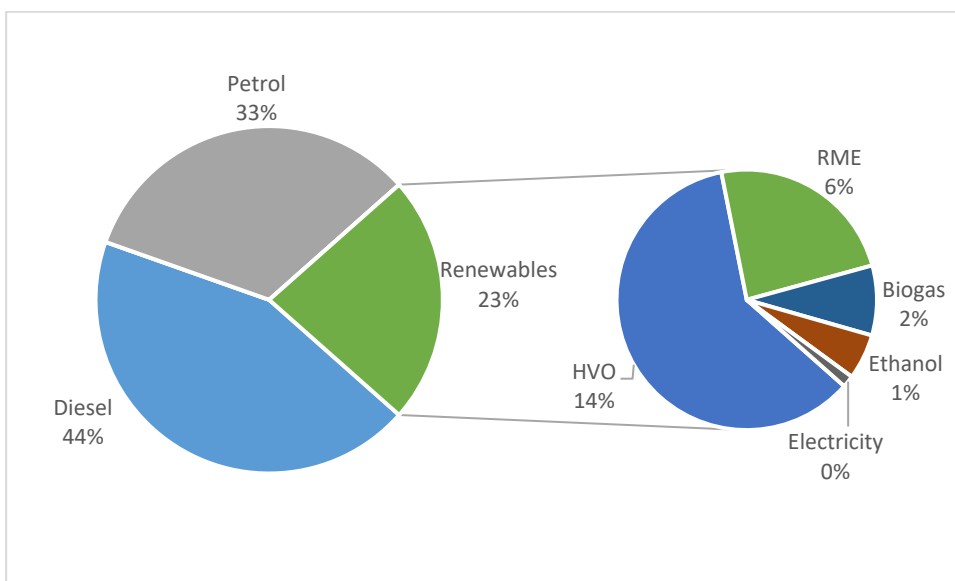


Fig. 2. Fuel Consumption in TWh within the Road Transport Sector during 2019

When HVO was introduced on the Swedish market, it was produced from crude tall oil from Sweden, Finland, and the United States. As the demand for HVO increased, the number of feedstocks and countries of origin increased. Today, the raw materials are palm fatty acid distillate (PFAD), slaughterhouse wastes, crude tall oil, corn and palm oil in descending order. The majority of feedstock for HVO is imported, as shown in Figure 3. The average GHG emissions from HVO use in Sweden during 2019 corresponded to 8 g CO<sub>2</sub>-eq per megajoule (MJ).

FAME is primarily produced from rapeseed oil. Rapeseed oil is a preferred feedstock because its cold climate properties (i.e., cloud point) are more suitable for the Nordic climate compared with many other vegetable oils.

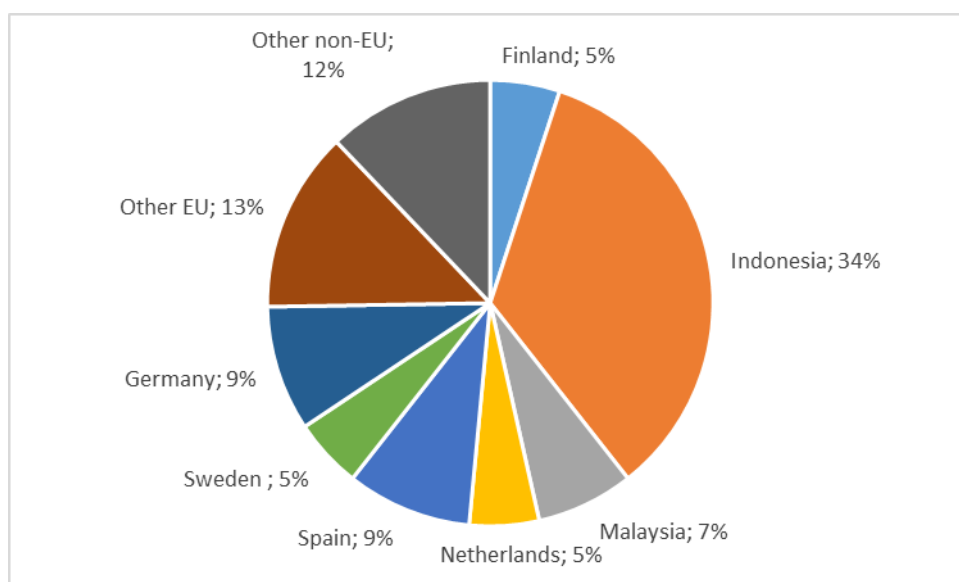


Fig. 3. Country of Feedstock Origin for HVO Consumed in Sweden in 2019

### **Research and Demonstration Focus**

The Swedish Energy Agency has several energy-related research, development, and demonstration programs:

- Energy and environment. This program is focused on automotive-related research, innovation, and development activities in the areas of increased energy efficiency, transition to renewable fuels, reduction of local/regional environmental impacts, and areas with potential to strengthen the Swedish and English automotive industries' competitiveness in a global perspective.
- Research program for transport-efficient society, 2018-2023, on a system level. The call does not accept projects that focus on technology development of vehicle or engine technologies.
- Energy-efficient vehicles, 2015-2021. Both road vehicles and non-road mobile machinery are covered, as well as advanced motor fuels.
- Biofuels programs, thermochemical processes, and biochemical methods.
- Renewable fuels and systems, 2018-2021. The renewable fuels research program is a collaborative program between the Swedish Energy Agency and the Swedish Knowledge Centre for Renewable Transportation Fuels.
- Three Competence Centres in internal combustion engine research and one Competence Centre for catalysis research. The Competence Centre is a collaboration among the automotive industry, universities, and the Swedish Energy Agency. Each party finances one-third of the cost.
- The Swedish Gasification Centre. This center is focused on large-scale biomass gasification for biofuels production, but it also covers other applications of biomass gasification.
- A pilot and demonstration program that covers all types of technologies.

#### **Outlook**

The goal is set high in Sweden, with a reduction in GHG emissions of 70% compared with 2010, and no net CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 2045. Considering the rate of turnover of the vehicle fleet, advanced motor fuels play an important role for reaching these targets.

#### **Additional Information Sources**

- Swedish Energy Agency, <http://www.energimyndigheten.se/en/>
- The Swedish Knowledge Centre for Renewable Transportation Fuels, <http://www.f3centre.se/>

#### **Major Changes**

In 2017, the Swedish Parliament adopted a new climate law with the following targets:

- No later than 2045, Sweden shall have no net emissions of GHGs to the atmosphere.
- Emissions from domestic transport (excluding aviation) shall be reduced by at least 70% by 2030, compared with 2010.

#### **Benefits of Participation in the AMF TCP**

Sustainable and clean energy for transport is necessary to achieve national and international targets. The AMF TCP gives us an arena where we can cooperate with countries worldwide to develop unbiased reports on the effects of various advanced motor fuels.