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It's only too easy to pick up the wrong pump nozzle, particularly if there are multiple fuel choices at the same bowser!

Misfuelling

As more and more people consider diesel fuelled cars as an alternative to their existing petrol cars, Summit feels that it is timely to identify a major issue that is starting to occur in the motor vehicle service and repair areas nationally.

During the past 5 years in Australia, technology now available in diesel powered cars has come a long way. Many new diesel cars currently meet stringent European guidelines in relation to their Co2 outputs and fuel economy.

These technological improvements now provide our customers with viable alternatives when considering fuel running costs and the environmental impact in running a fleet of motor vehicles.

As a benefit of these advancements, most diesel engines now run a lot quieter than previous engines; therefore, it makes it very easy for "misfuelling" to occur at the time of refuelling the motor vehicle.

"Misfuelling" occurs when the driver inadvertently fills the car with the wrong type of fuel – i.e. petrol in a diesel car or visa-versa.

The cost to repair the damage to a car's engine and fuel system caused by "misfuelling" can be significant, depending on the make of the vehicle and how far it has been driven with the wrong fuel.



Important to note:

These repair costs are not considered a part of a fully maintained lease so costs of the repair would be charged back to the customer for payment. In some instances, Summit is aware of repair bills of up to \$5,000 incurred to repair the damage caused by "misfuelling". If the "misfuel" is noted before the engine is started, this cost may be lower.

Another issue associated with "misfuelling" is that at this point in time there is no consistency amongst the petrol station outlets in the colour coding or branding of

their fuel lines nationally. This also can cause confusion to people who have been used to using petrol only pumps for refuelling in the past.

As such, Summit strongly recommends to all our customers that if you are considering switching to diesel powered vehicles, you undertake a training program to familiarise your staff with the implications of "misfuelling" and the financial costs associated with it.

Summit, of course, would be more than happy to assist in any driver training / educational programs required.

For more information please contact your Account Manager or call our toll free number: 1800 259 259.

The Mater Foundation and Summit

Summit began their relationship with The Mater in 1998 and during the last 11 years, we have supported the Mater in various ways. As well as proudly sponsoring the Student Award and the

Student Table for the MMRI Red, White and Sparkling Ball, we supply vehicles to be used by the Volunteer Services Department, donate V8 Supercar hot-laps for fundraising events and our Queensland

staff pay an annual visit to the Children's ward accompanied by our sponsored V8 Supercar drivers who happily answer all the "hard" questions put to them by their young fans.



Messages on Hold

The next time you call Summit Fleet Leasing & Management in Sydney and you are put on hold, take a minute to listen to our new "messages on hold" recording narrated by Grant Denyer.



New additions to the Summit Family

Simone, our wonderful Senior Fleet Services Officer, is now the proud mother of a beautiful baby girl. **Emily Susan Anne** was born on July 8 and weighed in at just over 3kgs. Both mother and baby are doing well and we look forward to more cuddles on their next visit.



Andrew Brown, NSW Sales & Client Services Consultant and his wife Julie have given Harrison a play-mate. **Marcus George Brown** 3.9kg was born on Friday 14th August at 1.35pm

Robbie Fidler, NSW Sales & Client Services Consultant took a helicopter ride all the way to a snow covered mountain top in New Zealand to propose to Christine – the smile and the ring say it all!!!!



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