

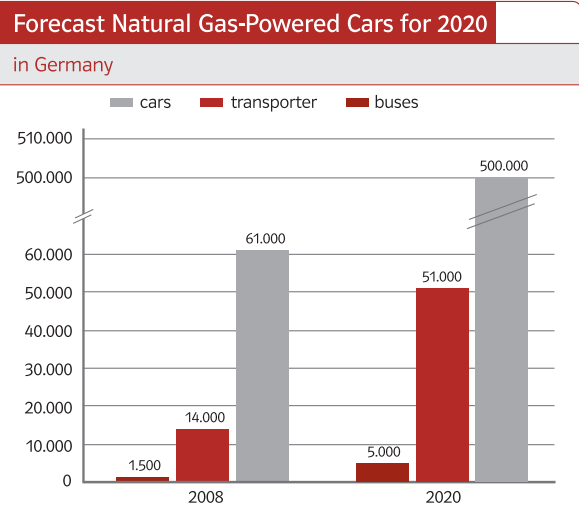
Saving Money and Protecting the Planet Thanks to Natural Gas-Powered Cars

Natural gas is on the rise: in its Green Paper on the security of energy supply, one suggestion made by the European Commission as part of its goals for traffic development was to replace 20 percent of conventional fuels with alternative fuels by 2020. Natural gas is supposed to account for half of this amount.

E.ON already makes a contribution to achieving this goal. The company runs 110 natural gas filling stations in Germany today and is planning to build 40 more. For the existing filling stations, E.ON cooperates with established gas station operators and uses, for example, their billing systems. Drivers of cars that run on natural gas currently have access to a nationwide system of around 900 filling stations in Germany. Furthermore, many of E.ON's regional

supply companies support customers who purchase a car that uses natural gas. In some areas, these customers receive fuel coupons.

This is, however, not the only reason why more and more cars on German roads are using natural gas. The comparatively low operating costs for natural gas vehicles contribute to this as well. The fuel costs for the average 100 kilometers driven in a compact car amount to €5 for natural gas compared to €10 for gasoline. And then there are the advantages regarding climate protection: A car running on natural gas emits about a quarter less CO₂ than a comparable car using gasoline. Natural gas is not just an alternative for cars, either. An increasing number of vans and city buses powered by natural gas are becoming available.



An increasing number of drivers are saving money with natural gas and protecting the environment and climate at the same time – E.ON currently runs 100 natural gas filling stations in Germany and plans to build 40 more.