

Ethanol in Older Engines

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Starting in 2008, regular gasoline was required to have a ten percent ethanol content. If your engine was built before 2008, it could be at risk with this fuel. Ethanol can break down certain parts of older gasoline engines such as fuel lines and seals.

• Know the type of fuel your boat's engine manufacturer recommends including any advisories, warnings, and recommendations on the use of fuels containing ethanol. The following can help.

- Avoid water intrusion into your boat's fuel system.
- Ensure a good water-separating fuel filter is installed.
- Keep spare fuel filters onboard and know how to safely install one if needed.
- Follow the engine manufacturer's preventative maintenance schedule for periodic engine servicing and parts replacement.

You can still buy gasoline without ethanol in it at a few locations. The following web site will show you where straight gasoline is available. <https://www.pure-gas.org/>