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EPA Automotive Trends Report Shows
Automakers Fail to Deliver Clean Vehicles

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Auto companies have made sky-high promises to turn out clean cars, but the EPA's report shows they have produced very few. Americans can't drive promises.

The report comes as the Glasgow summit recedes in the rearview mirror and final decisions are approaching on how to strengthen new auto rules. Treaties haven't done bupkis to slash emissions. Same with weak auto rules. Pollution and gas mileage won't improve without strong standards. It's up to Biden to strengthen them.

The auto companies negotiated with the Obama administration and promised to cut emissions 5% a year. Instead, the report showed, mileage and pollution improved a scant 1.9% to 25.4 mpg. The atmosphere doesn't listen to automaker promises. It only knows what cars and trucks emit.

With weak rules, automakers will keep pushing gas guzzlers, sticking consumers with high gas bills and plentiful pollution. With strong new rules, the administration can take the biggest single step of any nation to fight climate change, slashing auto pollution and requiring automakers to mass-produce clean electric vehicles.

Key details in the Trends report:

- Gas mileage and emissions improved a mere one-half mile per gallon, or 1.9% — far short of the annual 5% improvement auto companies promised in 2012.
- The three U.S.-based manufacturers — Stellantis (formerly Fiat Chrysler), GM, and Ford — scraped the bottom of the barrel, delivering the worst fuel efficiency and spewing the most emissions.
- Gas-guzzling SUVs and pickups continued to replace more efficient cars, making up nearly 70% of auto production. Horsepower, size and vehicle weight increased to their highest levels ever.
- Only Tesla, Subaru and Honda met the standards without taking advantage of loopholes. Rather than delivering required gas mileage, the others relied on credits, either by buying them from Tesla or by equipping vehicles with such technologies as solar roof panels that don't actually improve emissions.

- Five companies — Stellantis, Volkswagen, BMW, Mazda and Nissan — delivered worse fleet-wide gas mileage and emissions than they did five years ago.
- Automakers have failed to install on many of their vehicles such widely available technology as continuously variable transmissions, turbochargers, and hybrid systems, which significantly improve gas mileage and emissions.

The auto mileage trends report from the Environmental Protection Agency can be found [here](#).

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