

1.A.3.b i - iv - Emissions from fuel combustion in Road Vehicles (OVERVIEW)

Short description

This overview chapter provides information on the emissions from fuel combustion activities in road transport sub-categories *1.A.3.b i, ii, iii, and iv*.

NFR-Code	Name of Category
1.A.3.b i	Passenger Cars
1.A.3.b ii	Light Duty Vehicles
1.A.3.b iii	Heavy Duty Vehicles
1.A.3.b iv	Mopeds & Motorcycles

Methodology

Activity data

Basically, total inland fuel deliveries are available from the National Energy Balances (NEBs) (AGEB, 2018) ¹⁾, line 62: Straßenverkehr (Road Transport) as compiled by the Association of the German Petroleum Industry (MWV) ²⁾.

Based upon these primary activity data, specific consumption data for the different types of road vehicles are generated within TREMOD ³⁾.



For further details see main chapter [1.A.3.b - Road Transport](#) as well as the sub-category chapters linked above.

Emission factors

The majority of emissions factors for exhaust emissions from road transport are taken from the 'Handbook Emission Factors for Road Transport' (HBEFA, version 4.1) ⁴⁾ where they are provided on a tier3 level mostly and processed within the TREMOD software used by the party ⁵⁾.



With respect to the emission factors applied for particulate matter, given the circumstances during test-bench measurements, condensables are most likely included at least partly. ¹⁾

As it is not possible to present these tier3 values in a comprehensible way, the NFR sub-chapters linked above provide sets of fuel-specific implied emission factors instead.

For heavy-metal (other than lead from leaded gasoline) and PAH exhaust-emissions, default emission factors from (EMEP/EEA, 2019) ⁶⁾ have been applied. Regarding PCDD/F, tier1 EF from (Rentz et al., 2008) ⁷⁾ are used instead.

Trends of exhaust emissions from road transport vehicles

For **ammonia emissions**, the increasing use of catalytic converters in gasoline driven cars in the 1990s lead to a steep increase whereas both the technical development of the converters and the ongoing shift from gasoline to diesel cars resulted in decreasing emissions in the following years.

The observed trends for **NO_x**, **NM VOC** and **CO emissions** represent the changes in legislative emission limits and the regarding implementation of mitigation technologies.

Trends for **sulphur dioxide** (SO₂) and **ammonia** (NH₃) exhaust emissions show characteristics very different from those shown above. Here, the strong dependence on increasing fuel qualities leads to a cascaded downward trend of **SO₂ emissions**, influenced only slightly by increases in fuel consumption and mileage.

The following table provides the development of sulphur contents over the years for Old (OGL) and New German Länder (NGL) and Germany (GER).

Table 1: Development of fuel sulphur contents in Germany

Area covered	Year(s) covered	Gasoline	Diesel oil
EAST GERMANY (DDR)	until 1988	500 ppm	6,000 ppm
	1989-1990	500 ppm	6,000 ppm
WEST GERMANY (BRD)	until 1984	250 ppm	2,700 ppm
	1985		2,500 ppm
	1986		2,100 ppm
	1987		
	1988		1,700 ppm
	1989		
	1990	220 ppm	
GERMANY	1991	220 ppm	1,300 ppm
	1992		
	1993		
	1994		
	1995	180 ppm	600 ppm
	1996		
	1997	70 ppm	400 ppm
	1998-2000		300 ppm
	2001	55 ppm	250 ppm
	2002	25 ppm	40 ppm
	since 2003	8 ppm	8 ppm

For **exhaust particulate matter emissions** from diesel road vehicles, the party assumes that nearly all particles emitted are within the PM_{2.5} range, resulting in similar emission values for PM_{2.5}, PM₁₀, and TSP. Excumptions from this assumption can be observed for gasoline road vehicles for the years until 1997 when **additional TSP emissions** resulted **from the use of leaded gasoline** that was banned in 1997. Furthermore, **black carbon** emissions are estimated via implied emission factors derived from fractions of PM as provided in ⁸⁾.

For **Heavy Metals** and **PAHs**, emissions are calculated with tier1 default EF from ⁹⁾ resulting in trends that simply reflect the annual fuel consumption. Here, the only excumption are **lead emissions from leaded gasoline** that was in use until 1996 with lead contents provided in the table below:

Table 2: Development of gasoline's lead content in Germany

Area covered	Year(s) covered	Lead content
EAST GERMANY (GDR)	1989-1990	126 mg/l
WEST GERMANY (BRD)	1990	42 mg/l
GERMANY	1991	29 mg/l
	1992	20 mg/l
	1993	16 mg/l
	1994	11 mg/l
	1995	8 mg/l
	1996	4 mg/l
	since 1997	0 mg/l (banned)

Recalculations

Recalculations of exhaust-emissions are mainly based on annual routine revisions of the underlying TREMOD model. For more information, please see the specific chapters linked above.

¹⁾ (bibcite 1)

²⁾ (bibcite 2)

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During test-bench measurements, temperatures are likely to be significantly higher than under real-world conditions, thus reducing condensation. On the contrary, smaller dillution (higher number of primary particles acting as condensation germs) together with higher pressures increase the likeliness of condensation. So over-all condensables are very likely to occur but different to real-world conditions.