

State Actions Banning MTBE (Statewide)

The following states have either a partial or complete ban on MTBE (methyl tertiary-butyl ether). This list is updated when new information becomes available. For more information on MTBE, please visit the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Web site at www.epa.gov/mtbe.

State (EPA Region)	Phaseout date (in chronological order)	Complete or partial ban?	Applies to other oxygenates?	Date of adoption
IA (7)	7/1/00	Partial: no more than trace amounts (0.5% by vol.) MTBE in motor vehicle fuel.	MTBE only	5/11/00 Replaced previous limit of 2% (vol.)
MN (5)	7/2/00 (partial) 7/2/05 (complete)	Partial/then complete: no more than 1/3 of 1% oxygenate as of 7/2/00; complete ban as of 7/2/05.	MTBE, ETBE ¹ , and TAME ²	Early 2000
NE (7)	7/13/00	Partial: no more than 1% (vol.) MTBE in any petroleum product.	MTBE only	4/11/00
SD (8)	7/1/01	Partial: no more than trace amounts (less than 0.5% vol.) resulting from commingling during storage or transfer.	MTBE only	2/28/01 Replaced previous limit of 2% (vol.)
CO (8)	4/30/02	Complete ban by 4/30/02.	MTBE only	5/23/00

¹ ETBE stands for Ethyl tertiary butyl ether

² TAME stands for Tertiary amyl methyl ether

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CA (9)	Originally 12/31/02; delayed to 12/31/03	Complete ban by 12/31/02, but latest Exec. Order requires CARB to implement by 7/31/02 a one-year delay in ban. On 7/25/02, CARB delayed the ban by 1 year.	MTBE only	10/9/99 (Orig. E.O. issued 3/25/99; latest E.O. issued 3/15/02)
MI (5)	6/1/03	Complete ban by 6/1/03; can be extended if determined by 6/1/02 that phaseout date is not achievable.	MTBE only	6/26/00
CT (1)	1/1/04	Complete ban by 1/1/04, planned in conjunction with NESCAUM regional fuels task force.	MTBE only	6/1/00 (Orig. phaseout date 10/1/03; extended to 1/1/04 on 6/18/03)
NY (2)	1/1/04	Complete ban as of 1/1/04.	MTBE only	5/24/00
WA (10)	1/1/04	Partial: may not be intentionally added to fuel, or knowingly mixed in gasoline above 0.6% (vol.)	MTBE only	5/10/01
KS (7)	7/1/04	Partial: may not sell or deliver any motor vehicle fuel containing more than 0.5% (vol.) MTBE	MTBE only	4/19/01
IL (5)	7/24/04	Partial: may not use, sell or manufacture MTBE as a fuel additive, but may sell motor fuel containing trace amounts of MTBE (0.5% or less by volume)	MTBE only	7/24/01 (original ban) revised 6/24/02 to allow trace amounts
IN (5)	7/24/04	Partial: no more than 0.5% (vol.) MTBE in gasoline	MTBE only	3/14/02
WI (5)	8/1/04	Partial: no more than 0.5% (vol.) MTBE in gasoline	MTBE only	8/11/03

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AZ (9)	1/1/05	Partial: no more than 0.3% (vol.) MTBE in gasoline	MTBE only	5/11/04
OH (5)	7/1/05	Partial: no more than 0.5% (vol.) MTBE in motor vehicle fuels	MTBE only	5/29/02
MO (7)	7/31/05	Partial: no more than 0.5% (vol.) MTBE in gasoline sold or stored	MTBE only	7/11/02
KY (4)	1/1/06	Partial: no more than trace amounts of MTBE in fuel after this date	MTBE only	4/23/02
MT (8)	1/1/06	Partial: no more than trace amounts of MTBE in fuel after this date	MTBE only	4/25/05
ME (1)	1/1/07	Partial: no more than 0.5% (vol.) MTBE in gasoline sold.	MTBE only	4/14/04
NH (1)	1/1/07	Partial: no more than 0.5% (vol.) in gasoline sold or stored	MTBE, other gasoline ethers, or tertiary butyl alcohol (TBA)	5/10/05
VT (1)	1/1/07	complete	MTBE	5/23/05

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RI (1)	1/1/07	partial: no more than 0.5% (vol.) MTBE and other oxygenates in gasoline	MTBE & “other oxygenates-methanol, Isopropanol, n-Propanol, N-butonal, sec-butanol, tert-butanol, tert-pentalol (tert-amylalcohol), Ethyl tert butyl ether (ETBE), disapropyl ether (DIPE), tert butyl alcohol (TBA), Iso-butanol, tertamylmethylene ether (TAME)	7/6/05
NC (4)	1/1/08	Partial: no more than 0.5% (vol.) MTBE in gasoline	MTBE only	6/21/05
NJ (2)	1/1/09	Partial: no more than 0.5% (vol.) MTBE in gasoline	MTBE only	8/18/05