



## Filling Petrol Storage Containers at a Petrol Filling Station

(Advice to members of the public)

### Petrol storage containers

- Only suitable portable petrol storage containers can be filled with petrol:
- Plastic petrol containers up to 10 litres capacity
- Metal petrol containers up to 20 litres capacity
- Demountable fuel tanks up to 30 litres capacity

### How many containers can be filled at a petrol filling station?

Whilst the Petroleum (Consolidation) Regulations 2014 do not specify the number of suitable petrol storage containers that can be filled at a petrol filling station, many filling stations place a maximum limit of two petrol storage containers.

This is in part because the Petroleum (Consolidation) Regulations 2014 place a maximum limit of the petrol that can be stored in a vehicle of 30 litres in two portable petrol storage containers. This petrol may also count towards the petrol that can be stored at a domestic premises for domestic or leisure use.

### Filling portable petrol storage containers

- No person under the age of 16 is to operate a dispenser at a petrol filling station
- Petrol storage containers must be removed from vehicle prior to filling
- Containers must be placed on the ground whilst filling
- Containers must be securely closed immediately after filling
- Containers must be filled one at a time, with all other containers (including empty containers) remaining securely closed
- Containers must only be filled to the nominal capacity and not to the brim
- After filling containers should remain on the ground for a short period to allow petrol vapour to disperse prior to replacing in vehicle
- Petrol containers that currently or have previously contained petrol should not be taken into the petrol filling station shop/kiosk

Portable petrol storage containers should not be stored or transported in the passenger compartment of the vehicle.

This information is not intended to fully detail all the specific requirements for the filling of portable petrol storage containers, and therefore should you require further information or advice please contact your local trading standards office as detailed below.