

36 1-2 Miles to a Gallon of Gas

In a recent test to show the effect of careful driving on gasoline consumption, a Chevrolet "Four-Ninety" Touring Car established the record rate of 36½ miles to the gallon. All five Chevrolet cars used, averaged 33½ miles to the gallon.

The conditions of this test will interest every automobile owner. For economy is the greatest factor in motor transportation. And it means a great deal to know that the expense of operation is entirely within the driver's control.

It was to prove this point, that the test made in Seattle, Wash., was undertaken. Chevrolet "Four-Ninety" Cars were chosen because they are so widely used, and because practically everyone is familiar with the fact that between 20 and 25 miles to the gallon is their usual average.

The rules forbade any change other than carburetor adjustments, and a careful inspection was made at the start to make certain that each car was in standard condition. The route, 15½ miles long, was carefully chosen to include as nearly as possible, the average conditions of daily travel—hills, city traffic and country roads. There was no limit. And each driver was accompanied by an impartial observer.

At the start each gasoline tank was filled to overflowing. When the cars arrived at the finish line each tank was again filled to the brim from an accurate one gallon measure and the balance poured from the measure into equal half-gallon glass jars.

By measuring the quantity in the latter it was found that the winning "Four-Ninety" had used slightly less than a half a gallon, or at the exact rate of 36½ miles to the gallon of gasoline.

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