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The labels, they are a-changing...

Robin Roberts reports.

Motorists, garages and vehicle manufacturers will see a new range of fuel identity labels being introduced this summer.

The EU has changed the look, colour and shape of labels to remove possible confusion and they must be in place by 12 October. Essentially petrol fuels will identified by round symbols, diesel products by squares and gaseous fuels inside a diamond shape on pumps and fillers.

When customers arrive at a filling station and open the fuel-filler cap on their vehicle, a common fuel identifier will be visible on both the vehicle and the pump, providing guidance on the fuel that is compatible for use with their vehicle.

In order to assist both consumers and the operators of vehicle dealerships and retail stations to understand these new labels, a coalition of vehicle manufacturers, fuel refiners and fuel suppliers have published informative brochures.

These brochures, in Q&A format, explain the purpose of the identifiers and fuel labels, their design and in which vehicles they will appear.

The brochures are available online at www.fuel-identifiers.eu. They will also be made available in each EU member state in coordination with locally-affiliated national associations and companies.