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RAC advice for motorists travelling to France

The latest news from France relating to the fuel shortage and industrial action, is that the RAC understands 53% of 10,250 French fuel stations are now affected by shortages.

RAC fuel spokesman Simon Williams said: “People will have spent a lot of money on holidays so they will naturally be very reluctant to cancel their trips.

“The best advice is to make sure you have a full tank before you cross to

France. Ideally, you should have enough fuel to get you comfortably to your destination. If you are holidaying in Northern France, depending where you cross, you might well not have to refuel at all or only require a top-up. If, however, you are travelling a longer distance in France it's vital you go in search of fuel well before you need it and accept delays and rationing.

“Motorists should also know how far a fuel tank will take them at their vehicle's average fuel economy and drive fuel efficiently at all times by not accelerating too harshly and maintaining a steady speed wherever possible.”

“The best website to look at is penurie.mon-essence.fr which has a map indicating showing fuel stations are affected by shortages, either partially or fully. It can also help you locate fuel stations.

“The RAC is not advising the use of fuel cans as they are unlikely to make sufficient difference if you are going any considerable distance. The limits set by the Government for carrying petrol and diesel in approved containers on a ferry are a maximum quantity five litres per vehicle but some forbid you from carrying petrol altogether.”

Fuel efficiency tips can be found here: www.rac.co.uk/drive/advice/how/fuel-saving-tips

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and repair. Included in this is the first-of-its-kind nationwide Mobile Mechanics service which brings the garage to homes and workplaces.

At the forefront of new solutions for business fleets and consumers, the RAC's breakdown service is electric-ready with mobile EV charging technology and can be called on using [myRAC](#) – the all-in-one route planner, fuel finder and breakdown reporting app.

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