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Goss – ‘Fuel Economy Scams’

PAT GOSS: John, as fuel prices go higher and higher, drivers become more desperate for better fuel economy. Well that's okay, but remember that there are all kinds of crooks out there that would like to take your money, and sell you something that sounds wonderful but in reality, doesn't work.

Take the things that swirl the air that goes into the engine, this is counter-productive to what the engineers did when they designed the engine, they want to straighten out the airflow and take advantage of that momentum – not good.

Look at the magnets, there are thousands of different kinds of magnets that clamp over the fuel lines, they're supposed to align the molecules in the gas. Well, okay – first gas is not magnetic; second, even if you did align the molecules, there's a 125,000 B.T.U's of energy in a gallon of gas and no matter what you do, you can't create energy.

Oh, here's one. This one I've tried on one of my own vehicles, this one has a bunch of different types of metals and so on inside it, supposed to give about a 30 percent increase in gas mileage, extensive test on two cars – zero improvement, and 300 and some odd dollars out of pocket, uh uh.

Here's something, Brown's gas or H.H.O. or drive your car on water. You buy a kit or you buy plans to build one of these things, what you do is you put electrodes in the water, put the water in here and the electrodes separate out hydrogen from the water and that's supposed to propel your car. Okay you can run a car on hydrogen, but you're not out of this little bit of water. See, the reality of it is, in order to have enough hydrogen to run your car the same distance that you would on 15 gallons of gas, you would have to have 45,000 gallons of hydrogen, so consider towing 6 or so of those big gasoline tankers behind your car to have enough room to store that hydrogen gas.

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