



California to ban sale of petrol, diesel cars by 2035

Executive order directs state to require that, by 2035, all new cars and passenger trucks sold in California be zero-emission vehicles.

On the back of four of the five largest fires in the history of California, governor Gavin Newsom announced that he will aggressively move the state further away from its reliance on fossil fuels to tackle climate change and spur economic growth. He issued an executive order requiring sales of all new passenger vehicles to be zero-emission by 2035.

“This is the most impactful step our state can take to fight climate change,” said Governor Newsom. “For too many decades, we have allowed cars to pollute the air that our children and families breathe. Californians shouldn’t have to worry if our cars are giving our kids asthma. Our cars shouldn’t make wildfires worse – and create more days filled with smoky air. Cars shouldn’t melt glaciers or raise sea levels threatening our cherished beaches and coastlines.”

Heavy-duty vehicles shall be 100% zero emission by 2045 where feasible, with the mandate going into effect by 2035 for drayage trucks.

The executive order will not prevent Californians from owning gasoline-powered cars or selling them on the used car market.

The White House responded by saying this was another example of “how extreme the left has become.”

California joins a list of 15 countries around the world, such as France and Germany, that have announced similar targets.

The U.S.' most populated state has become a world leader in the transition to alternative fuels with major projects in EV charging infrastructure, hydrogen stations and renewable natural gas transport.

California Energy Commission [recently approved \\$39.1 million in funding](#) for installing 36 new hydrogen stations for passenger vehicles statewide.