

First ethanol bus on SA streets Oct 13, 2010 12:15 PM | By Times LIVE The world's first ethanol powered bus has hit South Africa's streets according to Mix Telematics. Current Font Size: John Anderson MiX Telematics stand with the first ever ethanol-powered bus in SA The bus trades off fuel economy for a lower carbon impact. It takes about 80 liters of ethanol to run for 100kms, verses 45 liters of diesel in a normal bus, but at the same time it only produces 125g of carbon dioxide for those 100kms versus the 1285g by the diesel bus.

John Anderson, OEM Key Account Manager MiX Telematics says that while this means that the ethanol bus is more expensive to run at present, once government environmental taxes come in companies will start to see savings.