

UK Petrol Prices (1902-1994)

London petrol prices - retail per gallon

Sources: *Petroleum Review* and *Petroleum Times* 1902-1918; *Petroleum Times* 1919-1939. Early references in *Petroleum Review* are from a Liverpool market report; from 1911 onwards there is clear indication that prices are from London.

Petrol prices were not clearly recorded before 1914; in 1912 one commentator stated that prices were often what the retailer could get from the motorist and could be far higher than the market report level.

Dates given pre-1914 tend to reflect the dates of issue of the weekly market report, rather than the exact dates of the price change.

Sterling prior to decimalisation (1971)

2 x ¼d = ½d	(2 farthings = 1 halfpenny)
2 x ½d = 1d	(2 halfpence = 1 penny)
12d = 1s	(12 pence = 1 shilling)
20s = £1	(20 shillings = 1 pound)

Old to New Money (after 1971)

6d = 2½p	(sixpence = 2½ new pence)
1s = 5p	(1 shilling = 5 new pence)

1902	April	9d	
	September 11	8½d	
	September 30	9d	
1903	February 6	10d	
	February 26	10½d	
	June 12	1s 2d	
	September 11	1s 0d	
1904	March 17	11d	
	July 8	9d	
1905	December 22	10d	
1906	December 21	1s 3d	
1908	July 3	1s 1½d	
1909	May 7	1s 2d	"consumers tax" of 3d imposed April 30, with 50% rebate on fuel for commercial vehicles and hackneys. Liverpool market report abandoned.
	November 19		
1910	December 2	1s 0d	
	December 16	1s ½d	

1911	February 10 September 8 October 6 November 3	1s 1d 1s 1½d 1s 2d 1s 2½d	
1912	February 23 March 8 October 18	1s 4d 1s 6d 1s 7d	<i>In May, due to dock strike and transport difficulties, the official prices are stated to have become "largely unrealistic" for a period.</i>
1913	March 1	1s 9d	<i>A second quality petrol is put on the market at 2d/gallon extra.</i>
1915	September 22 December 24	2s 1d 2s 2d	Tax raised to 6d on this date. <i>At this period there were 3 grades: no.1 2s 1d; no.2 2s 0d; no.3 1s 11d. The "no.2" was abandoned at a later date (exact date unknown).</i>
1916	May 15	2s 10d	
1917	May 24 July 13 September 3 October 10 November 26 December 18	2s 10¾d 3s 1d 3s 11d 3s 8½d 3s 7d 3s 6d	
1918	May 1 December 2	3s 8½d 3s 6½d	
1919	January 1 May 19	3s 3d 3s ½d	
1920	February 4 August 30 October 11	3s 8½d 4s 3½d 4s ½d	<i>First ex-pump price; prices henceforth are ex-pump.</i>
1921	January 1 May 28 August 18	3s 5½d 2s 11½d 2s 5½d	"Consumers tax" removed.
1922	September 26	2s 0d	
1923	July 19 September 25	1s 8½d 1s 6½d	
1924	February 2 September 4 September 16	1s 11d 1s 7½d 1s 6½d	
1926	February 26 November 1 December 20	1s 7½d 1s 6d 1s 5½d	
1927	March 16 April 4 August 13	1s 3½d 1s 2½d 1s 1½d	

1928	April 1	1s ½d	<i>Duty of 4d/gallon imposed on light hydrocarbon oils.</i>
	April 28	1s 4¾d	
	November 22	1s 11d	
1929	March 1	1s 7d	
	November 1	1s 6½d	
1930	September 23	1s 4½d	
1931	March 3	1s 2½d	<i>Duty raised from 4d to 6d/gallon</i>
	April 28	1s 4½d	
	May 22	1s 3½d	
	July 18	1s 2½d	<i>Duty raised from 6d to 8d/gallon in "emergency" budget</i>
	September 11	1s 4½d	
1932	September 14	1s 7½d	
1933	May 17	1s 5d	
	November 3	1s 6d	
1934	March 22	1s 5d	
1935	May 1	1s 6d	
1936	January 30	1s 7d	
1937	January 14	1s 6½	
	February 12	1s 7d	
	April 27	1s 7½d	
	July 29	1s 7d	
1938	February 18	1s 6½d	<i>Duty raised from 8d/gallon to 9d/gallon</i>
	April 27	1s 7½d	
	May 13	1s 7d	

No further price changes up to the outbreak of war. Immediately pre-war there were two grades only:
no.1 (retail) 1s 7d
no.3 1s 5d.

1939	September 4		<i>Petroleum Board in operation and only "Pool" petrol (one grade) marketed.</i>
	September 4	1s 6d	
	September 23		<i>Rationing introduced</i>
	October 17	1s 8d	
	November 14	1s 9½d	
	December 23	1s 10d	<i>Adjustment of retail dealers' margins from 2½d to 3• d/gallon to compensate for reduced sales.</i>
1940	May 22	1s 11½d	
	September 24	2s ½d	
1942	February 17	2s 1½d	
1945	August 21	1s 11½d	
1947	May 15	2s ½d	
	September 1	2s 1½d	

1948	June 3	2s 1d	<i>Introduction of new price schedules and a zonal system (based on distance from the importing centre).</i>	
	June 30		<i>Petroleum Board ends, but "Pool" grade alone continues to be marketed.</i>	
	November 1		<i>"Fixed prices" approved by the Ministry of Power & Fuel September 1939 now become "maximum prices".</i>	

Inner zone prices

		Price	Duty	
1949	June 2	2s ½d	9d	
	October 25	2s 3d	9d	
1950	April 18	3s 0d	1s 6d	
	May 26			<i>Rationing ended</i>
	June 1	3s ¾	1s 6d	
	September 22	3s 1d	1s 6d	
1951	January 18	3s 1½d	1s 6d	
	April 11	3s 6d	1s 10½d	
	May 1	3s 6½d	1s 10½d	
	October 29	3s 7d	1s 10½d	
	December 21	3s 7¼d	1s 10½d	
1952	March 12	4s 2¾d	2s 6d	
	May 19	4s 3¼d	2s 6d	
	October 29	4s 2¾d	2s 6d	
1953	February 1	<i>"Pool" petrol ceases and branded fuels return as standard and premier grades. The tax element is the same for all grades in all zones.</i>		
		Premier	Standard	Tax
1953	February 1	4s 5¾d	4s 2¾d	2s 6d
	April 29	4s 5d	4s 2d	2s 6d
	July 8	4s 5½d	4s 2½d	2s 6d
	October 7	4s 5½d	4s 2d	2s 6d
	November 5	4s 5½d	4s 1½d	2s 6d
1954	March 30	4s 5½d	4s ½d	2s 6d
	April 13	4s 5½d	4s ½d	2s 6d
1955	January 15	4s 6d	4s 1d	2s 6d
	October 1	4s 7d	4s 1d	2s 6d
1956	October 11	4s 7½d	4s 1½d	2s 6d
	December 5	6s ½d	5s 6½d	3s 6d
				<i>Suez crisis. Petrol rationing intro'd 17 December and ended 15 May 1957.</i>

1957	March 19	6s 1½d	5s 7½d	3s 6d
	April 10	5s 1½d	4s 7½d	2s 6d
	April 12	5s ½d	4s 6½d	2s 6d
	May 2	4s 11½d	4s 5½d	2s 6d
	May 18	4s 10d	4s 4d	2s 6d
	July 3	4s 9½d	4s 3½d	2s 6d
	November 13	4s 8¾d	4s 2¾d	2s 6d
1958	February 11	4s 8d	4s 2d	2s 6d
	July 16	4s 8½d	4s 2½d	2s 6d
	August 9	4s 8½d	4s 3d	2s 6d
1960	April 14	4s 8d	-	2s 6d
	June 21	4s 8d	4s 2d	2s 6d
	August 27	4s 7½d	4s 2d	2s 6d
1961	July 26	4s 10½d	4s 5d	2s 9d
1962	August 15/18	4s 10½d	4s 4d	2s 9d
1963	June 15/20	4s 9d	-	2s 9d
1964	July 8/9	4s 9½	4s 4d	2s 9d
	November 11	5s 3½d	4s 10½d	3s 3d
1965	April 9/10	5s 2d	4s 10½d	3s 3d
1966	July 21	5s 7d	5s 2½d	42.9d

Introduction of star grading system

Date	2 Star	3 Star	4 Star	5 Star	Tax
	<i>90 octane 94 octane</i>		<i>97 octane 100 octane</i>		
1967	March 16	5s 1d	5s 4d	5s 7d	42.9d
	June 30	5s 3d	5s 6d	5s 9d	43.0d
1968	March 19	5s 7d	5s 10d	6s 1d	3s 11d
	November 22	6s ¼d	6s ¾d	6s 6¼d	51.7d
1969	April 15	6s 2d	6s 3½d	6s 6d	4s 6d
1970	July 16	6s 3d	6s 5d	6s 7d	4s 6d
	November 3	6s 4d	6s 6d	6s 8d	4s 6d
	December 30	6s 6d	6s 8d	6s 10d	7s 0d

**Introduction of Decimalisation
Prices in new pence per gallon**

	Date	Price				VAT	Tax
		2 Star	3 Star	4 Star	5 Star		
1971	February 20	33.00	33.5	34.5	35.5	22.5	
1972	April 28/9	33.5	34.0	35.0	36.0	22.5	
	September 9	34.0	34.5	35.5	36.5	22.5	
1973	April 30	35.0	35.5	36.5	37.5	22.5	
	October 1	36.0	36.5	37.5	38.5	22.5	
	*December 15	40.5	41.5	42.0	43.0	22.5	
1974	February 12	48.5	49.5	50.0	51.0	22.5	
	*April 1	53.5	54.5	55.0	56.0	22.5	10%
	July 29	52.5	53.5	54.0	55.0	22.5	8%
	November 18	61/60.5	62/61.5	62.5	63.5	22.5	25%
	** December 20	71.0	72.0	72.5	73.5	22.5	25%
* Maximum prices							
** Maximum price conditions lifted							
1975	December 2	74.5	75.5	76.0	77.0	22.5	25%
1976	April 9	75.5	76.5	77.0	78.0	30.0	12.5%
	July 16-20	76.5	77.5	78.0	79.5	30.0	12.5%
	November 1	80.5	81.5	82.0	83.5	30.0	12.5%
	December 21	82.5	83.5	84.0	85.5	30.0	12.5%
1977	March 29	88.0	89.0	89.5	91.0	35.0	12.5%
	April 28	89.0	90.0	90.5	93.0	35.0	12.5%
	August 8	76.0	77.0	78.0	80.0	30.0	12.5%
1978	November 14	78.0	79.0	80.0	82.0	30.0	12.5%
1979	February 8-16	82.0	83.0	84.0	86.0	30.0	12.5%
	April 6	86.0	87.0	88.0	90.0	30.0	12.5%
	June 1	95.0	96.0	97.0	n/a	30.0	12.5%
	June 18	108.0	109.0	110.0	n/a	36.82	15%
	July 3	116.0	117.0	118.0	n/a	36.82	15%
	December 27/28	118.0	119.0	120.0	n/a	36.82	15%

n/a not available

There was a multiplicity of different pump prices for motor spirit at this time, even in the same area. For this reason, the figures given below - which relate to the inner zone - should only be taken as a guide. All prices are quoted per imperial gallon, and some rounding off has been incorporated. VAT is included in the overall price but does not appear under the column headed 'duty'.

		Price (pence)			Duty	VAT			
		2 star	3 star	4 star					
1980	January 15/16	122.0	123.0	124.0	36.82	15%			
	February 19	125.0	126.0	127.0	36.82	15%			
	March 26	135.0	136.0	137.0	45.46	15%			
	May 17-24	137.0	138.0	139.0	45.46	15%			
	July 5/9	135.0	136.0	137.0	45.46	15%			
	August	133.0	134.0	135.0	45.46	15%			
	September 9	131.0	132.0	133.0	45.46	15%			
1981	January	133.0	134.0	135.0	45.46	15%			
	March 10	153.0	154.0	155.0	62.83	15%			
	March 26-30	155.0	156.0	157.0	62.83	15%			
	April +	153.0	154.0	155.0	62.83	15%			
	May +	150.0	151.0	152.0	62.83	15%			
	June	154.0	155.0	156.0	62.83	15%			
	July	162.0	163.0	164.0	62.83	15%			
	August 11/12	167.5	168.5	169.5	62.83	15%			
	September +	165.5	166.5	167.5	62.83	15%			
	November 6-11 +	168.5	169.5	170.5	62.83	15%			
	November 25	165.5	166.5	167.5	62.83	15%			
	December (mid) +	163.5	164.5	165.5	62.83	15%			
	December 31 +	158.5	161.5	162.5	62.83	15%			
1982	January (mid) +	154.5	157.5	158.5	62.83	15%			
	January 29 +	152.5	155.5	156.5	62.83	15%			
	February (mid) +	149.5	152.5	156.5	62.83	15%			
	February 19 +	146.0	149.0	150.0	62.83	15%			
1982	March 4 +	143.0	146.0	147.0	62.83	15%			
	March 9	152.0	155.0	156.0	70.65	15%			
	March (mid) +	150.5	153.5	154.5	70.65	15%			
	March 24/26	155.5	158.5	159.5	70.65	15%			
	April 16	159.0	162.0	163.0	70.65	15%			
	April 28/30	161.5	164.5	165.5	70.65	15%			
	May 22	158.5	161.5	162.5	70.65	15%			
	June 1/4	165.0	168.0	169.0	70.65	15%			
	June 18/21	174.0	177.0	178.0	70.65	15%			
	July 12 +	168.0	171.0	172.0	70.65	15%			
	July 26 +	163.0	166.0	167.0	70.65	15%			
	August 2 +	161.5	164.5	165.5	70.65	15%			
	August 9/10	168.5	171.5	172.5	70.65	15%			
	1982	August 30 +	167.5	170.5	171.5	70.65	15%	September 11/12	
		171.5	174.5	175.5	70.65	15%			
		October 10 +	169.0	171.0	173.0	70.65	15%		
		October 19 +	174.0	176.0	178.0	70.65	15%		
	November 13	172.0	174.0	176.0	70.65	15%			
	November 26	169.0	171.0	173.0	70.65	15%			
	Nov 30/Dec 1	174.0	176.0	178.0	70.65	15%			
	December (mid) +	170.0	173.0	174.0	70.65	15%			
	December 24 +	167.0	170.0	171.0	70.65	15%			

1983	January 7 +	164.0	167.0	168.0	70.65	15%
	January (mid) +	161.0	164.0	165.0	70.65	15%
	January 28 +	160.0	163.0	164.0	70.65	15%
	February 1	165.0	168.0	169.0	70.65	15%
	March 4 +	164.0	167.0	168.0	70.65	15%
	March 11	162.0	165.0	166.0	70.65	15%
	March 15	166.0	169.0	170.0	74.10	15%
	March 25 +	165.0	168.0	169.0	74.10	15%
	April 7 +	163.0	166.0	167.0	74.10	15%
1984	April 12	175.0	178.0	179.0	74.10	15%
	July 4/8	180.0	183.0	184.0	74.10	15%
	February 10/13	176.0	179.0	180.0	74.10	15%
	March 13	180.0	183.0	184.0	78.01	15%
	June 2-8	182.0	185.0	186.0	78.01	15%
	July (mid) +	180.0	183.0	184.0	78.01	15%
1985	September 17	182.5	185.5	186.5	78.01	15%
	September 26-29	186.0	189.0	190.0	78.01	15%
	February 11-14	188.0	191.0	192.0	78.01	15%
	February 18-20	191.0	194.0	195.0	78.01	15%
	March 8-11	196.0	199.0	200.0	78.01	15%
	March 19	200.0	203.0	204.0	81.56	15%
	March 29	196.0	199.0	200.0	81.56	15%
	April 15	200.0	203.0	205.0	81.56	15%
	July 13-15	197.0	198.0	199.0	81.56	15%
1986	October 5 +	194.0	195.0	197.0	81.56	15%
	October 28 +	192.0	193.0	195.0	81.56	15%
	December 2	191.0	192.0	194.0	81.56	15%
1986	January (mid) +	190.0	191.0	193.0	81.56	15%
	January 25 +	185.0	187.0	190.0	81.56	15%
	February 5	181.0	183.0	185.0	81.56	15%
1986	February 18	180.0	182.0	183.0	81.56	15%
	March 3	174.0	176.0	178.0	81.56	15%
	March 8	171.5	173.5	175.5	81.56	15%
	March 18	171.5	173.5	175.5	88.10	15%
	March 22	173.0	175.0	177.0	88.10	15%
	April 4 +	168.0	170.0	172.0	88.10	15%
	April 11 +	166.0	168.0	170.0	88.10	15%
	April 18 +	162.0	164.0	166.0	88.10	15%
	April 25 +	160.0	162.0	164.0	88.10	15%
	May 2 +	158.0	160.0	162.0	88.10	15%
	May 9 +	156.0	158.0	160.0	88.10	15%
	May 30	161.0	163.0	165.0	88.10	15%
	June 24	<i>Esso sell first gallon-unleaded petrol in UK, approximately 5p/gal more than 4 star.</i>				
1986	July 11 +	160.0	162.0	164.0	88.10	15%
	July 25 +	156.0	158.0	160.0	88.10	15%
	August 1 +	154.0	156.0	158.0	88.10	15%
	August 12	161.0	163.0	165.0	88.10	15%
	August 27-29	166.0	168.0	170.0	88.10	15%
	October 10 +	165.0	167.0	169.0	88.10	15%
	November 17 +	166.0	168.0	170.0	88.10	15%

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1987	January 14	171.0	174.0	175.5	88.10	15%
	March 25 +	170.0	173.0	174.0	88.10	15%
	April 8 +	169.0	172.0	173.0	88.10	15%
	June 5 +	168.0	171.0	172.0	88.10	15%
	July 27 +	170.0	173.0	174.0	88.10	15%
	September 24 +	170.0	173.0	173.0	88.10	15%
	October 26 +	169.0	171.0	172.0	88.10	15%
	December 23 +	168.0	170.0	171.0	88.10	15%

+ incorporates typical pump discount

	Date	2 Star	4 Star	Duty	VAT
*1988	January 1	166.92	169.02	88.10	15%
	February 1	165.20	167.79	88.10	15%
	March 1	164.06	165.88	88.10	15%
	April 1	166.43	168.39	92.92	15%
	May 1	168.93	171.16	92.92	15%
	June 1	168.34	170.71	92.92	15%
	July 1	171.21	173.02	92.92	15%
	August 1	171.21	173.34	92.92	15%
	September 1	170.43	173.66	92.92	15%
	October 1	170.02	172.02	92.92	15%
	November 1	169.02	171.21	92.92	15%
	December 1	168.39	170.52	92.92	15%

* Source: Petroleum Times Price Report

AVERAGE UK RETAIL PRICE FOR UNLEADED PETROL & DIESEL (PENCE PER LITRE)

	4 Star*	duty	Unleaded*	duty	Diesel*	duty
1989						
Jan	37.29	20.44	36.02	18.42	34.21	17.29
Feb	37.85	20.44	36.88	18.42	34.55	17.29
Mar	38.58	20.44	37.30	18.42	35.37	17.29
Apr	39.30	20.44	37.69	17.72	35.37	17.29
May	41.92	20.44	40.10	17.72	36.32	17.29
Jun	42.39	20.44	40.83	17.72	36.35	17.29
Jul	41.69	20.44	40.27	17.72	36.31	17.29
Aug	40.44	20.44	39.11	17.72	36.19	17.29
Sep	39.71	20.44	37.84	17.72	36.09	17.29
Oct	40.68	20.44	38.79	17.72	37.12	17.29
Nov	40.62	20.44	38.74	17.72	37.76	17.29
Dec	39.85	20.44	37.94	17.72	37.89	17.29
Year avg	40.03		38.46		36.13	
1990						
Jan	40.35	20.44	38.51	17.72	39.56	17.29
Feb	40.73	20.44	38.87	17.72	38.13	17.29
Mar	41.00	20.44	38.75	17.72	37.48	17.29
Apr	43.31	22.48	40.72	19.49	38.83	19.02
May	44.00	22.48	41.46	19.49	39.18	19.02
Jun	43.87	22.48	41.33	19.49	38.87	19.02
Jul	43.49	22.48	40.95	19.49	38.01	19.02
Aug	45.75	22.48	43.09	19.49	39.34	19.02
Sep	49.53	22.48	47.03	19.49	41.69	19.02
Oct	51.18	22.48	48.60	19.49	45.13	19.02
Nov	48.04	22.48	45.45	19.49	44.57	19.02
Dec	45.93	22.48	43.35	19.49	44.19	19.02
Year avg	44.77		42.34		40.42	
1991						
Jan	44.42	22.48	41.83	19.49	43.42	19.02
Feb	43.61	22.48	41.00	19.49	42.83	19.02
Mar	44.10	22.48	41.50	19.49	41.75	19.02
Apr	48.78	25.85	45.71	22.41	43.51	21.87
May	50.29	25.85	47.20	22.41	44.09	21.87
Jun	50.14	25.85	47.04	22.41	43.93	21.87
Jul	50.72	25.85	47.58	22.41	44.25	21.87
Aug	50.43	25.85	47.33	22.41	44.54	21.87
Sep	49.87	25.85	46.77	22.41	44.53	21.87
Oct	50.06	25.85	46.99	22.41	45.16	21.87
Nov	49.61	25.85	46.55	22.41	46.07	21.87
Dec	48.04	25.85	44.91	22.41	44.32	21.87
Year avg	48.34		45.37		44.03	

AVERAGE UK RETAIL PRICE FOR UNLEADED PETROL & DIESEL (PENCE PER LITRE)

	4 Star*	duty	Unleaded*	duty	Diesel*	duty
1992						
Jan	47.30	25.85	44.18	22.41	43.60	21.87
Feb	47.71	25.85	44.53	22.41	43.90	21.87
Mar	49.19	25.85	45.67	22.41	44.25	21.87
Apr	50.39	27.79	45.62	23.42	44.72	22.85
May	50.53	27.79	46.48	23.42	44.99	22.85
Jun	51.13	27.79	47.22	23.42	45.27	22.85
Jul	50.61	27.79	46.70	23.42	45.05	22.85
Aug	49.81	27.79	45.88	23.42	44.86	22.85
Sep	49.87	27.79	45.94	23.42	45.03	22.85
Oct	50.92	27.79	47.01	23.42	46.43	22.85
Nov	51.73	27.79	47.53	23.42	48.02	22.85
Dec	51.96	27.79	47.42	23.42	48.23	22.85
Year avg	50.10		46.18		45.36	
1993						
Jan	50.67	27.79	46.65	23.42	48.58	22.85
Feb	51.46	27.79	47.64	23.42	47.14	22.85
Mar	52.84	30.58	49.13	25.76	48.73	25.14
Apr	54.73	30.58	50.27	25.76	49.62	25.14
May	54.16	30.58	49.74	25.76	49.17	25.14
Jun	54.85	30.58	50.29	25.76	49.60	25.14
Jul	54.45	30.58	49.90	25.76	49.41	25.14
Aug	54.04	30.58	49.49	25.76	49.01	25.14
Sep	54.14	30.58	49.58	25.76	49.19	25.14
Oct	53.90	30.58	49.17	25.76	48.94	25.14
Nov	53.47	30.58	48.67	25.76	49.17	25.14
Dec	55.47	33.14	50.67	28.32	51.33	27.70
Year avg	53.68		49.27		49.16	
1994						
Jan	55.30	33.14	50.51	28.32	51.17	27.70
Feb	55.31	33.14	50.26	28.32	50.71	27.70
Mar	55.25	33.14	49.98	28.32	50.53	27.70
Apr	55.46	33.14	50.22	28.32	50.68	27.70
May	56.16	33.14	50.89	28.32	51.20	27.70
Jun	56.35	33.14	50.87	28.32	51.02	27.70
Jul	56.00	33.14	50.68	28.32	50.83	27.70
Aug	57.13	33.14	51.60	28.32	50.92	27.70
Sep	57.23	33.14	51.60	28.32	50.92	27.70
Oct	56.44	33.14	50.64	28.32	50.37	27.70
Nov	55.79	33.14	49.98	28.32	50.03	27.70
Dec	57.24	35.26	51.78	30.44	52.15	30.44
Year avg	56.14		50.75		50.88	

Zonal Price Structures

The price zone system was introduced during the last year of the Petroleum Board in consultation with the then Ministry of Fuel and Power (c.1947/8).

In principle, *Inner Zones* extended for 15 miles from main importing centres (deepwater ports with 2 or more oil terminals) or major refineries, *Outer Zones* for another 25 miles beyond the inner zone with the rest of Great Britain being *General Zone* except for *Special price zones* in the North of Scotland and most islands. Boundaries were not strict, however, but took account of topography and density of trade.

History of Petrol Grades

4 September 1939	Pool petrol (1 grade only)	74 octane (in 1951)
1 February 1953	Standard Premier grades	74 octane 93 octane
1958	100 Octane (super) Premier Grade Standard Grade	99-101 octane 94-97 octane 79-83 octane
March 1967	Star grading system introduced and first British Standard BS4040.	
	2 Star	90 Octane
	3 Star	94 Octane
	4 Star	97 Octane
	5 Star (ceased May/June 1979)	100 Octane
24 June 1986	Unleaded (Esso)	95 Octane
March 1989	Super Unleaded (BP)	98 Octane