My Wife Needs a New Car

Efficiency & Carbon Footprint

Human - Automobile

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Human - Car Data

- Consumption 1500 Calories / day
- Displacement 4 miles / day
- Gasoline 31,000,000 calories / gallon

Note: 1 Calorie = 1,000 calories

Human MPG Calculation

$$\frac{(4 \text{ mi / day}) \quad (31{,}000{,}000 \text{ cal / gal})}{(1{,}500 \text{ Cal / day}) \quad (1{,}000 \text{ cal / Cal})} = 80 \text{ mi / gal}$$

Note: MPG = Miles Per Gallon

MPG Comparison

City: 27

Highway: 33

City: 80

Highway: ?

Carbon Footprint

Burning a gallon gasoline yields 20 lbs CO_2

One person exhales 20 lbs CO_2 per day

Each person contributes, on a daily basis, the equivalent amount of green house gas as burning one gallon of gasoline.

Note: CO_2 is 27% carbon by weight

20 lbs CO2 contains 5.4 lbs carbon

Human CO_2 Emission

- CO_2 Emission 26 billion tons /year
- Population 7 billion
- Per Capita 20 lbs / day

Factors Not Considered

- High viscous speed loss from car
- High temperature - heat loss from car
- Large vehicle weight of car
- Maintenance not included

Results of Comparison

Will my wife get a new car

or employ shank’s mare ?

No contest ！