

Today's Trucking

Truckstops have DEF totes available

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WESTLAKE, Ohio -- All 234 TravelCenters of America and Petro Stopping Centers locations are now stocked with 2.5 gallon containers -- or "tote" containers as they're also referred to -- of diesel exhaust fluid for retail sale.

DEF, as it's known, is the urea-based solution that will be required for NOx elimination in diesel engines using selective catalytic reduction to meet 2010 emissions standards. 1

Also, DEF is now available to every one of the 400 RoadSquad emergency roadside assistance vehicles at TA and Petro locations for trucks that run low on DEF while on the highway.

Critics of SCR have warned that DEF would not be widely available in North America, but it appears that truckstops are gearing up six months in advance to accommodate the relatively low number of 2010 engines expected to be on the roadways early next year.

TA and Petro say they are the first travel centers to offer these tote containers. The vented bottle style, supplied by Colonial Chemical Company of Tabernacle, N.Y., will optimize flow speed and includes an extended nozzle for easy dispensing.

TravelCenters announced in May the successful launch of the nation's first retail DEF bulk dispensing operation at its facility in Ann Arbor, Mich.