

LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN LEAD MATRIX

COUNTRY	CURRENT STATUS			COMMENT
	Leaded only	Unleaded only	Dual system	
Anguilla		x		Unleaded as of 1998
Antigua and Barbuda		x		
Argentina		x		
Aruba		x		Unleaded as of 1997
Bahamas		x		
Barbados		x		Started phasing out in 1992; fully phased out by 2004
Belize		x		Unleaded as of 2001
Bermuda		x		
Bolivia		x		
Brazil		x		100% unleaded as of 1997
Cayman Islands (BVI)		x		Unleaded as of 1999
Chile		x		Unleaded introduced in 1992; now fully unleaded
Colombia		x		Unleaded introduced in 1994; now fully unleaded
Costa Rica		x		Banned leaded petrol in 1996
Cuba		x		Phased-out as of end 2005. 28 tons of TEL left in need of safe containment.
Dominica		x		
Dominican Republic		x		
Ecuador		x		
El Salvador		x		Unleaded introduced in 1996; fully phased out within one year
French Guiana				Little or no information
Grenada		x		
Guatemala		x		Unleaded as of 1997
Guyana		x		Banned leaded petrol in January 1999
Haiti		x		Banned leaded petrol in 1998
Honduras		x		Unleaded introduced in 1993; now fully unleaded
Jamaica		x		Unleaded as of April 2000
Mexico		x		Unleaded introduced in 1991; there are two high quality unleaded fuels. The regular unleaded has an octane rating of

				89 and the premium unleaded has an octane rating of 95. Phased out beginning in 1991 according to SEMARNAT.
Montserrat				<i>Waiting for information</i>
Nicaragua		x		Leaded petrol not produced since 1995
Panama		x		Leaded petrol banned in 2002
Paraguay		x		
Peru		x		Phase-out completed December 2004, according to ARPEL.
Puerto Rico		x		Unleaded as of 1999
St Kitts and Nevis		x		Unleaded as of 1998
Saint Lucia		x		Unleaded as of August 2000
St Vincent and the Grenadines		x		
Suriname		x		Unleaded as of 2001
Trinidad and Tobago		x		Unleaded introduced in late 2003; full phase-out completed in mid-2004
Turks and Caicos Islands		x		
Uruguay		x		Phased out as of 2003, according to ARPEL.
Venezuela		x		Unleaded introduced in 1999; introduction of ethanol as additive substitute for TEL begun in August 2005, with complete phaseout by end 2005.
Virgin Islands		x		Unleaded as of 1998
Total: 42 countries		41		

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