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Petrol and diesel prices coming down after RAC called for cuts

Following [the RAC's call for a cut in prices at forecourts](#), major UK supermarkets have now started to slash their prices. Reacting to this, RAC fuel spokesman Simon Williams said:

"Drivers should be relieved the supermarkets are cutting fuel prices after

weeks of falling wholesale costs. It's just a shame it's taken so long to see cuts of this scale as RAC Fuel Watch data shows they should have already happened. Drivers badly need retailers to move away from headline-grabbing cuts to passing on reductions daily in the same way they do with price increases.

"The cost retailers have been paying to buy in petrol and diesel, and the price they charge at the pumps, have been severely out of kilter for weeks. In fact, we had a bizarre and desperately unfair situation where the supermarkets were putting up prices when wholesale costs were falling, meaning drivers were paying far more to fill up than they should have been.

"We now need these cuts to be reflected by all retailers so the price paid at pumps all over the UK comes down from the current averages of 126.65p for petrol and 131p for diesel.

"As it takes time for price drops to filter through to forecourts, we urge drivers to be careful where they fill up to make sure they're not being charged over the odds as prices can vary widely, even between supermarkets. The cheapest petrol is now available for under 119p per litre, and cheapest diesel under 121p per litre."

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About the RAC

The RAC provides complete peace of mind to 12m UK private and business drivers, whatever their motoring needs. Its services include:

- **[Breakdown assistance](#)**. Its highly-skilled, 1,600-strong branded patrol workforce attends more than two million breakdowns every year, fixing on average four out of five vehicles at the roadside. The RAC's patrol fleet is one of the most advanced in the UK, and was the first to roll out both an [All-Wheels-Up recovery system](#), allowing the vast majority of vehicles to be recovered from a single patrol van, and [EV Boost](#) mobile electric vehicle charging units
- **[Insurance](#)**. The RAC is a top-five [car insurance](#) broker having surpassed the 500,000 policies-in-force milestone in 2018. It also offers '[black box](#)' [telematics policies](#), as well as home and travel

insurance

- **Other motoring services.** The RAC leads in the development of new solutions for business, fleets, electric vehicles and future car technology. Its additional products and services include a [personal loans offering](#), a [used car buying website](#), [vehicle inspections and checks](#), [legal services](#) or up-to-the-minute [traffic and travel information](#). It also has a network of [Approved Dealers](#) and [Approved Garages](#) which combine the trust of RAC brand with local service and convenience

The RAC also works to support the interests of its members and UK drivers on the most important motoring issues which it identifies via the annual [RAC Report on Motoring](#) and the RAC Opinion Panel. The Report on Motoring is the longest running analysis of driver opinion in the UK having been published every year since 1989.

For more information about the RAC, visit the [RAC website](#).