

# Gasoline coupons

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Gasoline was rationed in 17 eastern states beginning in May 1942 and nationwide in December 1942 -- not so much to save fuel as to save tires and the rubber they were made of. A nationwide speed limit of 35 miles per hour was also enforced to save wear on tires. To ration gasoline, the government issued coupon stamps. These "A" stamps were worth three to five gallons of gasoline per week for essential activities such as shopping, attending church, and going to the doctor. The letter on the stamp would have matched a sticker on the car's windshield. People using their cars for work could buy more gasoline, and truckers could buy all they needed.

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IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS

1. The number of gallons of gasoline which each coupon is good for and the time period during which it can be used will be publicly announced by OPA.

2. The vehicle license number and State of registration must be written in ink on the front of each coupon immediately after this book is received.

3. Detached coupons are VOID. Dealer must remove coupons from book at time of sale.

4. Coupons in this book can be used *only* for gasoline transferred into the fuel tank of the vehicle described on the front cover unless this book shows proper approval by a War Price and Rationing Board for bulk transfer.

5. Gasoline obtained by use of this book must not be taken out of the fuel tank of the vehicle.

6. If the ownership of the vehicle described on the front cover is transferred or the vehicle is no longer used, this book must be returned to your Board within 5 days.

☆ GPO 16-34050-1

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BASIC MILEAGE RATION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

OFFICE OF PRICE ADMINISTRATION

No

149730

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NAME OF REGISTERED OWNER:

COMPLETE ADDRESS:

VEHICLE LICENSE NO.:

STATE OF REGISTRATION:

YEAR MODEL:

MAKE:

Form OPA R-520B

HOLDER MUST FILL IN THE ABOVE BLANKS BEFORE THE FIRST PURCHASE OF GASOLINE.

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