# **Driving** innovation

THE VANCOUVER FUEL CELL VEHICLE PROGRAM

## Canada









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#### The Vancouver Fuel Cell Vehicle Program

The Program

- Five Ford Focus fuel cell vehicles, "real world" conditions
- Demonstrate Canadian leadership in sustainable transportation
- Test, evaluate and refine Canadian-made technologies
- Vancouver and Victoria, British Columbia

Partners

- Government of Canada NRCan, NRC, TEAM
- Province of British Columbia
- Ford Motor Company
- Fuel Cells Canada





## **VFCVP** Objectives

- Communications
  - increase public awareness and understanding of hydrogen fuel cells
- Technology
  - assess vehicle and systems performance, required technology improvements
- **Fueling Infrastructure** 
  - address infrastructure issues for fuel cell vehicles

#### Environment

- demonstrate zero-emission transportation
- evaluate potential reduction in levels of greenhouse gases and regulated emissions

#### Regulations

• address codes and standards, regulatory requirements



#### Ford Focus FCV Features



- Limited production vehicles
- Ballard Mk 902 Fuel Cells
- Ballard Integrated Power Train
- Dynetek H2 Storage System
- Hybrid Battery System
- Regenerative Braking
- Weight 1600 kg
- Peak Power 67 kW (87 hp)
- Fuel 350 bar H2 gas
- Max. Speed 128+ km/h
- Driving Range 260-320 km
- Emissions Zero

Fuel Cell Vehicle

## **Vehicle Operations**

#### Vehicle Operators

- 3 years operation April 2005 to March 2008
  - Fuel Cells Canada/Province of BC
  - BC Hydro
  - BC Transit
  - Ballard
  - City of Vancouver
- Vehicles driven by employees
- Operations
  - Target annual 12,000-15,000 km per vehicle
  - Maintenance by local technicians trained by Ford





#### **Operational Data**

#### Ford Fuel Cell Vehicles - VFCVP Average Usage



Date



#### **Operational Data**

#### AVERAGE DAYS AVAILABLE TO CUSTOMER



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#### **Operational Data**

100.0% 80.0% 60.0% 40.0% 20.0% Apr May June July Aug Sept Oct Nov Dec

**AVERAGE % AVAILABLE TO CUSTOMERS** 



#### Maintenance

- Scheduled Maintenance
  - 90 day
    - Basic vehicle maintenance inspect brakes, tires, fluids, wipers, check filters, check coolant conductivity

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- 6 month
  - · Change filters
- Quantity Parts Replaced April 2005 January 2006
  - Fuel Cell/Powertrain
    Fuel System
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  - · HV Battery 5
  - Other Vehicle Components



#### Maintenance

#### Level 2 software

- · General operating systems update
- · Cold weather operation
- HV battery re-conditioning back to 90 days (SOC control)
- Cold Weather operation

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- Operate to -15C (previously +5C limit)
- · When vehicle warm (temperature gauge on panel), parking as follows:
  - Ambient above +3C Indefinite
  - Ambient +3C to -5C 6 hours
  - Ambient -5C to -15C 3 hours
  - No fueling when ambient at -5C or below

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#### **Driver Survey**

Nho participated			
VFCVP	20	34%	
Other Ford sites	<u>39</u>	66%	
Total	59		

Driving frequency per week

38%
26%
10%
18%
8%

Any hesitations in driving?

No	90%
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Yes 10% (mostly related to range and ambient temperature restrictions)







#### **Driver Survey - Performance**

DRIVER PERFORMANCE RATINGS - Vancouver (1=Poor 10=Excellent)





#### **Driver Survey - Performance**

#### DRIVER AVERAGE PERFORMANCE RATINGS - All Ford



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#### THANK YOU!

# For additional information please visit our website vfcvp.gc.ca

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