

EcoDriving Virtual Trainer



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Ecodriving

Ecodriving is a smart way of driving, which contributes to reduced fuel consumption, emissions of green house gases and accident rates. Ecodriving is an adapted driving style, which best fits modern engine technology. Ecodriving means smart, smooth and safe driving at lower engine speeds (1,200 – 2,500 revolutions per minute), which saves 5-10% fuel on average. This is achieved without a significant increase in travel times.



New developments in engine technology have made possible a new, more efficient and more attractive way of operating passenger cars, lorries and busses. This way of optimised vehicle operation is called ecodriving. Most of the driving techniques of ecodriving are also applicable to older vehicles. Ecodriving offers benefits for drivers and fleet operators of private cars, company cars, lorries and busses. Savings include cost savings, increased safety, more comfort and fuel savings.

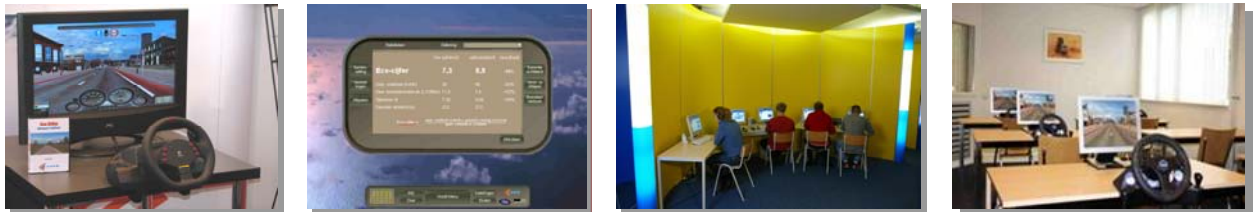


The Ecodriving Virtual Trainer

The ecodriving Virtual Trainer offers an ecodriving training course on a PC. It serves as an appetiser, an image building instrument and can be used as a “give-away”. A big advantage of the application is that a large number of drivers – and future drivers – can experience the .

The Virtual Trainer can easily be installed on most PCs and is controlled either through a mouse and keyboard or via a game steering wheel and pedals (which can typically be bought for €70 or less). The virtual trainer takes the driver through an innovative ride through a city, countryside and motorways. The virtual instructor will help drivers learn to apply the rules of ecodriving, e.g. shifting up as soon as possible or decelerating smoothly by releasing the accelerator in time, leaving the car in gear.

Drivers are asked to start by driving the course in their usual style and then to drive the same course whilst applying ecodriving techniques. This demonstrates how much fuel is saved by ecodriving.



The ecodriving Virtual Trainer is available for free from the TREATISE project in one of 7 languages: English German, Spanish, French, Dutch, Greek and Finnish.

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