



## CHEATING AT THE PUMP

**This is a true story, so read it carefully.**

On April 24, 2008, I stopped at a gas station.

My truck's gas gauge was on 1/4 of a tank. I use the mid-grade, which was priced at \$3.71 per gallon. When my tank is at this point, it takes somewhere around 14 gallon's to fill it up. When the pump showed 14 gallons had been pumped I began to slow it down, then to my surprise it went to 15, then 16. I even looked under my truck to see if it was being spilled. It was not. Then it showed 17 gallons had been pumped. It stopped at almost 18 gallons. This was very strange to me, since my truck has only an 18 gallon tank.

I went on my way a little confused, then on the evening news I heard a report that 1 out of 4 gas stations had calibrated their pumps to show more gas had been pumped than a person actually got.

**Here is how to check a pump to see if you are getting the right amount:**

Whichever grade you are using, put EXACTLY 10 GALLONS in your tank, then look at the dollar amount, if the dollar amount is not EXACTLY 10 times the price of the fuel you have chosen, then the pumps are rigged. In my case as I said the mid-grade was \$3.71 9/10 per gallon, my dollar amount for 10 gallons should have been \$37.19. I wish I had only checked the pump. It doesn't matter where you pump gas, please check the 10 gallon price. If you do find a station that is cheating, contact the COMMISSIONER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES In your area.

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