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## Fueling Conversation



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How do we know we're getting all the fuel we pay for at the pump? Although all commercial meters must be within legal tolerances, it's difficult to tell if your purchase is being measured properly. It's largely a matter of trust.

The U.S. standard for fuel pump accuracy is a variance of no more than 3 cubic inches per 5 gallons dispensed. A cubic inch is a bit less than a tablespoon – a very precise standard.

Costco tests all its fuel meters twice a year. Our certified testers adjust any meters that are off by more than 1 cubic inch per 5 gallons, which is less than one-tenth of 1 percent. If a meter shows a tendency to fall out of adjustment, we promptly service or replace the meter.



Costco contracts with Crompco, one of the largest gas station testing companies in the U.S. Here's what Crompco says: "From our point of view, Costco has the highest standard in the industry. Costco calibrates all meters every six months and adjusts meters that many retailers would not adjust."

Vehicle fuel gauges are much less precise than a fuel pump meter. Tank capacity estimates found in your owner's manual are just that – estimates. Neither can tell you whether a pump is measuring fuel within the legal standard.

Costco pump meters are as accurate as they can be, because your trust is our most valuable asset. ■