



# Adsorbed Natural Gas Vehicle (ANGV)

# **Supplemental Owner's Manual**

# **Bi-Fuel - Natural Gas/Gasoline**



## 2021 Ford Transit 3.5L PFDI

This Owner's Guide Supplement should be considered a permanent part of the vehicle and should remain with the vehicle when it is sold.

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## **Required Maintenance Schedule & Log**

The two ANGV coalescing filters must be inspected and replaced every  $10,\!000$  miles.

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#### **ANG Fuse Box**

The fuses for your natural gas system are not located in the same area as the original equipment fuses. The ANG system fuses are located in engine compartment near radiator.

Relay List:

A1, A3, B1, B3 – 35A

A4, A6, B4, B6 - 35A

Fuse List:

C6, C5 - 10A – Jumper and Battery Positive

C4, C3 - 5A - AFCM and Battery Positive

C1, C2 - 30A – Jumper and Battery Positive

## **ANG Cylinder Capacity, Pressure, & Lifetime**

**Cylinder Capacity** – approximately 6 gge (gasoline gallon equivalent).

The gasoline gallon equivalent (GGE) amount on refills will vary depending on dispensing equipment, weather, temperatures, altitude, storage vessel pressure, temperature compensation, etc... The natural gas cylinders will always have natural gas pressure remaining in tank even if the ANGV fuel gauge shows it is empty.

The natural gas fuel cylinder meets the specifications and safety standards for ANSI/CSA NGV2 and US DOT FMVSS.

**Cylinder Service Pressure** - 900 psig (6,206 kPa)

**Cylinder Lifetime** – 15 years. Check the cylinder sticker under the hood for details on your specific tank expiration date.

## **Natural Gas Cylinder Cover**

Do not drill into or modify a tank cover. There is a (900 psi rated) high pressure natural gas tank underneath the cover and under no circumstances must anyone drill into the natural gas cylinder. Drilling into a natural gas cylinder can cause serious injury and or death.

#### **ANGV SYSTEM & VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION**

V.I.N.:
CNG System Master Serial (MS#):
CNG System Installation Date:
Installer Name:
Dealer Name:
Original Owner
Name:
Address:
Address:
Second Owner
Name:
Address:
Date Purchased:

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#### Introduction

This booklet supplements your original vehicle owner's guide. It describes the operation of your converted alternative fuel vehicle and how it differs from a standard gasoline powered vehicle. Your new alternative fuel vehicle operates and performs similar to a conventional gasoline only powered vehicle. However, there are a few differences you should be aware of that are covered in this supplement. In addition to reading the original equipment owners guide it is very important that you read this guide and familiarize yourself and anyone else operating this vehicle with the material covered in this supplement.

Some of the information in this supplement replaces certain instructions in the original equipment owners guide. Please read this supplement carefully in its entirety to understand the operation and unique features of your alternative fuel vehicle.

Altech-Eco Conversion Systems are produced by Altech-Eco and are not a Ford Motor Company manufactured product.

## **Warnings**

You will find important safety information in this supplement and in the Owner's Guide. This information reminds and alerts you to be particularly careful in potential hazard areas that can cause damage to your vehicle or possible injury to yourself, your passengers or others. Please read all warnings carefully.



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## **Natural Gas Fuel System Leak Emergency Procedure**

If you smell natural gas other than when refueling, or if you hear a hissing sound, follow these directions:

- 1. Park your vehicle in a well-ventilated area and apply the parking brake. Keep heat, sparks and flames away. Open all windows and the trunk lid for ventilation.
- 2. Turn the ignition switch to the lock position or OFF.
- 3. Turn off flow of natural gas to engine by turning the manual natural gas quarter turn shut off valve located under driver side door.
- 4. Do not drive the vehicle. Your vehicle should be towed to an authorized natural gas service facility for inspection. The complete natural gas fuel system must be inspected and tested before the vehicle can be operated again by an authorized dealership by a qualified technician.

#### In the Event of an Accident

Was is an "accident"? Three different types of accident damage are considered here: collisions; chemical spills; and fires. A single accident may involve all three types of damage. Running over an obstruction, such as a curb, or debris in the road can damage cylinders that are located below the vehicle and should be considered an accident.

Call the Emergency First Responders if there is an odor of natural gas after an accident, there is likely a leak in the fuel system and fire fighters should be summoned. Make sure responders know it's a natural gas vehicle? Firefighters have been trained in the different techniques necessary for natural gas vehicles and they may not notice the CNG diamond label on the rear of the vehicle.

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## **ANG Cylinder Labeling / Inspection**

Federal law requires the natural gas cylinder to be inspected every 3 years or 36,000 miles, whichever occurs first, by a certified natural gas cylinder and fuel system inspector (CNG-FSI). If cylinder passes inspection, they will put a sticker on the cylinder that will show the next required inspection date or mileage. To search for qualified inspector near you go to: <a href="http://www.csagroup.org/search-qualified-personnel/">http://www.csagroup.org/search-qualified-personnel/</a>

Immediate inspection is required in the event of a crash or collision. See page 17 in the event of crash. Failure to do so may result in personal injury or damage to the alternative fuel system and the vehicle.

Most natural gas fuel cylinders have a lifetime of 15-20 years. After manufacturer expiration date the cylinder is required to be replaced and destroyed. The expiration date of the NGV fuel cylinder is on a label the manufacturer attached to the fuel cylinder. If removing or replacing the NGV cylinder from your vehicle you must contact an authorized dealership by qualified technicians to remove the cylinder. Failure to do so may result in personal injury or damage to natural gas system. Cylinders are high pressure and need to be vented properly before removal or replacement.

Examples of cylinder manufacturer and cylinder inspection labels. (not from actual tank in vehicle)





## **ANG Mode Operation**

By default, this vehicle will always be in adsorbed natural gas mode as long as there is natural gas and gasoline in the both fuel tanks.

If the vehicle runs out of natural gas the system will automictically switch to gasoline mode only. Once refueled with natural gas it will switch automatically back into ANG mode.

**IMPORTANT:** ANG mode is disabled when gasoline low fuel level light indicator is illuminated. Gasoline is required to start this vehicle and for the new Auto Start/Stop technology that is equipped on this vehicle, which helps reduce emissions and fuel used. This vehicle must have gasoline in gasoline tank for vehicle to start.

This vehicle will run on gasoline only but we prefer you run natural gas in the vehicle at all times or as much as possible. For best overall vehicle and engine performance, premium gasoline with an octane rating of 91 or higher is recommended. We recommend not using 87 octane gasoline and under no circumstances use E85, the vehicle will not operate properly.

#### **About Natural Gas**

Natural gas is a mixture of hydrocarbon gases with approximately 96% methane and is highly flammable, odorless and colorless. Natural gas is a highly pressurized version of the same clean burning natural gas used in many homes. Natural gas is abundant in the United States, which allows natural gas to be used as a very cost-effective alternative fuel. Natural gas is a clean burning fuel, which makes it highly suitable to meet the most stringent automotive emission requirements. Natural gas is cheap, clean, and domestically produced.

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## **ANG Fuel Level Gauge**

The natural gas fuel gauge provides the driver with the current fuel level in the fuel tank. Full represents being full, 50% represents being half full and empty represents being empty.



If the vehicle runs out of natural gas, it will automatically switch to gasoline mode until refueled with natural gas. Once refueled with natural gas it will switch automatically back to ANG mode. By Default, the vehicle is always in ANG mode as long as there is natural gas in the cylinder.

## **Gasoline Fuel Level Indicator – ANG Mode**



CNG mode is disabled when gasoline low fuel level indicator is illuminated.

**IMPORTANT:** ANG mode is disabled when gasoline low fuel level light indicator is illuminated. This vehicle must have gasoline in gasoline tank for vehicle to start. To reactivate ANG mode additional gasoline must be fueled into the vehicle to turn off the low fuel level indicator. During gasoline mode the vehicle will operate as a normal gasoline vehicle.

Do not use E85 in this vehicle, it will not operate properly. We recommend using 91 octane gasoline.

#### **Maintenance**

**Engine Oil** – No special oil is needed for the natural gas system. Follow manufacturer's recommendation for engine oil type and change intervals as listed in the original equipment Owner's Guide.

**Engine Coolant** - No special coolant is needed for the natural gas system. Follow manufacturer's recommendation for engine coolant type and coolant service intervals as listed in the original equipment Owner's Guide. Your vehicle has 2 additional coolant hoses that are connected to the natural gas high-pressure regulator. These hoses run the entire length of the vehicle from the engine compartment to the high-pressure regulator in the vehicle. Visually inspect these hoses, their mounts and covering annually.

**ANGV Coalescing Filters** - Your ANGV has a high pressure natural gas coalescing filter mounted near the driver door under the vehicle. The two coalescing filters remove aerosol compressor oils, moisture and other contaminates from the natural gas to help protect your engine and natural gas system components.

Warning: Having compressor oil or other contaminates in your adsorbed natural gas cylinder may void warranties and deteriorate the adsorption material and the inside liner of the cylinder.

The coalescing filters need to be replaced every 10,000 miles. The filter housing is under high pressure and must use special tools and procedures. Please contact your authorized dealer for maintenance on the filter.

Service and maintenance to the filter must be performed at an authorized dealership by qualified technicians. Failure to do so may result in personal injury or damage to natural gas fuel system.

Contact Altech-Eco for replacement coalescing filters at 828-654-8300.

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## **Starting the Engine**

This vehicle must have gasoline in gasoline tank to start. this CNG vehicle will start like any conventional gasoline vehicle. By following the procedure outlined below you will be assured of consistent engine starts.

- 1. Apply the parking brake.
- 2. In cold weather turn of all accessories to reduce power drain on the battery.
- 3. Make sure the shift lever is in park. Press and hold brake pedal down.
- 4. Without touching the accelerator pedal, turn the ignition switch to the ON position. You may hear a click from the in-cylinder fuel shutoff valve.
- 5. Turn the ignition switch to the start position. Do not hold the switch in the start position for more than 15 seconds at a time. If the engine does not start right away, pause for at least 10 seconds and try again.
- 6. If the engine does not start or starts but stalls right away, repeat step five with the accelerator pedal pressed half way down. If the engine starts, release pressure to the accelerator pedal so the engine does not race.
- 7. If the engine still does not start, repeat step five with the accelerator pedal pressed all the way down and hold it there while starting. As before, keep the ignition switch in the start position for no more than 15 seconds. Return to step 6 if the engine does not start. If the engine starts lift your foot off of the accelerator pedal so the engine does not race.

#### **ANG Tank Cover**

Your ANG system can have different types of cylinder covers such as; a diamond plate metal tank cover, a carpeted tank cover or a powder coated tank cover. Do not drill into or modify the tank cover. There is a pressurized ANG tank underneath the cover and under no circumstances must anyone drill into the ANG cylinder. Drilling into an ANG cylinder can cause serious injury and or death.

Do not place heavy objects on top of or against the cylinder cover.



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## **Precautionary Information**

Always use caution when servicing or maintaining any of the alternative fuel system components. Make sure to have adequate ventilation when servicing to prevent build up that may result in combustion.

Service to natural gas system must be conducted at an authorized dealership by qualified technicians. Failure to do so may result in injury or damage to alternative fuel system.

In some areas the local authorities require that vehicles that have a natural gas system follow certain regulations and guidelines such as: Refueling, underground parking and operation of vehicle under bridges or in tunnels. Contact your local authorities for information in your area.

Breathing hydrocarbon gases like natural gas or air that lacks oxygen can result in headache, dizziness and weakness in the arms and legs. Prolonged breathing of natural gas in confined areas can result in suffocation. In the event of prolonged breathing of natural gas in confined areas, remove victim to fresh air and call your emergency response.

If your ANGV is to be painted, the natural gas cylinder must be emptied before painting begins. This venting procedure must be done at an authorized dealership by qualified technicians.

Tampering with or improperly maintaining the high-pressure fuel system can result in fatality or serious injury. Never attempt to modify the fuel system and always have the fuel system maintenance performed at an authorized dealership by qualified technicians. Natural gas is a combustible fuel and is flammable and highly explosive. Failure to read and follow safety procedures can result in fatality or serious injury.

Any modification to your natural gas system may void the ANGV component warranty. Do not replace components that are not approved to be used with your natural gas system. Components approved are specifically designed and calibrated ANGV system. Failure to use approved components may result in personal injury or damage to vehicle.

#### **ANG Fuel Shut-Off locations**

There are 2 locations to manually turn off the flow of the natural gas to engine compartment.

#### 1. Manual & Electronic Tank ANG Shut-Off Valve

This ANG system has an electronically controlled solenoid and manual shut off valve located on the ANG tank valve. When the ignition switch is locked to acc or the OFF position the valve is closed, shutting off the flow of natural gas to the engine. The electronically controlled solenoid shutoff valve allows natural gas to flow only when the ignition switch is in the ON position. To turn ANG fuel supply off manually turn the "wheel" handle clockwise on valve until snug.

# 2. Manual Quarter Turn ANG Shut-Off Valve Under Driver Door

The flow of natural gas to engine can be turned off manually by turning the quarter turn shut-off valve located under the driver side door to OFF position.



## **Carrying Cargo**

The ANG fuel tank is usually located in cargo area enclosed in a cover. When you store items in the cargo area, secure them so they will not shift during travel. Do not carry pointed objects in cargo area because they may damage the ANG fuel system components.

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## **ANGV Refueling Instructions**

Refueling appliance and dispensing equipment procedures can vary. Always read and follow instructions provided with the fueling equipment being used.

The following steps explain the FuelMaker FMQ 2.5 (900 psi) refueling appliance process.

The adsorbed natural gas conversion system uses only a P9 nozzle for 900 psi. Do not use any other type of nozzle.

- 1. With engine off, connect fuel nozzle (P9) to the vehicles fuel receptacle (P9) and check for a good connection by slightly pulling on nozzle.
- 2. Push the START button and the fueling appliance will start filling the adsorbed natural gas cylinder with natural gas.
- 3. When ANG cylinder is full, the FMQ will stop automatically. If you need to stop prior to being full, press the STOP button.
- 4. Remove fuel nozzle from the fuel receptacle and secure to appliance.
- 5. Push cap closed on the vehicle fuel receptacle securely.
- 6. You are now ready to operate the vehicle as normal.





## **Natural Gas Fuel Quality**

Your vehicle has been converted to operate on natural gas. The natural gas you use to refuel must meet the NFPA-52 and SAE J1616 standards for fuel quality. Do not use liquefied natural gas (LNG) or natural gas that is derived from a process such as flashing (heating LNG). Failure to use the correct type of natural gas may cause damage to the engine and damage the alternative fuel conversion system and void your alternative fuel components warranty.

## **Gasoline Fuel Quality**

This vehicle must have gasoline in the vehicle at all times to operate on natural gas. We recommend using 91 octane gasoline.

## **Ethanol Fuel Quality**

Do not use ethanol in this vehicle, it will not operate properly. Even if the originally the vehicle was designed for ethanol, the Ford ethanol calibration has been removed to allow the vehicle to operate on natural gas.

## **Jump Starting**

Do not jump start your vehicle if you suspect a natural gas leak. If you smell gas or hear a hissing sound, the fuel system may have a leak the needs to be repaired by an authorized technician. If you suspect a leak, have the vehicle towed to an authorized service facility for inspection. If the fuel system is not leaking or damaged, you may jump-start the vehicle. Refer to the manufacturer's recommendation as listed in the original equipment Owner's Guide for jump-starting procedure.

## **Tire Pressure**

Inflate and maintain tires to recommended pressure for extra load as listed in the original equipment Owner's Guide. Reason for this is the extra weight of alternative fuel cylinder in rear of vehicle.

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## **Vehicle Identification and Labeling**

Your vehicle has an "CNG" label located in rear of vehicle. This label is required by Federal law for Natural Gas Vehicles and must never be removed from the vehicle. This label allows first responders to know your vehicle is powered by natural gas and to take appropriate measures in case of an accident.



The adsorbed natural gas conversion system has a unique identification number that can be located on the vehicle emission control information label located under the hood. This label will identify the ANG system installation information and the master serial number (MS#). The MS# will be needed for service and warranty.



## **FuelMaker FMQ 2.5 ANG Fueling Appliance**

Your ANG Vehicle is to be fueled with an ANG refueling appliance. Refer to the ANG Fueling Procedure page for instructions for refueling. Always observe all safety recommendations and operating instructions on the refueling equipment.

- Italy-based Cubogas is the main manufacturer.
- Two fueling hoses with P9 nozzles, for ability to service 2 trucks at once.
- Fuels at a rate of approximately 1 gasoline gallon equivalent (GGE) per hour to 900 psi.
- Maintains American National Standards Institute NGV certification (5.2).

The ANG vehicle system requires a specially designed P9 nozzle and has a maximum fill pressure of 900 psi. Do not use any other type of nozzle. For example, a P36 nozzle is rated for 3,600 psi. A P36 nozzle will not attach properly and cannot be used with this vehicle.

When refueling you should use a fuel fill nozzle that complies with ANSI/AGA NGV-1-1994 standards. Nozzles are designed according to their maximum fill pressure. P9 for 900 psi, P24 for 2400 psi, p30 for 3000 psi and p36 for 3600 psi. This vehicle has a maximum fill pressure of 3600 psi., so you should refuel with a p36 nozzle.

To obtain information about the location of natural gas refueling stations in the United States, visit www.afdc.doe.gov for a complete listing of stations and other useful information.