

## NEW FUEL CARD SCHEME GUARANTEES TO CUT CAB DRIVERS DIESEL COSTS

There have been rumblings of discontent from Licensed Cab Drivers about not receiving a fuel subsidy from Transport for London. As drivers are all self employed it is difficult to organise as a group to negotiate benefits when buying fuel. Now Black Cab Fuels has been launched and if enough drivers sign up, there could be further, continued benefits and the prospect of additional fuel site coverage. The new fuel scheme for Licensed Black Cab Drivers in London means that when refuelling at any Texaco or Morrisons forecourt, you no longer need to pay the pump price. The card is absolutely free with no monthly fees or hidden costs so drivers can decide when to use the card with no minimum obligations or penalties for non usage.

You pay an exclusive Black Cab Fuels rate which is set each week and fixed for 7 days. The rate for the following week is texted to your mobile free of charge every Friday and is valid for the following week from Monday through to Sunday.

Payment is conveniently collected by direct debit. You just hand the Black Cab Fuels card over at any Texaco or Morrisons forecourt and instead of paying cash, you sign for the fuel purchased and the amount is debited from your bank account 2 weeks after the end of the week, in effect meaning you get 2-3 weeks interest free credit!

All transactions can be managed online and you can access your account details at any time to check your purchases. The beauty of this system is that as there are no fees or costs, you can make a decision at the time you are buying your fuel as to whether you use your Fuel Card and take advantage of the Black Cab Fuels rate or pay cash at the relevant pump price.

For more information on how to open an account, visit [www.blackcabfuels.co.uk](http://www.blackcabfuels.co.uk) or call 0800 987 5701 and speak to John Murphy.

"Discover The New, Completely Free Fuel Card Exclusive To Licensed London Cab Drivers"

"Slash Your Diesel Costs Across All Texaco & Morrisons Service Stations"

(110 Inside The M25 & 1,400 In The UK)



Recent Price Examples:-

W/G Monday 29th June - 98.4 Pence Per Litre!

W/G Monday 6th July - 98.2 Pence Per Litre!

Why Pay More?

Apply For Your Black Cab Fuel Card Today At:  
[www.BlackCabFuels.co.uk](http://www.BlackCabFuels.co.uk)

## FROG EYE MIRROR COMBATS BLIND SPOTS

A new external blind spot mirror has been approved by the PCO. The Magnum Frog-eye mirror is the first auxiliary clip-on mirror of its type to be given official approval to be fitted to PCO licensed vehicles. Due to its larger size, robustness and quality the Frog-eye has been attracting interest from cabbies for some time according to Magnum, the company that sell them. "We've been selling the Frog-eye for some years now, and have always gained a lot of interest from Black cab drivers who have been looking for a more effective means to see blind spots," says Sharon Hennessy – Magnums MD. "We finally submitted them to the PCO for approval and are extremely pleased they were accepted, and gained so many positive comments about quality and the safety benefits they will provide. It's all about preventing accidents. We have been selling the frog-eyes to driving schools and instructors, mobility centres, the highways agency and various police



forces for some years. Now we're happy to be able to provide this potentially life saving mirror to the UK cabbies."

The Magnum Frog Eye is an auxiliary clip-on mirror which is easily fitted to the existing wing mirror. Made from top quality German optical glass and using anti glare technology the mirror is designed specifically to increase vision and eliminate blind spots, and therefore making driving safer for both passengers, pedestrians, cyclists and motorcyclists. The benefits include easier parking, a complete view of kerb, a full wide angle view, no distortion, and elimination of blind spots plus being very easy to install. One cabbie who has been involved in the PCO trials on the Magnum Frog-eye is Johnny, who has been driving a black cab for over 14 years. He says: "It's the best bit of cab safety equipment I've ever used. It beats the others I've tried hands down. Great on motorways and very useful for overtaking. I fully recommend the Frog-eye."

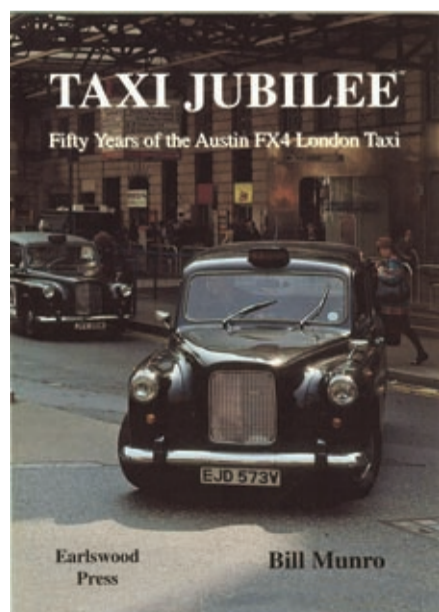


Currently the Magnum Frog-eye is only available for the TX1, TX2 & TX4. To contact Magnum please call 0208 7445230 or visit [www.blindspotmirrors.co.uk](http://www.blindspotmirrors.co.uk)

## TAXI JUBILEE

### Fifty Years of the Austin FX4 London Taxi by Bill Munro

In this new book, Bill Munro writes about the FX4 from its early prototype to its launch in November 1958. The FX4 soon became the iconic image of taxis in London, although it was originally only going to be built for 10 years. It continued through until 1997 when the TX1 was launched. Bill Munro has been a cab driver for almost 40 years and so has plenty of experience of driving the different



versions of the FX4. The book is full of interesting facts about the vehicle, accompanied by a wide range of photography. Not all of the taxis were sold into the taxi trade and the book relates of some of the famous people who bought the vehicle through the years, including Sir Laurence Olivier and the Duke of Edinburgh.

When the FX4 first went on sale, it cost £1,198 and soon drivers reported some problems with the vehicle. The book is a great read for anyone interested in taxis and their

heritage. It is also interesting from a cab driver's point of view to read the numerous different problems encountered in the vehicles over the years and also Bill's descriptions of the progress of Carbodies, latterly LTI Vehicles.

You can buy the book which is priced at just £7.45 online at [www.mdsbooks.co.uk](http://www.mdsbooks.co.uk) or by contacting Vintage Taxi Spares, Dairy House Farm, Front Street, East Stour, Dorset SP8 5LQ.