



THE MARK OF ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

**GC-2**

**GREEN SEAL™ ENVIRONMENTAL CRITERIA FOR  
ALTERNATIVE FUELED VEHICLES**

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- identifies products that are designed and manufactured in an environmentally responsible manner;
- offers scientific analyses to help consumers make educated purchasing decisions regarding environmental impacts;
- ensures consumers that any product bearing the Green Seal Certification Mark has earned the right to use it; and
- encourages manufacturers to develop new products that are significantly less damaging to the environment than their predecessors.

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## **Alternative Fueled Vehicles (GC-02)**

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### **1. Scope**

This criteria document establishes environmental requirements for alternative fueled vehicles.

### **2. Performance Requirements**

The product must be made in accordance with reasonable industry practice with respect to quality and performance.

### **3. Product Specific Environmental Requirements**

- a. Criteria for Environmentally Preferable Alternative Fueled Vehicles: the vehicle(s) runs predominantly on compressed natural gas or electrically-generated power. The vehicle(s) complies with this requirement if it is demonstrated through fuel purchase records and miles driven records for the vehicle(s) that gasoline purchases for the vehicle(s) do not exceed the amount required to drive the vehicle(s) 15% of the miles driven.
- b. The vehicle(s) includes an on-going program of maintenance to keep each vehicle well-tuned or operating at optimum efficiency. Maintenance records shall be provided for each vehicle upon request.
- c. Applicant must notify Green Seal if any vehicle fails the local emission test within seven (7) calendar days of receiving the test results. All emissions tests conducted under law shall be provided to Green Seal upon request.

### **4. Labeling Requirements**

- a. The Green Seal certification mark shall appear on the vehicle(s).
- b. Wherever the Green Seal Certification Mark appears, it must be accompanied by a description of the basis for certification. The description shall be in a location, style, and typeface that are easily readable by the consumer. Unless otherwise approved in writing by Green Seal, the description shall read as follows:

"Reduced Air Pollution Vehicle: Meets or Exceeds GC-2."