

WTAE CHANNEL 4 (ABC) IN PITTSBURGH RECENTLY HAD ONE OF THEIR VIEWERS TEST THE NEOSOCKET. BELOW IS THE REVIEW ON THE NEOSOCKET'S PERFORMANCE AS POSTED ON WTAE'S OFFICIAL WEBSITE. WHEN YOU CLICK "WATCH THE VIDEO" THERE WILL BE AN UNRELATED 15 SECOND COMMERCIAL BEFORE THE NEWS STORY SHOWING THE VIEWER'S TEST RESULTS.



Test It Tuesday – The Neosocket

Gas prices are high. I'm sure we would all love to save money on all that gas we are going to spending over the next year.

To that end, we have tested a few items designed to increase gas mileage ... and, so far, we have been disappointed. It seems whatever gas mileage your car has is what it's going to be. At least that's what we thought – until we tried the Neosocket.

It costs \$50 on-line and it might be the easiest product to use that we have tested on Test It Tuesday. Just plug it into your car's cigarette lighter and drive. It turns blue when you do this, showing that it is working. It works even when the car is off. That was a concern of our tester, Noreen Haggerty of Mount Lebanon, but the makers of the device assured us there would be no damage from leaving it in your car unattended.

It claims everything from more power for your vehicle to running your car cleaner, but the question everyone wants answered pertains to its biggest claim: Can it actually improve your gas mileage?

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We had Noreen fill her tank last week, then plug in the Neosocket, and drive like she normally does. For Noreen, a mother of three school-age kids, that means 200-400 miles a week for soccer games, practices and activities.

We caught up with her this week to test the results. Her 2005 Chevy Venture averages around 18 mpg. After driving 242 miles, she needed a little more than 12 gallons to fill up her tank. That means she averaged around 20 miles per gallon. Working at a CPA firm, Noreen did the math and that winds up being about extra two miles a gallon — or a 9 percent improvement.

It works ... and I know you are wondering how. Well, here's how the product makers explained it to me in layman's terms:

“When the Neosocket is plugged into your car's cigarette lighter adapter, it begins to store energy. As your car demands electricity for accessories, radio, etc., the Neosocket releases the needed electricity thus preventing the increased demand from being taken from the car's overall electrical system, namely the car's ignition system. This keeps the ignition system operating at its optimum by increasing and stabilizing the electrical spark going to the cylinders. A hotter spark burns more of the fuel in the engine resulting in more power and MPG.”

Of course, don't take their word for it. Give it a try and let me know what results you get. The makers do tell me that the mileage will be better the longer you use it .. perhaps as much as 10%, 15% or 20%, but we'll let you figure that out. All I know is that Noreen is looking forward to saving money at the pump. She figures she could get an extra 1300 annual miles out of her van for the same money.