

# Propane Powers Wil Fischer Companies' Distribution Fleet

As an exclusive Anheuser-Busch wholesaler, Wil Fischer Distributing understands the value of optimal performance. That is why Wil Fischer chooses to run over forty-percent of its fleet on propane.

According to Jeffrey Gower, President, Wil Fischer uses propane because it is clean burning which extends the life of the engine. Cost savings are also realized through tax benefits and storage of the alternative fuel at the facility. Propane also allows the company to easily comply with emissions regulations.

Wil Fischer Distributing is located in Springfield, Missouri. Our company's business philosophy is "Excellence in all phases of business." The entire Wil Fischer staff is devoted to the belief that service sells beer. We provide great service that delivers constant growth and continued customer satisfaction. Our superior employees sell the highest quality product and deliver that product with exceptional execution.



From our humble beginnings, with only 5 employees, some forty-two years ago, our business philosophy and the exceptional product and service we deliver have allowed us to grow to the company we are today. With the population and the tourism growth in the Springfield, Missouri area, constant growth and an ever changing market dictates the necessity to be the best and deliver the best for our customers.

### **Fleet Maintenance**

Fleets are maintained in-house by Wil Fischer's employee mechanics. Wil Fischer replaces its vehicles every 200,000 miles to ensure an up-to-date, modern and efficient fleet. However, retiring vans still run so well due to propane that they are almost always purchased by outside vendors.

All Wil Fischer propane-fueled vehicles have on-board tanks and are refueled via the large on-sight permanent tank. On average, Wil Fischer uses 45,000 gallons of propane a year.

Wil Fischer Fleet Facts
Fleet Type: Beverage Distribution
Fuels: Propane, Gasoline, Diesel
Fleet Size: 79 vehicles
Propane-fueled: 40.5%

“Our productivity and efficiency have increased substantially since our decision to switch to propane-powered vans and sales vehicles,” said Gower. “We are pleased with our propane vehicles and definitely recommend using propane to other distributors.”

Air quality is of prime importance to Wil Fischer. A non-toxic fuel, propane burns cleanly and can be used safely indoors. Propane's sealed, pressure-tight system eliminates the toxic spillage and evaporative emissions found with gasoline and diesel refueling, which can be a significant source of secondary pollution. Propane also produces less carbon monoxide, particulate matter, hydrocarbons and nitrogen oxides than gasoline or diesel - helping Wil Fischer meet OSHA, EPA and local air quality requirements. “We save more than one ton of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions per year per vehicle, which is over 30 tons per year currently, and over 400 tons over the last 24 years!” said Gower. The propane industry is determined to ensure that propane-powered vehicles continue to meet or exceed emissions requirements.

**For more information about propane forklifts, fleets, and other engines powered by propane, visit [www.usepropane.com/climate](http://www.usepropane.com/climate) or contact:**

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