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Bugs in the fuel Cladisporium resinae

No Gladys, Cladisporium doesn't mean you have been a naughty girl and have picked up something nasty. Its common name is "fuel fungus."

It is actually a fungus family that includes several kinds of mould and occurs in nature. Although it can cause skin infections and respiratory problems, its biggest impact is that the spores are so small and light that they float around looking for nutrients. In the "right" conditions in fuel tanks (both at a poorly maintained filling station as well as in a vehicle) the spores multiply at a dramatic rate, creating slime and sludge that clogs filters, literally eat rubber gaskets, O-rings hoses and tank linings. Ultimately, complete engine and engine-component failure is not uncommon due in part to the corrosive effect of the hydrogen sulphide produced at part of the fungal-growth process.

This is one good reason to purchase fuel of a reputable brand from a well-maintained sales outlet. Another is to apply preventative maintenance to your vehicle's fuel system.



There are several products available, but Graeme Cooper Automotive is a stockist and user of WURTH chemical products.

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