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SINCE 2000, PM EMISSIONS FROM EXHAUST REDUCED
IN THE EU-27

Source: European Environmental Agency



PM emissions are continuously decreasing as the result of cleaner diesel fuel, advanced engines and effective emissions control technology. Since the introduction of the Euro 6 standard, modern road vehicles with diesel engines are using highly efficient filters that remove 99.9% of PM. Despite a slight increase in PM values between 2020 and 2022 due to the end of COVID restrictions on travel, PM emissions continue to decrease and are significantly lower compared to pre-pandemic emissions.