FEDERAL HIGHWAY-RELATED EXCISE TAXES AND THE HIGHWAY TRUST FUND

Tax	Rate basis	Tax rate [1]										
		Before July 1, 1956	From July 1, 1956	From Oct. 1, 1959	From July 1, 1961	From Jan. 1, 1966	From Mar. 15, 1966	From Jan. 1, 1970	From Jan. 1, 1971	From Jan. 1, 1972	From Oct. 1, 1972	From Jan. 1, 1973
Dedicated to highway trust fund:												
Motor fuel	Cents per gallon	2	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	1½	1½
Rubber:												
Tires [2]	Cents per pound	5	8	8	10	10	10	10	10	10	5	5
Tubes	do	9	9	9	10	10	10	10	10	10	9	9
Retread	do	None	3	3	5	5	5	5	5	5	None	None
New trucks, buses, and trailers [3]	Percent of manufacturer's sales price.	8	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	5	5
Annual heavy vehicle use tax [4]	Per 1,000 pounds per year.	None	$1.50	$1.50	$3	$3	$3	$3	$3	$3	None	None
Lubricating oil [5]	Cents per gallon	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
Truck and bus parts and accessories [6]	Percent of manufacturer's sales price.	(6)	(6)	(6)	(6)	8	8	8	8	8	5	5
Other highway-related excise taxes:												
Lubricating oil [5]	Cents per gallon	6	6	6	6	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)
New automobiles [7]	Percent of manufacturer's sales price.	10	10	10	10	6	7	5	3	1	1	None
Motor vehicle parts and accessories [6]	do	8	8	8	8	(6)	(6)	(6)	(6)	(6)	(6)	(6)

[1] "Before July 1, 1956" rates are those in effect just prior to passage of the 1956 legislation. "From Oct. 1, 1972" rates are those to which the taxes revert under existing (July 1965) law. Some changes in the "From Jan. 1, 1966" column became effective on different dates, as indicated in footnotes 3 and 7. (Legislation in 1959 called for portions of the taxes on new automobiles and parts to go to the trust fund during fiscal years 1962–64, and the fuel tax to revert to 3 cents during the same period, but legislation of 1961 nullified these provisions.)

[2] The tax rate on tires other than for highway use has remained at 5 cents per pound.

[3] From July 1, 1956 to July 1, 1962 only half the tax on new trucks, buses, and trailers was dedicated to the trust fund. Beginning June 21, 1965 the following are tax exempt: bodies for camper coaches and self-propelled mobile homes; house trailers; bodies designed for seed, feed, and fertilizer; small 3-wheeled trucks; and school buses.

[4] Annual use tax on vehicles over 26,000 pounds gross weight (vehicle plus load); levied on total weight, not just on excess over 26,000 pounds.

[5] Prior to Jan. 1, 1966, the lubricating oil tax went to the general fund. Beginning Jan. 1, 1966, this tax (excluding cutting oil) was dedicated to the trust fund, and refunds can be claimed for nonhighway use (applicable to motor fuel also).

[6] The 8 percent tax on motor vehicle parts and accessories, in effect prior to July 1, 1956, continued thereafter with revenue going to the general fund. Effective Jan. 1, 1966, the tax on automobile parts and accessories was repealed; the tax on truck and bus parts and accessories remains in effect, with revenue dedicated to the trust fund.

[7] The tax rate on new automobiles, 10 percent until May 14, 1965, was scheduled to gradually decrease over a period of years under a provision of the Excise Tax Reduction Act of 1965. Under later amendments, however, the tax rate schedule will be 7 percent until Jan. 1, 1970, 5 percent until Jan. 1, 1971, 3 percent until Jan. 1, 1972, and 1 percent until Jan. 1, 1973 when it falls to zero.