An exceptionally easy to use software package, Fuel Management On-Line (FMO), is available from Fueltek. Aimed at helping commercial and public service fleet vehicle managers to control and reduce fuel costs, FMO integrates all the fuel management hardware elements, gathers fuelling information effectively and is easily customised to produce detailed fuel use information. Managers can install the software on their own networks or have the option of remote hosting by Fueltek.

Scalability is a key feature of FMO. The system is equally applicable to small fleet, single depot operations as it is to major operators with hundreds of vehicles and scores of locations. There is no limit to the number of devices on the network. These may include fuel management terminals, tank monitoring systems or other devices such as gates, barriers or even key cabinets.

Internet Protocol (IP) provides the network's communication backbone. Every hardware device in the system has a unique identity and is connected to the controlling computer via the internet (or the client's dedicated intranet) system. IP based networks are extremely reliable. That is why IP is widely used in the security industry to network and monitor CCTV, access control, security and fire alarms.

"FMO is a flexible Internet based fuel management tool enabling managers to access data using a secure password from the office PC, from any laptop or mobile device with an internet connection. This means that a manager away from base on business can still keep track of operations from anywhere there is an Internet connection. Information can be accessed by managers based on their individual profile that specifies what they can and cannot see and the actions they can initiate," explained Fueltek's managing director Martin Devine.

A major advantage of FMO is that it need not be resident on the client's computer. The program, application customisation, data and reports can all be hosted on Fueltek's servers. "When we host the system our client has less to worry about. We take care of back-up, upgrades and all operational issues. This removes the burden on their internal computing resources and staff and lets them get on with business," added Martin.

Blackburn based Fueltek service clients throughout the UK. All Fueltek fuel management systems and software are engineered by them in the UK and are fully supported by an

experienced team who can resolve any problems efficiently.