



Gas or Diesel Leaking — What It Is, and What It Costs

How real visits for a fuel leak ended at independent shops across the US — the part actually replaced, how often, and what it cost when it was the only fix.

Fuel line or hose

About a third of all these visits end in one of these two

Fuel line **\$125 – \$420**

Hose **\$103 – \$387**

typical cost when it was the only fix
(parts + labor)

THE FIX INVOLVED	SHARE OF THESE VISITS*	TYPICAL COST†	MEDIAN
Fuel line	23.0%	\$125 – \$420	\$220
Hose	17.4%	\$103 – \$387	\$207
Fuel tank	13.9%	\$167 – \$579	\$323
Gasket / seal	8.8%	\$65 – \$444	\$188
Pipe / tube	8.7%	\$26 – \$196	\$65
Brake line	3.8%	\$130 – \$339	\$207
Brake fluid	3.2%	\$106 – \$366	\$203
Other, rarer causes	smaller shares — injector o-rings, fuel rails, filler necks, evaporative lines	varies	—

*Share of visits whose repair involved this part; combined repairs count toward each part, so shares overlap and don't add to 100%.

†Middle half of real invoices when this was the only fix — parts + labor, all vehicle types.

WHICH ONE IS YOURS? LISTEN FIRST

- **Take the smell seriously** — A persistent raw-fuel smell deserves a same-week look, parked outside in the meantime.
- **Where lines fail** — Steel fuel lines run beside the brake lines under the car and rust the same way; rubber sections age at their clamps.
- **Tank leaks** — A drip that appears right after a fill-up points at the top of the tank: the filler neck, seams, or the pump module seal.

WHAT TO EXPECT FROM THE SHOP

Expect the shop to treat this as repair-now and to find the exact source on a lift — lines, hoses and tank fittings lead. No shop will patch a fuel line; sections are replaced with fuel-rated line. If the tank comes down for a leak at the top, ask about renewing an aging fuel pump in the same labor.

ABOUT THIS DATA · HOW TO USE THIS BRIEF

Vehicles **all makes and models, US fleet**

Data confidence **High** — *large sample, stable shares*

Records through **July 2026**, refreshed continuously

Source **paid invoices from independent US repair shops**

Take it to the shop. It tells you what the likely answers are and what each one should cost — so when the diagnosis comes back, you already know whether the number fits. Vehicle-specific price reports for the common fixes are on fixdozer.com.

NOT A DIAGNOSIS This brief describes how other owners' visits for a fuel leak ended. Your vehicle, its history and the shop's testing decide yours. FixDozer does not perform repairs and receives nothing from shops.