

Edmonds' Insideline.com stated that a consumer- grade leaf blower emits more pollutants than a 6,200-pound 2011 Ford Raptor. Originally, they said that one half hour of running a leaf blower is equal to running a Ford Raptor pickup truck more than 3500 miles, or from Texas to Alaska.

Their test results are flawed, and the analogy is intuitively unbelievable. I personally objected to their claim on my website, publishing why they are unjustified in making such a statement. My primary issue is that their testing equipment is not designed for sampling small engines the size of a leaf blower and therefore cannot give an accurate result. Their equipment is intended for use on engines capable of hundreds of horsepower with enormous air flows. The test procedure for a truck is vastly different than that for a leaf blower and the results are not directly comparable.

<http://leafblownoise.com/edmonds%20test%20response2.pdf>

Twice I requested a meeting with Edmonds to review their test results, but they wouldn't even respond to my requests. They have since taken down their original web page and issued a new one. It is more in line with reality but remains vastly overstated.

<https://www.edmunds.com/car-reviews/features/emissions-test-car-vs-truck-vs-leaf-blower.html>

*"You'd have to drive a Raptor 235 miles — stopping every 505 seconds and doing cold restarts — to emit the same level of hydrocarbons as simply idling the two-stroke leaf blower for less than 10 minutes."*