



## BLUE BIRD PROPANE POWERED VISION

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## WHAT IS PROPANE AUTOGAS?

Clean. Domestic. Abundant. Safe.

#### **Background**



#### Discovered in 1910

Dr. Walter O. Snelling

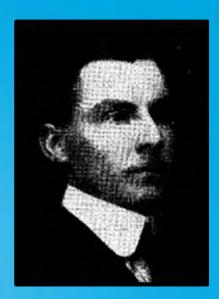
First used as an engine fuel in 1913

#### Composition

- Propane =  $C_3H_8$
- Gasoline =  $C_8H_{18}$

#### Sources

- 60% from natural gas refining
- 40% from petroleum refining
- 97% from North American sources





#### What Is Propane Autogas?



#### Clean

- 24% reduction in Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions
- 20% reduction in Nitrogen Oxide (NOx) emissions
- 60% reduction in Carbon Monoxide (CO) emissions

#### **Domestic**

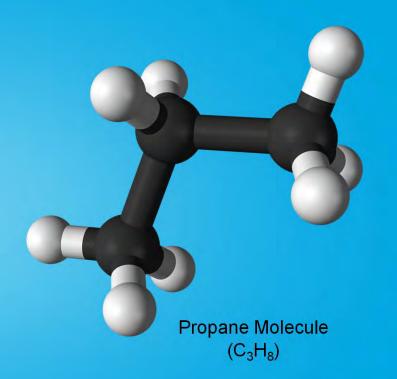
- 90% of propane used in U.S. comes from U.S.
- 7% of propane used in U.S. comes from Canada

#### **Abundant**

- Most refueling infrastructure of any alternative fuel
- Major natural gas shale found in northeast U.S.
- Powers over 17 million vehicles worldwide

#### Safe

- Low pressure (~ 200 psig)
- Narrow flammability range
- Fuel tanks are 20 times more puncture resistant than gasoline



#### What Is Propane Autogas?



#### On-Site Refueling:



Ford Michigan Assembly Plant (MI)



AmeriGas Propane Tank





La Pine School District (OR)



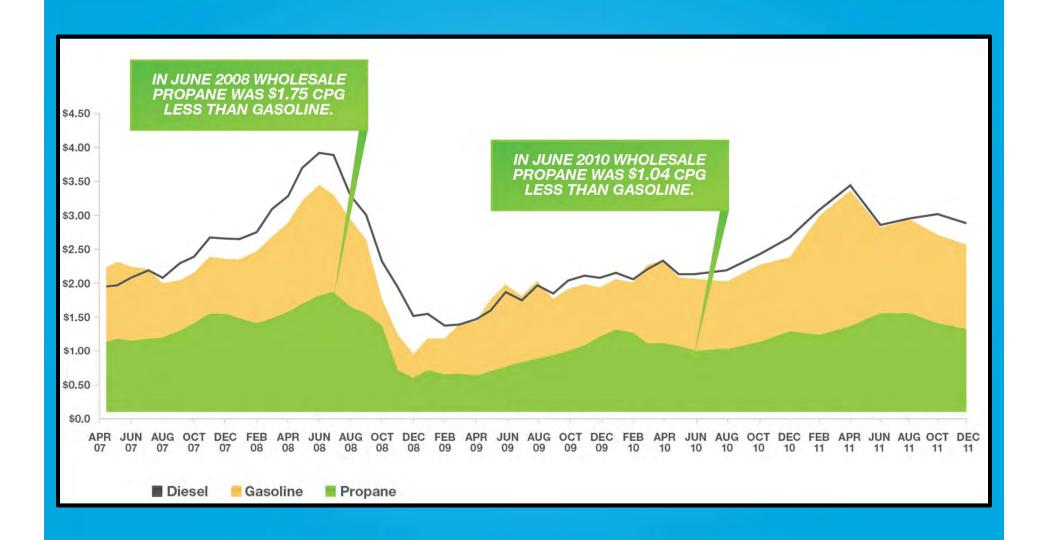
ROUSH CleanTech (MI)



Heritage Propane Tank

### **Average Price of Propane**







### ROUSH CLEANTECH

Company Background & History

#### **ROUSH Enterprises Brand Portfolio**





#### **Roush Fenway Racing**

Dominant NASCAR Sprint Cup racing team



#### **ROUSH Performance**

Industry leading high performance vehicles



#### **ROUSH Life Sciences**

 Setting a new standard in medical equipment design, manufacturing, and engineering



#### **ROUSH Industries**

 OEM quality manufacturing, engineering, prototyping, and design capabilities

#### **ROUSH Enterprises Brand Portfolio**



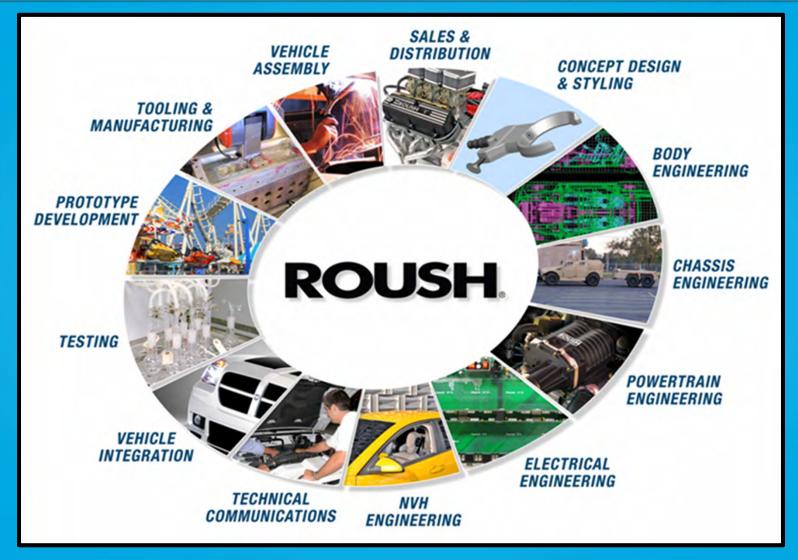


#### **ROUSH CleanTech**

- Dedicated to developing quality alternative fuel solutions
- Propane autogas focus
- EPA and CARB certification ability
- Platform customization to suit customer needs
- Reduces operating costs, carbon footprint
- OEM support through Ford and BPN dealers
- Creating opportunities for partner companies
- Using American fuel and American technology

#### **Corporate Overview**





**Corporate Wheel of Capability** 



## **SYSTEM OVERVIEW**& PERFORMANCE:

The Zero Compromise Alternative Fuel Solution

#### **Fuel System Design**





#### Features:

- Dedicated fuel system.
- Completely replaces factory gasoline fuel system.
- Features OEM quality & design.
- EPA and CARB certified.
- Easy to install, service and maintain.

#### **System Overview**



#### Fuel Rail Assembly

- Fuel Rails
- Fuel Injectors
- Injection Press. / Temp.Sensor

#### **Fuel Line Assembly**

- Fuel Lines
- Flow Control Solenoid



2011 Ford E-450 DRW Cutaway Fuel System

#### Fuel Tank Assembly

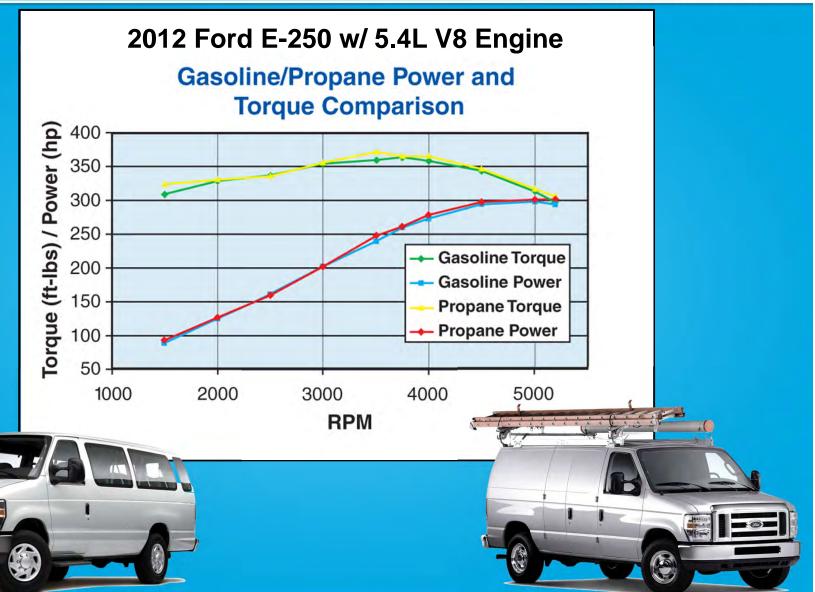
- Fuel Tank
- Fuel Pump
- Fuel Level Sensor

#### Powertrain Control System

- PCM Calibration
- Wiring Harness

#### **Performance**





# Next Generation Propane-Powered Vision Smart Solution Product Overview



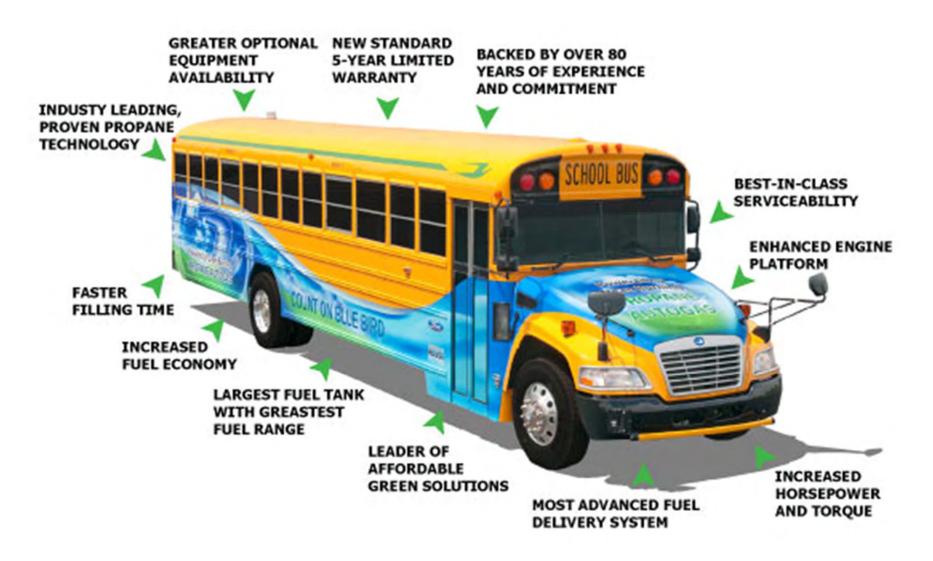








### Designed with Customers in Mind



### **Development Partners**

- Blue Bird Corporation
- Propane Education Research Council (PERC)
- Railroad Commission of Texas
- Roush
- Ford



### **Development Strategy**

- Utilize our highest volume school bus Types C Vision and successfully have it operate on propane instead of diesel
- Remain designed and engineered to the same exacting standards and meet School Bus Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards
- Provide lowest incremental cost alternative fuel powered large school bus
- The result: Fully integrated Type C, OEM propane-powered school buses

### Safe, Affordable Green Transportation



### **Propane - Testing**

- 4,000 lbs @ 40 MPH
- Angled Side and Rear
   Impact
- 220 PSI Tank Pressure
- CMVSS 301.1 Protocol
- No Leakage or No
   Pressure Drop in 30

   Minute Test



## **Blue Bird Vision**

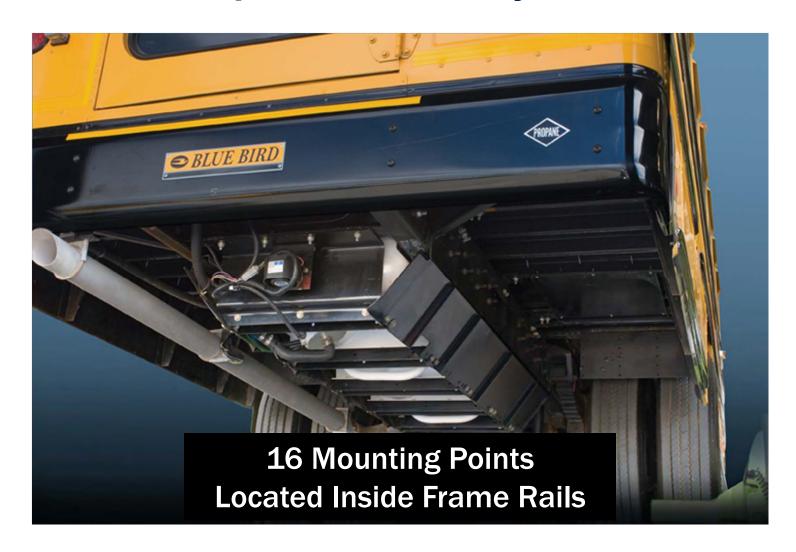


### **Propane - Fuel System**

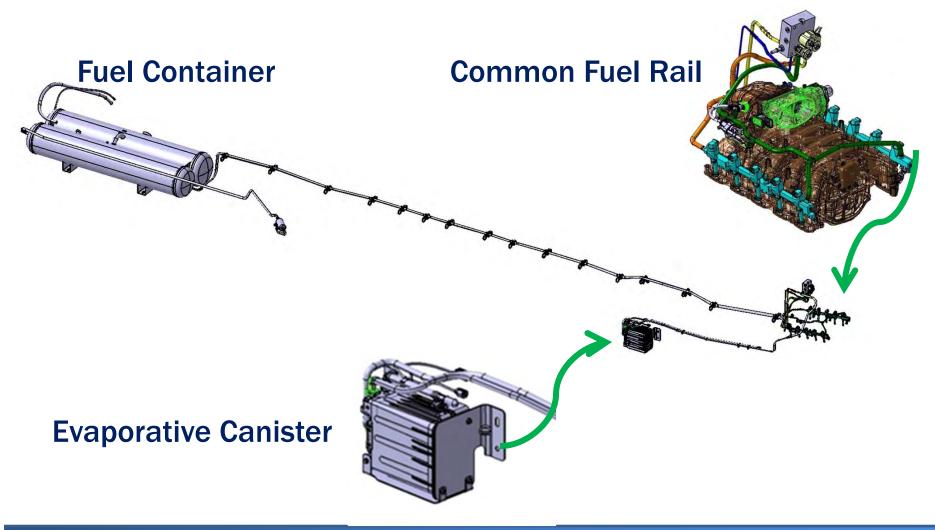
- 67 Gallon capacity
- Carbon Steel
- 2X the Required Thickness for ASME Certification
- 312 PSI Working Pressure
- Burst Pressure = 5X Working Pressure



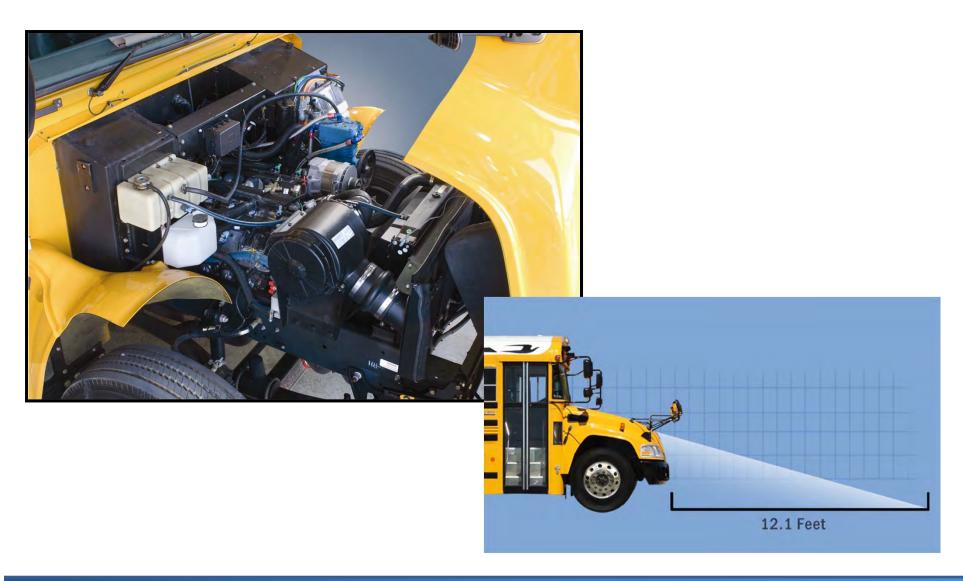
### **Propane - Fuel System**



## Propane Fuel System Simple Design

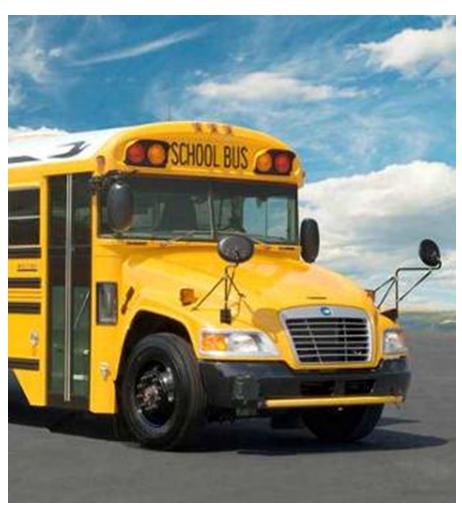


## **Propane Engine Packaging**



## Blue Bird Vision – Type C School Bus Propane-Powered

- Capacities up to 77
- Wheelbases: 189" 280"
- GVWR Up to 33,000 lb.
- LPG Engine configuration in partnership with Ford & Roush
- Low emission vehicle certification
- **362 HP**
- Automatic Transmission
- Fuel Range ~300 miles



## **Engine & Fuel System Coverage**

**Engine and Propane Fuel System Coverage** 

5 year / 100,000 miles







## Why propane for the School Bus Industry?

- Propane is the #1 alternative fuel for school bus purchases (industry's most popular alternative fuel)
- Over 17 million vehicles operate on propane, worldwide
- Propane is a viable, domestically produced fuel
- Readily available and affordable propane fueling station infrastructure throughout North America
- Clean-burning alternative fuel lowers operating and maintenance costs

## Why our Next Generation Propane-Powered Vision is the right solution?

- 5-year/100,000 mile engine and propane system coverage
- Powered by industry leaders, Ford and ROUSH CleanTech
- ROUSH CleanTech's proven propane technology, backed by more than 35 years of engineering expertise
- Enhanced and Proven Engine Platform: The Ford 6.8L is a regular production engine and is already in use in on-highway vehicles
- Increased horsepower and torque
- Largest available fuel tank
- Ergonomic engine design with greater engine compartment space for easier maintenance access
- Most advanced fuel delivery system



## Why choose Blue Bird for Propane and Alternative Fuel?

- Blue Bird is the leader of Affordable Green Solutions in the School Bus Industry
- Blue Bird has over twice as many registered alternative-fuel school buses on the road than all our competitors combined
- Blue Bird is the only manufacturer to offer a large Type C school bus powered by propane along with a Type A propanepowered school bus
- Blue Bird provides Alternative Fuel solutions with the highest return on investment
- Blue Bird has had OEM propane-powered school buses on the road since 1998

## Blue Bird North American Alternative Fuel Markets

Alberta	DC	Maine	Nevada	Texas
Alaska	Florida	Michigan	New York	Utah
Alabama	Georgia	Minnesota	Ohio	Virginia
Arkansas	Iowa	Missouri	Oklahoma	Vermont
Arizona	Idaho	Montana	Ontario	Washington
British Columbia	Illinois	North Carolina	Oregon	Wisconsin
California	Kansas	New Hampshire	Pennsylvania	West Virginia
Colorado	Mass.	New Jersey	S. Carolina	
Connecticut	Maryland	New Mexico	Tennessee	

3 Provinces, 39 States and D.C.



## Alternative Fuels Fit for School Bus Market

- Common Body Lengths, Passenger Capacities & Options Available:
  - Conventional Propane 6 Wheelbases from 189" –
     280" and Up to 77 Passengers
  - Air Conditioning
  - Skirt Mounted Luggage Compartments
  - Spring or Air Ride Suspensions
  - Wheelchair Lifts
  - Flat Floor

## Alternative Fuels Fit for School Bus Market

- Propane provides a safe, attractive and viable fuel choice amidst rising diesel fuel prices
- Lowers operating and maintenance costs
- Utilizes a domestically produced fuel
- Meets School Bus FMVSS & CMVSS, including CMVSS 301.1 Fuel System Integrity for Propane
- Meets 2010 EPA Emissions
- Established propane distribution network public/private retail outlets in the US and Canada for easy infrastructure solutions
- No sacrifice in performance for alternative fuels performs excellently including cold starts at -40 and steep grades





## WHITE FLEET PRODUCT OVERVIEW:

Pickups | Vans & Wagons | Cutaway Vans Chassis Cab | School Bus

#### **Product Overview – Vans & Wagons**



#### Ford E-150 / E-250 / E-350

Model Years: 2009 – 2012

Engine Size: 5.4L V8 (2V)

Applications: All cargo configurations

All passenger configurations

Single rear wheel cutaway

Tank Sizes: Mid-Ship: 25 gallons

In-Cab: 46 gallons

Order Availability: Ford Ship Through

**Conversion Kits** 

Certification: EPA

**CARB** 



#### **Product Overview – Vans & Wagons**



#### Ford E-450 DRW Cutaway

Model Years: 2009 – 2012

**Engine Size:** 6.8L V10 (2V)

Applications: Dual rear wheel cutaway

5-speed auto transmission

Tank Sizes: Aft-Axle: 41 gallons

Order Availability: Ford Ship Through

**Conversion Kits** 

Certification: EPA

**CARB** 



#### Class A Propane G5 by Micro Bird



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5-speed auto transmission

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Order Availability: Now

Certification: EPA

**CARB** 



#### New in 2012 - Ford F-250 / F-350



#### Ford F-250 / F-350

Model Years: 2012

Engine Size: 6.2L V8 (3V)

Applications: All bed configurations

All cab configurations

Tank Sizes: Under-Bed: 25 gallons

In-Bed: 49 gallons

Order Availability: Ford Ship Through

**Conversion Kits** 

Certification: EPA

**CARB** 

Available Q2, 2012



#### **Product Overview – Chassis Cab**



#### Ford F-450 / F-550

Model Years: 2011 - 2012

**Engine Size:** 6.8L V10 (3V)

Tank Sizes: Aft-Axle: 19.5 gallons

Aft-Cab: 49.5 gallons

In-Bed: 41 gallons

Order Availability: Ford Ship Through

**Conversion Kits** 

Certification: EPA

**CARB** 

Available: Q1, 2013



#### **Product Overview - Future**



Ford F-650

6.8L V10 (3V)

Ford F-59 Strip Chassis

6.8L V10 (3V)

**Ford Transit** 

**TBD Powertrain** 

Ford F-150 3.7L V6



Ford F-650



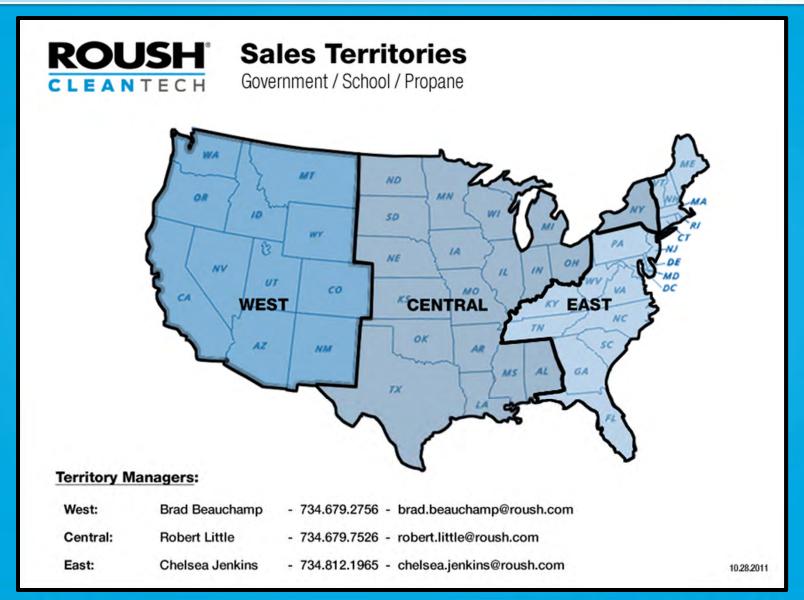
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**Ford Transit** 

#### **Sales Territories**







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