

## Petroleum Fast Facts

### Petroleum is:

- A naturally occurring substance found in formations in the earth.
- Derived from two Latin words 'petra' a rock and 'oleum' oil.
- A complex mix of hydrocarbons and includes crude oil, condensate and natural gas.
- A form of chemical energy - energy stored in the bonds of atoms and molecules.
- Formed from decayed organic material both animal and vegetable that lived close by or in the oceans.
- Converted from decayed organic material that was present around 400 million years ago.
- Captured in rocks called reservoir rocks.
- Used in the making of petroleum products such as oil, chemicals and plastics.



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