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## **Biodiesel Production and its Characteristics-An Overview**

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**E**xhaustible fossil fuel reserves and steep rise in fuel price has resulted in a continuous search for possible alternative fuels for internal combustion engines. The search is very particular to find suitable alternative fuels for compression ignition engine (diesel engine) as they are widely used in many applications. Biodiesel is one of the best available resources that have come to the forefront recently. Biodiesel has become more attractive day by day because of its environmental benefits and the fact that it is made from renewable energy sources. In this paper, a detailed review has been made with respect to different aspects of biodiesel. These aspects include, biodiesel feedstocks, production methods, properties and qualities of biodiesel, problems and potential solutions of using vegetable oil, advantages and disadvantages of biodiesel, the economical viability and finally the future of biodiesel. The various biodiesel production methods like direct blending, microemulsions, transesterification, thermal cracking were discussed neatly.

### **Biography**

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