



DRIVER'S GUIDE TO WINTER BEST PRACTICES

REMEMBER:

- ✓ Closely inspect the condition of all tires before driving.
- ✓ Verify clean operation and good condition of windshield wipers.
- ✓ Top off the windshield washer solvent tank and clean all windows.
- ✓ Purge the air system daily on trucks with air brakes.
- ✓ Remove any ice or snow buildup from steps and grab handles, to prevent slips & falls.



****Familiarity with your vehicle's driving dynamics is especially important in ice and snow. Handling will change with conditions and load weight.****

STARTING PROCEDURE CHECKLIST

- ☐ Complete pre-trip inspection of unit
- ☐ Unplug block heater
- ☐ Turn ignition switch to on, and wait for intake heater dash light to go out
- ☐ Start engine
- ☐ Leave engine run until engine operating temperatures increase

BLOCK HEATER

- Should be plugged in when temperatures are below 32°F(0°C)
- Trucks not utilized should be left with the block heater plugged in to prevent cold start concerns.

WINTER DRIVING TIPS

- Avoid sharp turns and sudden braking to ensure tires provide excellent control in snow and ice.
- Turn your lights on to increase your visibility
- Drive Slowly
- Do not use cruise control on snowy or icy roads.
- Anticipate your next move—give yourself plenty of time and space to turn and stop.
- Smoothly step on your truck's brakes to reduce speed before entering turns.
- Regain control of a skid by releasing the brake and easing on the accelerator. Then turn into the skid to transfer the weight to the rear.
- Do **NOT** pump the brakes in ABS equipped vehicles.
- If operating in areas that allow chains, verify your chains are in good condition and ready for installation.
- After driving through ice and snow, lightly apply the brakes while the unit is moving to dry the braking components before parking.
- Do not park a vehicle at an outside dock or near an overhang if heavy snow is forecast—snow drift may build up and collapse the roof.
- Dress in warm clothes with a moisturewicking base layer, and carry extras to stave off hypothermia in the event of a breakdown.

FUEL ADDITIVES DIESEL SUPPLEMENTS SHOULD BE ADDED WHEN TEMPERATURES DROP BELOW 32°F

Supplements should contain the following:

- Additives to prevent gelling in temps as low as -40°F(- 40°C)
- Additives to prevent wax plugging of filters below the fuel cloud point
- Lubricator to prevent accelerated fuel pump wear
- Additives to raise the Cetane up to 4 numbers for faster cold starts
- Additives to disperse water in the diesel fuel

NOTE: Fuel additive should be effective in all diesel fuels, including ultra-low sulfur diesel and biodiesel containing up to 20% biodiesel.

***CAUTION:** Products like Power Service Diesel 911, Schaeffer's #284 Diesel Hot Line, or Amsoil Diesel Recovery Emergency Fuel Treatment are not to be used to PREVENT fuel gelling, but only after fuel has gelled.

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