



A MAINTENANCE MINUTE

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Frigid Weather TruckCare Tips

Question:

Today's ultra low sulfur fuels are more susceptible to jelling. Fuel pumps in modern diesel engines return less warmed fuel back to the tank. How can truckers better prevent their fuel line from freezing?

Answer:

Use #2 Diesel with additives in the winter to keep your fuel from jelling. We stock Howes or 911 anti-jelling fuel additives. While #1 Diesel fuel is thinner and less jelling in cold weather, it lacks the BTUs and power of #2 Diesel.



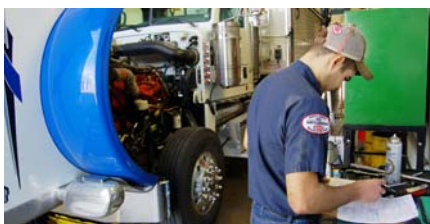
Also, Moisture in an aging fuel filter and air dryer filter can freeze up in cold weather. Change both before winter.

Will your truck's **Batteries** produce the power to start your engine on cold winter mornings? Peterbilt service technicians can check the condition and connections of your batteries to make sure they will get your vehicle going.



While most northern trucks are equipped with **Engine Block Heaters**, which warm the oil for easy starting. Our mechanics can make sure your block heater is working properly.

An **Auxiliary Heater** will keep your cab/sleeper warm overnight, while saving fuel and engine wear. This system also need maintenance. Run your auxiliary heater for 15 minutes monthly during the warm seasons to keep the system clean and lubricated. A service technician should perform an annual maintenance inspection in the fall to make sure your Auxiliary Heater will work properly.



You'll be better prepared to drive down the road during the next "Polar Vortex," when your truck is maintained with the premium-quality parts and maintenance service provided by our **Peterbilt Dealerships**. Our factory-trained **Peterbilt Technicians** keep commercial trucks running smoothly, because of continual training to keep up with truck technology. Also, the quality truck parts at our **Peterbilt Parts Stores** are better designed with the fit, finish and durability for the miles ahead.