



# Starting in Winter



## Truck Care Tips

Nighttime temperatures are falling well below freezing. Will your truck start in the morning?

Our **Peterbilt Service Managers** suggest several strategies to ensure cold cranking amps will be available to start your truck on cold winter mornings:

### **BATTERY CHECK**

The number one reason a truck does not start is the battery. Before your engine can start, the battery must crank over the starting motor with vigor.

The first question our service technicians may ask is: "How old is your battery?"

Batteries lose storage capacity with age, as internal corrosion builds up on the plates, and with plunging outdoor temperatures. Also, road vibrations on hard-working trucks also cause battery component breakdown. If you get three years out of your battery, you're doing pretty good.

### **GOOD CONNECTIONS**

It pays to have good connections, in the business world and throughout your truck's electrical starting system.

Poor connections from build up of corrosion on battery terminals, ground, starter and alternator could prevent your truck from starting. Make sure your connections are clean and tight.

It only takes one bad battery to drag down your truck's starting capability. Because all three-four batteries are tied together, one bad unit limits the rest.

Peterbilt Service Technicians have the tools to check the current condition of your electrical system. A battery load check and voltage/amp tester will show the operation of the battery and alternator.

Better have your starting system checked periodically at routine service intervals, rather than finding your truck stone cold dead in a parking lot.



*The #1 reason a truck does not start is because of the battery. Have your batteries load-tested before winter hits!*

### **HOT DEALS FOR COLD WEATHER**

If your batteries need replacing, **Peterbilt Parts Stores** frequently offer **Cold Weather Battery Specials** on our most popular starting batteries. Check our monthly specials. If your truck's problem is the alternator or starter, our **Peterbilt Parts Stores** stock popular brands at competitive prices.



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