



PREPARING FOR THE COLD WEATHER AHEAD



Last Wednesday was the first day of Fall and now is the time to start preparing your operation for the cold weather to come. Your drivers should be mindful of what is required to keep their truck running during the coming months.

Fuel Additive use during Cold Weather Conditions

Fuel additives should be added anytime the ambient temperature is below 32F to help prevent jelling. Power Service and Penray are popular manufactures of fuel additives. Both companies have two different products available through Navistar and Idealease locations.

Power Service:



- The "Red Bottle" is Power Service 911 and is to be used ONLY when the fuel in a unit has been jelled
- 911 is NOT to be used as a fuel additive that you would regularly put in the fuel tank to keep the fuel from jelling
- Power Service Diesel Fuel Supplement + Cetane "White Bottle" is to be added to the fuel at each fill when the ambient temperature is < 30 degrees F
- This is the additive you should use on a regular basis during the winter months

Penray:

Winter Thaw Emergency Diesel Fuel Supplement

- Dissolves already gelled fuel fast and reduces clogging of fuel filters
- Prevents ice crystal build-up in fuel lines and filters by disbursing moisture
- Eliminates hard starting, pounding, excessive smoking, and helps improve combustion.
- 100% compatible with low sulfur fuel and fuel blends.

Winter Pow-R Plus Diesel Fuel Supplement

- ULSD compliant
- Prevents gelling of diesel fuel and ice crystal formation
- Reduces cold filter plug point b as much as 30°F
- Helps enhance cetane and improve fuel economy.
- Utilizes HAFI® technology.
- Improves cold weather starting.
- Stabilizes and prevents corrosion.
- Helps reduce emissions and improves lubricity

Cold Weather Survival Kit

Everyone should carry a Winter Survival Kit in their truck. In an emergency, it could save your life. Here is what you need:

- a shovel
- windshield scraper and small broom
- flashlight with extra batteries

- battery powered radio
- water
- snack food including energy bars



- raisins and mini candy bars
- matches and small candles
- Disposable Hand/Foot warmers
- extra hats, socks, and mittens
- First aid kit with pocketknife
- Necessary medications
- blankets or sleeping bag
- tow chain or rope
- road salt, sand, or cat litter for traction
- booster cables
- fluorescent distress flag and whistle to attract attention
- Cell phone adapter to plug into lighter and or extra battery supply

Tis' Deer Season. "Oh Deer!"



It is Deer season, and now is the time to remind drivers of the dangers of animals in the roadway. The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety estimates that 1.5 million deer-related accidents occur each year. Three out of four accidents involving animals are deer. Nationally, deer collisions with vehicles cause \$1.1 billion in vehicle damage annually, kill 150 people and injure another 29,000

people. Cattle, horses, dogs, and bears also led to fatalities in collisions. Crashes with deer are most likely to occur in late fall during deer breeding, migration, and hunting season. Accidents with deer are likely to occur on rural roads with a speed limit of 55 mph or higher, in darkness, or at dusk and dawn. In 60% of the accidents involving human fatalities with animal-vehicle collisions, the fatality was caused not by the collision with the deer, but failure to wear a safety belt. The animal-vehicle collision is the first event and often not the deadliest. It is what occurs to the vehicle after the initial collision that is often the cause of the fatality, i.e., striking a fixed object or another vehicle(s). There is no feasible way to keep deer and other animals off the roadway. Deer whistles have been sold over the years as a way of avoiding deer collisions. I can personally attest that the whistles work. However, it is still up to the deer what action is taken after hearing the whistle. This may include standing still in the roadway or running directly at you; therefore, drivers need to always be vigilant and especially in those areas that are prone to animal crossing.

Got Chains?



If you are operating in a state that requires chains to be on board, make sure the chains are the correct size, properly secured, clean, undamaged/ easily accessible when necessary.

Not sure what your state's chain laws are? Click the link below.

<http://www.tirechainsrequired.com/laws.html> (<http://www.tirechainsrequired.com/laws.html>)

White House Announcement of COVID Vaccine Mandate Raises Questions

President Biden's September 10 statement mandating large employers to ensure their employees have the COVID vaccine or submit to weekly testing has raised many questions of implementation. Nothing is in writing at this point; all we must go on is the President's speech where he directed OSHA to issue an Emergency Temporary Standard to require all employers with 100 or more employees to:



ensure all workers are fully vaccinated against COVID-19; or

produce a negative test result at least weekly before coming to work.

According to those who work regularly in this area of the law, OSHA likely will not issue the ETS until late this year or early 2022. The ETS will not go through notice and comment rulemaking; it will be issued and take effect without requesting public comment. An ETS may typically be in effect only for up to six months, though.

OSHA will probably count all employees per company, not per facility, to reach the 100-employee threshold, although this is not certain. OSHA will also probably give a certain amount of time for employees to obtain the vaccine and will most likely require employers to provide paid time off for employees to get vaccine and recover from any ill effects.

We do not know which vaccines will be acceptable or which tests will be acceptable as an alternative, so it is premature to state that test kits are unavailable. Nor do we know if employers or employees will have to pay for the weekly tests or whether any paid time off will be allowed for the testing.

We also do not know whether the ETS will address persons with natural antibodies due to already having had COVID, as studies indicate recovery from COVID provides better antibody protection than a vaccine.

Further, there will likely be several lawsuits filed to challenge the ETS as soon as it is released. Suits might come from both conservative State Attorneys General as well as labor unions. It is possible the ETS will be enjoined before it goes into effect, although the validity of the various legal arguments under consideration is open to debate.

As to enforcement, OSHA has a very small enforcement staff and even though the potential fines are apparently up to \$14,000 per violation, it is unlikely that OSHA will spearhead a nationwide enforcement effort. Perhaps one or more companies might be cited to make an example for the rest, but over the course of six months there will probably not be a major enforcement effort by the agency. (NPTC Regulatory Update 9-24-21)

Upcoming Event:

October 3rd – 9th is Fire Prevention Week is Next Week!

National Fire Prevention Week is next week, and it is a good time to review with your drivers how to prevent fires and how to react to a fire that occurs in their commercial motor vehicle. Fire extinguisher inspection is a vital part of a driver's daily vehicle inspection process. If you did not read the September 17th Idealease safety bulletin where we addressed this topic, specifically in commercial motor vehicles, then go to www.idealease.com/safetybulletins.com (<http://www.idealease.com/safetybulletins.com>) and look at that bulletin. It amazes me how many times I will be looking at a truck and find the fire extinguisher has lost its pressure due to a leak or was used and returned to the truck without being recharged. The actions of a driver at the time of a fire are crucial in saving lives and controlling the amount of loss.



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