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# Preparing for the Cold Weather Ahead!

Tomorrow is the first Day of Fall and now is the time to start preparing your operation for the cold weather ahead. Your drivers should be aware of what is required to keep their truck running during the winter months ahead.

## Fuel Additives Use During Cold Weather Conditions

Fuel additives to prevent jelling should be added anytime the ambient temperature is below 32. Power Service and Penray are popular manufactures of fuel additives and 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



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## How to Make a 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
    - wate
- 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 pocket knife
  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.

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

## **Tis' Deer Season!**

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. Deer are struck in three out of four accidents involving animals. Nationally, deer collisions with vehicles annually cause some \$1.1 billion in vehicle damage, 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 speed limits, 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 of 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

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## Navigating Safety and Compliance in 2018

Idealease and the National Private Truck Council NPTC will again be hosting safety seminars in 2018. The one day seminar this year will focus on the new Electronic Logging Device (ELD) regulation, basic safety and compliance, regulation changes and CSA. The seminars will be provided to

all Idealease customers, potential customers and NPTC members at no charge. The seminar provides important information applicable for both the novice and experienced transportation professionals. To register for an upcoming seminar in 2018, <u>Click Here.</u> be vigilant at all times and especially in those areas that are prone to animal crossing.

## **FMCSA Revises Regulations for Drivers With** Diabetes

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) announced a revision in federal regulations that permits individuals with properly managed diabetes to operate commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) in interstate commerce.

Previously, individuals with insulin-treated diabetes mellitus (ITDM) were prohibited from operating CMVs in interstate commerce unless they obtained an exemption from the FMCSA. The revised rule now permits individuals with a stable insulin regimen and a properly controlled ITDM to operate CMVs interstate.

Under the ruling, a certified medical examiner (ME) can grant an individual with ITDM a

medical examiner's certificate, MCSA-5876, for up to 12 months. The treating clinician who manages and prescribes the insulin must provide the ITDM assessment form MCSA-5870 to the certified ME indicating a stable insulin regimen and control of the disease. The certified ME is also responsible for determining if the individual meets the FMCSA's physical qualification standards.



FMCSA said the rule will save nearly 5,000 individuals with ITDM that currently have exemptions more than \$5 million per year more than they would pay under the exemption program. The ruling is also estimated to save exemption applicants and motor carriers about \$215,000 annually in opportunity and compliance costs related with the exemption program's waiting period.



## Fall Seminars (September-November)

9/25/2018	Dallas, TX
9/26/2018	Houston, TX
10/4/2018	Moncton, NB
10/10/2018	Nashville, TN
10/16/2018	Kansas City, MO
10/24/2018	Modesto/Turlock, CA
10/25/2018	Oklahoma City, OK
11/7/18	San Leandro, CA

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