

POST-DELIVERY IDLE MANAGEMENT

Q: My drivers have done a nice job of decreasing their idle times. What is the next step they can take in improving these idle times?

A: When making 10-25 stops a day, minor behavior improvements can drastically improve your idle times.

Below is a comparative example of two drivers' post-delivery habits; you should note that drivers with efficient idle habits have lower idle times, resulting in higher fuel economy.

Poor Idle Habits

1. Gets in the truck
2. Starts the truck
3. Checks next stop details
4. Checks/responds to emails, calls, and texts
5. Puts on seatbelt
6. Begins driving

Efficient Idle Habits

1. Gets in the truck
2. Checks next stop details
3. Checks/responds to emails, calls, and texts
4. Puts on seatbelt
5. Starts the truck
6. Begins driving