

Q: My vehicle does not have a PTO function. How is it registering PTO hours in my reports?

A: When a driver, warehouse personnel, or technician overrides the Idle Shutdown Timer on a vehicle through manipulation of the cruise pad, this communicates to the ECM that the vehicle is now in a PTO mode and reports the engine hours as such.

Drivers who have learned this process tend to use it when they want the vehicle to stay running in order to keep the AC or heat on during stops throughout their day. This practice should be frowned upon, as it results in lower fuel economy and higher maintenance costs associated with that vehicle.