



Q: *How can I keep idle low in the winter months?* I must warm up the vehicle, sometimes several times a day if I'm at a long stop.

A: With today's [newer technology] engines, the *ECM (Engine Control Module)* does a great job of recognizing the conditions of a cold vehicle. It will make adjustments to accelerate the warm-up process.

A good rule of thumb is on a 10-degree morning, the engine is warmed up and at an operating temperature within 3–5 minutes. A stop during the day (even up to an hour or two) would have minimal impact for additional warm-up procedures.

NOTE: Remember to make sure the drivers are plugging in their block heaters when temperatures are below 32 degrees.

The key to minimizing idle time is to recognize the vehicle is ready to go in 3–5 minutes, not 15 to 25 minutes.



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