

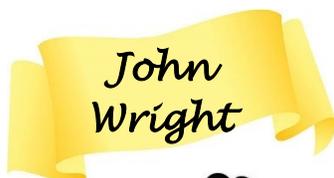


## Preparing for Winter Driving

Winterizing your truck is an essential part of maintaining it and keeping unnecessary costs down. It is also an important part of keeping your truck performing at top level while avoiding, or surviving, a bad situation. If you've never been stuck on the side of the road during a snow storm, you're very lucky. Winter weather can sneak up on us and now is the time to start preparing for the winter months ahead.

### ***Preparing Your Vehicle –***

- \* Always treat your diesel engine with fuel anti-gel and carry an extra supply. **Check with the Shop for company procedures and a supply of anti-gel.**
- \* Make sure the unit block heaters are plugged in when unit is not in use during the winter months.
- \* Check the tire tread, which is what provides traction to push your truck through the snow or wet pavement. You must always have at least 4/32 inch tread on your front tires and at least 2/32 on the rest.
- \* Winter driving allows for brake shoes to become frozen to the brake drum. Professional drivers are aware of this condition and should always make sure the wheels are turning, not sliding, before leaving on a trip.
- \* If equipped with air brakes and air tank pull cords and/or drain orifices, you should purge tanks daily, make sure the air system airs to 120 psi, and listen for the air drier to purge the system clean of moisture.
- \* All fluids should be full, including window wash. Now is the time to check additional fluids, such as DEF.
- \* Make sure the defrosting and heating equipment are working since they give you the visibility you need for safe driving.
- \* Wiper blades should be functional and in good condition. All glass/mirrors should be clean. Make sure headlights, tail/turn lights are cleaned off of snow/ice/salt and operational.
- \* All steps and grab handles should be clean, secure and dry to avoid slipping.
- \* ***Know your route and exits*** - since you may not see the road or exit you need before it's too late.



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With the winter weather fast approaching, you need to plan for weather related issues. This may mean leaving earlier to beat a storm, to parking overnight in an area you can get out of if it snows, to managing your drive time when traveling in hazardous conditions.

***Please always keep an eye on the weather and plan accordingly.***

I have read and understand the above information regarding "PREPARING FOR WINTER DRIVING".

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