

Winter Preventative Maintenance Tips for Trucks

Make sure your vehicle is properly serviced and maintained before the winter season is here, to keep your fleet up and running. The steps will help ensure that your vehicle is as prepared as possible to survive the winter roads.

In winter weather, it's important to keep your windshield clean. Make sure your wipers are in good condition and make sure you have enough windshield washer fluid. It's better to spend a little more money on windshield wipers now than to have to keep replacing them frequently throughout winter. This is a vital part of truck maintenance that not everyone thinks about.

The tires need to be properly inflated and have enough tread. This will help you maintain traction on icy or snowy roads. If you need new tires, don't delay in getting them! Proper tires on your truck are crucial for winter driving.

Your battery works harder in cold weather, so make sure it's in good condition. Low temperatures cause it to drain more quickly. Check the terminals and clean them if necessary.

Your engine needs clean oil to run properly. Make sure you're using the correct oil for your truck and change it as recommended. You may want to add a fuel additive to help keep your engine clean and running smoothly. The engine is the heart of your truck, so make sure you're taking good care of it!

It's important to keep your fluid levels in check during winter. If your truck has an antifreeze system, make sure the antifreeze level is correct and that the system is working properly. You should also check your brake fluid level and top it off if necessary. Keeping your fluid levels in good condition will help you stay safe on the road in winter.

Your brakes are especially important in winter weather. Make sure they're in good condition and that you have enough brake fluid. If your brakes start to squeal, it's a sign that they need to be serviced. You don't want to have to deal with a breakdown during bad weather.

Check your lights! Lights are essential for night driving visibility so make sure all of yours – headlights, taillights, turn signals, hazards, stop lamps, marker lamps, clearance lamps, etc., are functioning and bright.

Finally, keep a safety kit in your truck, it can be a game-changer. The kit should include a flashlight, flares, a first-aid kit, jumper cables, and an ice-scraper. It's always better to be prepared for the unexpected!

Winter weather can be tough. By taking care of these key areas, you can help make sure your truck is ready to take on whatever the season throws your way.