

# TAKE CARE OF YOUR FLEET: TIPS TO MAINTAIN YOUR SITTING TRUCKS

WHEN YOU HAVE MORE TRUCKS THAN DRIVERS, FOLLOW THESE STEPS EVERY WEEK TO KEEP YOUR TRUCKS IN TOP OPERATING CONDITION.

### **REGULARLY INSPECT YOUR EQUIPMENT**

Perform a visual inspection around and under the entire vehicle. Look for these key safety areas of concern:

Check for any potential fluid leaks: Engine Oil, Coolant, Brake, Power Steering, Transmission, Axles, Wheel hubs, Hydraulic, fuel. Determine source and repair immediately

Make sure all fluids are topped off

Adjust the air pressure in all tires

Check that all lights and indicators are working

Check for any physical damage to the body or windscreen

## IF POSSIBLE, TAKE YOUR VEHICLE FOR A SHORT DRIVE

#### Drive the vehicle for 10 miles

Allow enough time for the engine to fully reach operating temperature, every week if possible. This helps:

- Reduce the risk of flat spots on tires
- Avoid the battery draining
- Avoid brake corrosion from developing
- Allow lubricants to circulate throughout the engine and drivetrain

Gently try the brakes when first driving off

Check the vehicle dashboard for any warning indicator lights

While driving, turn on the A/C

To help maintain the seals and reduce the chance of mold developing in the AC system

# All relevant local laws must be complied with. All guidelines/tips must be applied within such rules. Always defer to OEM recommendations.

#### LEAVING VEHICLES INACTIVE WITHOUT REGULAR INSPECTION MAY LEAD TO ISSUES THAT NEED TO BE RESOLVED AS TRUCKS COME BACK INTO OPERATION

- Drained or damaged batteries
- Flat spots on t**i**res
- Fuel degradation
- Unsanitary cabin interiors
- Rusting components (based on component/geography)

#### IF EQUIPMENT CANNOT BE MOVED Run the vehicle for approximately 15 minutes

15 minutes is enough time to warm up the engine, help fluids flow, and to keep your battery in good health

Be sure to check your local "idling" laws first



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