

# COLD WEATHER BEST PRACTICES CHECKLIST

## FUEL

- Be sure to use a good quality winter-blend fuel. Avoid bio-diesel, if possible, as it attracts moisture.
- Keep your fuel tank full to prevent moisture from condensation.
- Drain the fuel/water separator to remove any water before it freezes.
- Make sure your fuel filter is clean. If your fuel gels it will clog your fuel filter and prevent your machine from performing. Have spare fuel filters in stock.
- Use a fuel additive to help prevent gelling. We recommend Power Service “Diesel Fuel Supplement” (white bottle) as a preventative and Power Service “Diesel 9-1-1” (red bottle) for gelled/frozen emergencies. Be sure to run your machine to get the additive into the entire fuel system (not just the fuel tank). A good rule of thumb is to use the fuel additive from Thanksgiving to St. Patrick’s Day – a little prevention goes a long way!

## BATTERY

- Make sure that your battery is the proper one for your machine and that it is fully charged and meets its cold cranking rating.
- Use a battery maintainer / trickle charger to maintain full battery power.
- Have a battery charger or jumper pack available to jump-start a low battery.

## BRING THE HEAT

- Whenever possible, keep your machine stored in a heated garage.
- Plug in your engine block heater. You may need to plug into a generator in remote areas (a Honda EU2000 generator works great for this).
- On remote sites, warm your machine with a space heater / torpedo heater prior to starting. This works more effectively if you can have your machine in a container or cover it with a tarp. Please use proper safety precautions when using these types of heaters.

## CALL THE EXPERTS

- Still having problems? We are here to help you! Call the experts at Martin Implement Sales.
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