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### Semi-Truck Winter Breakdown Prevention

- **Check Battery Health:** Checking the health of your batteries during winter is a very important way to prevent yourself from being stranded with a dead battery. With the cold weather oftentimes comes freezing batteries, it's important to stay on top of your battery's health. Before heading out on the roads, check its health to ensure you will be good to go on the roads. Also, it's a great idea to carry an extra battery or a portable jump start kit for emergency situations.
- **Ensure Proper Tire Inflation:** Your tire quality and inflation are crucial during the winter season. As winter rolls around and the first snowfalls are happening, checking the treads of your tires is a great practice to implement. Wearing treads will minimize the truck's traction to the roadway and increase the chances of slipping. Also, make sure to refill the air pressure of your tire at regular intervals
- **Fuel & Cooling System:** Adding high quality fuel additives to your fuel tank is a great way to protect your fuel from underperforming or gelling up during the extremely cold days. Also, make sure to regularly check your cooling system to ensure that the radiator and other components are running smoothly with nothing freezing up or breaking down. Look out for any leaks or cracks before starting your travels.
- **Pack An Emergency Kit:** During winter, even though you can perform all the preventative maintenance to keep your truck on the roadways, systems and truck parts can fail at a moment's notice. For these situations, having an emergency kit on hand can be just what you need to stay safe or get your truck up and running. To cover all of your bases for any situation that may happen, it helps to pack your truck's emergency kit with tools such as a shovel, emergency flares, windshield scrapers, flashlights, an extra layer of clothes and fluids, among other items.
- **Check Forecast Regularly:** One of the most important things to keep in mind when you're about to set out on your truck route is the weather. Looking at the forecast and seeing what kind of weather you're to expect will prepare you for the journey ahead. This can also help guide your decisions on what to pack in your emergency kit and where your pit stops will be.

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