

# TOOLBOX TALKS

## Cold Weather and Machines

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**TOPIC: Cold weather can be hard on machines. Here are some tips to keep your machines running in great condition during cold weather.**

### Cold Weather Recommendations

- Always read and understand the Operation and Maintenance manual
- To better prepare your machines for cold weather try the following:
  - Use block heaters
  - Use enclosed storage facilities when machines are not being used
- Be sure to install the correct lubricants
- Provide the correct cooling system protection for the conditions you will be working in
- Inspect all rubber parts weekly
- Keep all batteries fully charged
- Always fill the fuel tank at the end of the shift
- Check the air filters on a regular basis when snow is present
- Before your shift, run the engine until it reaches operating temperatures
- Never remove the air cleaner element when snow packing occurs
- If your machine is shut down for more than 16 hours, the engine will cool to the external temperature
- Always maintain your machine per the Operation and Maintenance Manual during cold weather

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