

Fuel Saving Tips

1. Keep your speed down. Saves fuel and your driving record. Staying one to two miles per hour under the speed limit brings you many benefits without sacrificing time.
 - A. You will find yourself driving all by yourself better than 80% of the time even on crowded highways. This is because everyone else is traveling in packs and these packs come up and pass you by.
 - B. This means less stress, and more consistent speed
 - C. Less chance of accidents or other incidents
 - D. You do not lose any time; speed cannot make up for lost time. Do the Math! Your time is actually lost when you stop and loiter.
2. Be less aggressive in your start ups. Back off the accelerator and smoothly accelerate the truck.
3. Watch your RPMs do not run over the recommend RPMs for each gear. It is better to slightly lug the engine than to over rev it.
4. Anticipate your next move. You should already know where you are going. When you are approaching stop lights, exit ramps, etc. back off the throttle and coast up, using your engine and gears to slow you down.
5. When changing lanes do so gradually rather than with a sudden move. This saves fuel and tire rubber. In addition, it gives you a chance to recognize any traffic that you failed to see before you hit them.
6. Anticipate traffic. This means back off and give traffic the room it needs. When you do this, you can keep a more consistent speed, you do not have to hit your brakes as often. If you give traffic room and do not change lanes except when absolutely necessary, you will actually get thru traffic faster and with a lot less stress.
7. Tire Pressure – check your tires at least once a week if not every day.
8. Perform your regularly scheduled PM on time and add 1 gal of Lucas to the oil. Change your fuel filter every 5,000 miles. Even if you think it does not need to be changed. Rotate air filter every 10,000 miles and replace every 30,000 miles or less.
9. Use fuel additive designed to keep the system clean and free of water.
10. Reduce the space between your tractor and trailer to the smallest interval you can without endangering the tractor or trailer. This will minimize the drag that is caused by the vacuum that develops between the tractor and trailer.
11. No unnecessary idling. Idling consumes 1 gal of fuel per hour.

Watch your out of route miles. Remember, we do not get paid for these miles and this will harm your fuel mileage.