

FEBRUARY 2019 TARP IDLING YOUR TRUCK

Auxiliary power units (APUs) are one of the best weapons truck drivers can have against wasting fuel. They make it possible to power a truck's heating, air conditioning and other comfort systems without the need to keep the engine idling during rest stops. This can help drivers avoid wasting precious fuel, an important goal in itself.

A typical over-the-road tractor will idle approximately 2,400 hours a year. It is estimated that idling burns 5 percent of all fuel used in the US, amount to about 102 billion gallons.

With an APU, only about 0.10 of a gallon of diesel is burned per hour. Using the same figures, an APU would only burn \$672 worth of fuel per year – a savings of more than \$6,000 per year or \$500 per month.

Idling your truck can also make the truck lose "Shelf Life". It is important that you do not idle the truck.

If the weather is extremely cold or extremely hot you can idle the as needed. The APU will help where the engine will not gel up, but the APU has a hard time keeping up to keep the temperature of the bunk comfortable.

If your APU is not working properly it is Company Policy that you get you let us know right away so we can get the unit fixed right away. If you are not in the yard let Katrina and the shop know so we can get you routed back to the yard to repair the unit.

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