

How to Increase the Fuel Mileage on a Tractor Trailer Truck – Part 1

Achieving optimum **fuel efficiency** is a major concern for drivers of **tractor trailers**. With the price of fuel now reaching \$4.00 and higher, drivers are looking for ways to save on **fuel mileage**. In fact, one of the most asked questions and biggest concerns on our customers' minds' is how can they increase fuel mileage! To help, we're introducing a series of informational articles with facts and actions that should help to increase your fuel mileage.

1. **Lower the speed you drive on the highway.** The speed you travel affects your fuel mileage. Studies have shown every mile driven over 50 mph lowers your fuel mileage by 0.1 mile per gallon. The recommended speed to drive your truck: 60 mph. Below 60 mph can cost you time that is also valuable; above 60 mph can cost you valuable fuel mileage. So keep this in mind while driving down the highway.
2. **Avoid the upper end of the power scale (1,500 to 1,800) when starting out from a dead stop.** Instead, try to short-shift in the low-range gears between 1,100 and 1,200 rpm. When you shift into high range, use 1,500 rpm as the maximum shift point. Also, watch your boost gauge and keep it steady & consistent as you accelerate. Sudden braking while driving can also affect your mileage.

Stay tuned for the next installation in this series!

Good luck and safe driving from all of us at **2nd-to-None-Service**.

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