

How to Increase the Fuel Mileage on a Tractor Trailer Truck – Part 2

Recently, we introduced a new informational series on increasing the fuel efficiency of your tractor trailer truck. **Fuel efficiency** can be a major pain point for drivers—particularly of **tractor trailer trucks**. We hear about it constantly from our customers and members of the community. Fortunately, there are a number of things you can do to improve your fuel efficiency and **increase your fuel mileage**.

3. **Avoid excessive idling.** Generally, no more than five minutes is required to warm up the truck's engine. Idling for a cool-down period is not necessary, as the engine cools while you are parking your rig. If you require idling to keep your truck comfortable, check into a generator unit. These units require minimal fuel to run, so you can save your engine for driving. *Quick Fact:* You add 40-45 driving miles to your engine when idling for one hour.
4. **Install a fuel economy gauge** if your tractor trailer is not equipped with one. This will allow you to monitor changes in fuel usage and make immediate changes to ensure better mileage. There are many models of these gauges out on the market. The better models even have a setting that allows you to adjust the accuracy to match what the station pump says you use. Once the adjustment is made, this tool will measure fuel mileage accurately and can be seen while driving down the road on your dash. You may find by changing a few driving habits that your fuel mileage increases!

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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