



...BECAUSE TRANSPORTATION SHOULD BE SIMPLE

# Williams News

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## Battling Complacency

Complacency is a daily battle when discussing safety. We understand what complacency is; however, we often do not grasp the consequences it can have or how we can overcome it. Failure to overcome complacency can lead to crashes, injuries, and other costly incidents both for the individual involved and the company.

Simply defined, complacency is self-satisfaction especially when accompanied by unawareness of actual dangers or deficiencies. We have performed the same task so many times, we no longer recognize the dangers we once did. A less-experienced worker may not be properly trained to recognize hazards and is thus complacent. An experienced worker is not unaware of the risk, but is more likely to accept the

risk without taking the proper time to address the hazard due to completion of said task many times before without incident. It is important to identify areas in which you might be complacent and take steps to avoid this trap.

- Recognize tasks that you may be so used to doing that you no longer take the same precautions as you once did.
- Have a coworker audit your work to see what your areas of complacency might be.
- Fight the urge to take the easy way out.

Whether you're a driver, mechanic, or even office worker, complacency is something we need to battle every day. Let's make sure we are doing our jobs properly without complacency.



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Practical steps to recognize and combat complacency

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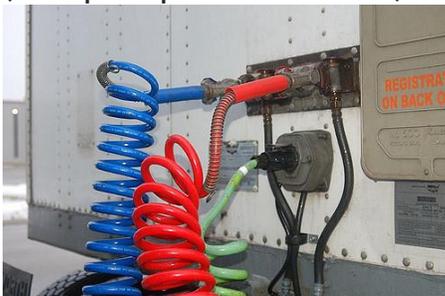
# Winter Preventative Maintenance

As we press forward through the winter months, it's important to keep preventative maintenance in mind. Many times, just taking the few minutes to do a menial task will save a lot of time later on in breakdowns or mechanical issues. In this article, we will touch on a few different issues the shop brought to my attention that they had noticed.

The first item of winter preventative maintenance deals with moisture in the air system. When moisture gets into the air system during the winter months, the air lines can freeze causing costly mechanical issues. The easiest solution to prevent frozen air lines is to drain your air tanks at the end of every day. Make draining your air tanks a part of your post-trip inspections. This process does not take much time; however, it can save a lot of time and money in the long run.

The second item of preventative maintenance is in regards to plastic coil air lines. During the extreme cold, the plastic can become brittle and break easily causing down time and additional maintenance costs. When connecting and disconnecting from trailers during the winter, use caution and be gentle with these plastic lines to prevent breakage.

(Example of plastic coil air lines)



In addition to the air line issues and their solutions, it is important to keep in mind the importance of properly inflated tires. Driving on a tire that is too low will cause permanent tire damage leading to blowouts. Checking tire pressure should be a part of your pre-trip inspection, both for the tractor and the trailer. Taking this step to ensure proper tire pressure will help prevent blowouts and down time.



Each of the winter preventative maintenance items discussed may seem like menial tasks; however, taking the little bit of extra time to perform them will go a long way to prevent mechanical issues and breakdowns. Williams spends the money to ensure we have nice equipment, now let's make sure we are doing our part to ensure the equipment stays nice.

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## Driver of the Month - Jan.

The driver of the month for January 2018 goes to Tim Couture. Tim has only been with Williams since early 2017; yet, he has already proven to be a fantastic addition to the Williams team. Be sure to congratulate Tim!

## Top Wrench - Jan.

The top wrench for January 2018 goes to Nathan Fisher. Although one of the youngest members of our team, Nathan is a great asset and does an outstanding job with any task he is assigned. Be sure to congratulate Nathan when you have the chance!