

# PETERSON'S TOP 10 FUEL ECONOMY TIPS:



- 01 DRIVER TRAINING**—Driver education can improve their skills and enhance driving performance through training programs. (Potential savings: \$1200 in fuel costs per year)
- 02 REDUCING HIGHWAY SPEED**—Increase in speed reduces fuel economy and can lead to higher maintenance costs by increasing wear on the engine, tires, and brakes. (Potential savings: \$1450 or more)
- 03 IDLE REDUCTION**—Idling increases fuel consumption along with engine maintenance costs, as it shortens engine life and affects driver health. (Potential savings: fleets can save more than \$6000 per truck annually)
- 04 REDUCING WEIGHT**—Fuel consumption increases with the weight of the vehicle. So it's important to clean and reduce your cargo to lighten the weight of the trucks. (Potential savings: every 10% drop in truck weight reduces fuel between 5-10%)
- 05 IMPROVED AERODYNAMICS**—Drag (wind resistance) accounts for most truck energy losses at highway speeds. Reducing drag improves fuel efficiency. (Potential savings: 5% or more in fuel costs)
- 06 TIRES**—The rolling resistance accounts for nearly 13% of truck energy use. A variety of tire options can improve truck fuel efficiency. (Potential savings: could exceed \$1000 in just tire costs alone)
- 07 TIRE INFLATION**—When not properly inflated, tires flex more under load, producing heat and increasing rolling resistance which wastes fuel. Proper pressure levels can reduce truck fuel economy (Potential savings: 1% and more)
- 08 TAKE TIME FOR A TUNE-UP**—Proper maintenance can help reduce wear and tear on your engines. This can save you tons in repairs and keep your downtime low. (Potential savings: at least 3%)
- 09 CHOOSE THE RIGHT MOTOR OIL**—Lubricants reduce friction and wear of critical vehicle systems. Using better lubricants can improve fuel economy and avoid grinding on these systems. (Potential savings: at least 3%)
- 10 IT'S ALL IN THE FUEL**—Make sure your fuel cap is not broken or missing, as this can reduce your fuel efficiency. (Potential savings: 1-2%)

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