

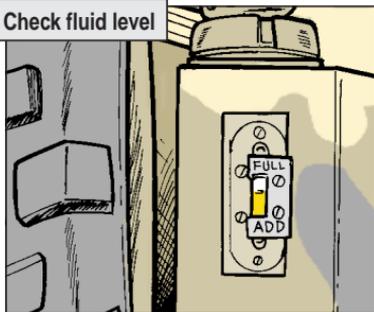
Lowdown on Bucket Slowdown

There's no doubt that cold weather can slow down the excavator's hydraulics—especially the front and rear buckets.

But a bucket that moves slowly or erratically could mean a low hydraulic fluid level or a clogged filter element on a hydraulic reservoir tank.

So eyeball the fluid level on both tanks. The tank for the front bucket is behind the spare tire. The rear bucket's tank is on the other side, behind the cab. Make sure the fluid level is between the ADD and FULL marks on both tanks.

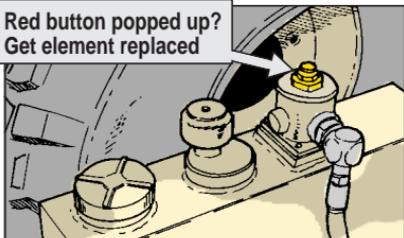
Check fluid level



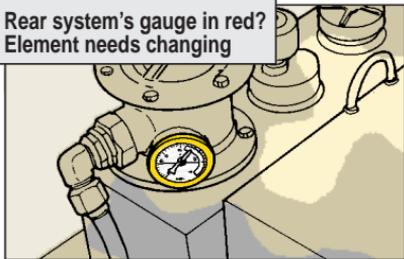
In dusty conditions, tank filter elements clog up and restrict oil flow to the bucket's hydraulic cylinders. That slows the bucket's movement.

A quick way to tell if the filter element is clogged is to look for red. The front bucket's tank has a red indicator button that pops up when it's time to change the filter element.

Red button popped up?
Get element replaced



Rear system's gauge in red?
Element needs changing



The rear bucket's tank has a gauge. If the needle's in the red, you need a new filter element.

Otherwise, make sure your mechanic replaces both elements during scheduled services.

THIS COLD WEATHER IS REALLY SLOWING DOWN THE BUCKET.

BEFORE YOU BLAME THE WEATHER, CHECK OUT YOUR HYDRAULICS!