

ADIOS TO WATER AND CRUD

QUESTION: WHAT HAPPENS TO YOUR 22-TON CRANE WHEN THE WEATHER CHANGES FROM WARM DAYS TO COOL NIGHTS?



ANSWER: A SWEATBOX FORMS IN THE VEHICLE'S FUEL TANK.

That means you operators have to drain the fuel/water separator before each day's operation. Not draining the separator will leave water and crud in the vehicle's fuel system. Then the engine runs rough... or not at all.

Open the separator—located behind the roadside engine access door—by turning its drain cock counterclockwise. Store drained fuel in an approved waste container. Never dump it down a drain or let it run on the ground from the separator's drain hose.

If the fuel is clear, you're OK. If the fuel doesn't run clear after you've drained half a pint or so, close the valve and report it to your mechanic.

Also, make sure your mechanic replaces the fuel filter at semiannual service time.

