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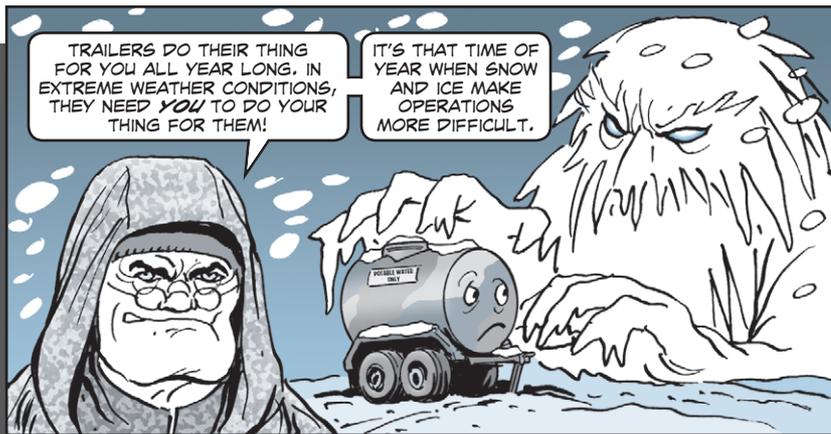
HEY, IT'S OLD MAN WINTER AGAIN!

OH, NO!! WHAT A WE DO!?

GUYS! HELP US!!

YOU DON'T NEED TO BE AFRAID OF OLD MAN WINTER ANYMORE...NOT WHEN YOU'VE GOT...

# WINTER TIPS FOR OPERATORS AND MECHANICS



TRAILERS DO THEIR THING FOR YOU ALL YEAR LONG. IN EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS, THEY NEED YOU TO DO YOUR THING FOR THEM!

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR WHEN SNOW AND ICE MAKE OPERATIONS MORE DIFFICULT.



SO PAY ATTENTION TO THE FOLLOWING WINTER MAINTENANCE TIPS.

THEY CAN MAKE LIFE A LITTLE EASIER FOR YOU AND YOUR TRAILERS.

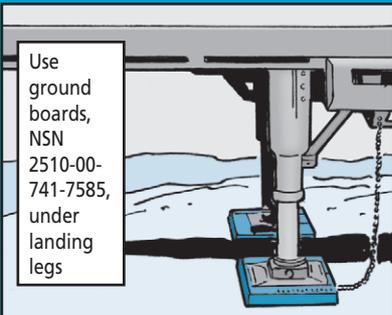
## Parking Practices

- If your trailer's not parked on hard stand, put dunnage under the tires to keep them from sinking and freezing into the ground.
- Make sure ground boards are placed underneath the landing legs when you park. Use dunnage if you don't have ground boards.
- Park the trailer so the front end sits a little higher than the rear end to help water drain.

Park trailer higher in front to help water drain



Use ground boards, NSN 2510-00-741-7585, under landing legs



- Place a tarp over the side panels and storage areas of bulkheads. That'll stop ice from freezing stakes, panels and retaining hardware to the bulkhead.

## Maintenance Matters

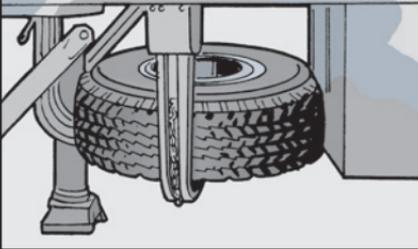
- Make sure the air system is drained to keep water from freezing in the air lines.
- When possible, flush out all those road chemicals from underneath the trailer and the axle ends to stop corrosion on frames, air chambers, brake systems, rails, fittings and lines. Use clean, low-pressure water.
- Use dielectric grease, NSN 6850-01-525-0776, on all electrical connectors.



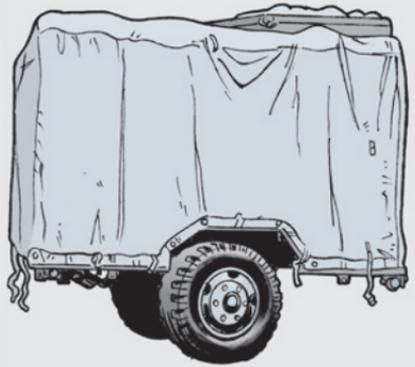
## The Deal for Wheels

- Clean, prime, and paint all rusted areas. This includes wheels—and don't forget the spare tire.
- Make sure the spare tire carrier and retaining hardware are serviceable.
- Maintain proper tire pressure on all of the tires, using your trailer's TM for guidance.

Make sure spare and hardware are serviceable



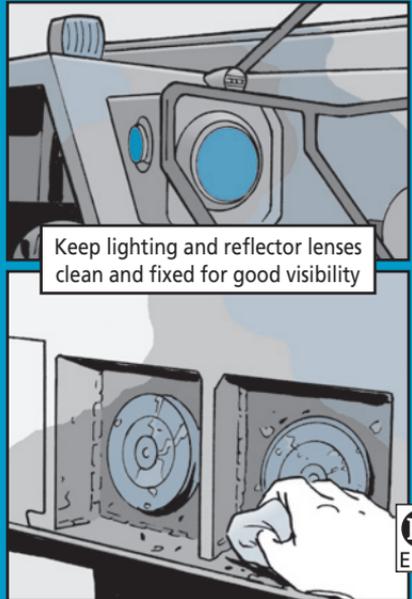
Maintain proper tire pressure on all tires



## Before You Chill

- Make sure bolster plate holes and all drain holes are open and clear of grease and debris so water can drain. Keep storage box drain holes open, too.
- Keep lighting and reflector lenses clean so you're visible to others while operating.
- Make sure your gladhands and seals are serviceable and protected when not in use by using dummy gladhands. For swing-away types, make sure there is a good seal against the protective cup. Keep swing-aways lubed so the arms move freely. And make sure they are color coded or tagged properly.
- Protect the BII/AAL by properly storing and tagging it. Make sure it is in serviceable condition.
- Make sure oil points are lubed, such as landing gear foot axles, deck tie-downs, BII box hinges, lift points, crank handles and the manifest box hinge.
- Do a good job visually inspecting the trailer for areas that require protection. Use common sense! Perform scheduled services and plan ahead to keep your trailer mission ready.

Keep lighting and reflector lenses clean and fixed for good visibility



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