

IHMEE...

EXCAVATING IN THE COLD



HERE ARE SOME COLD WEATHER STARTING TIPS TO KEEP IN MIND!

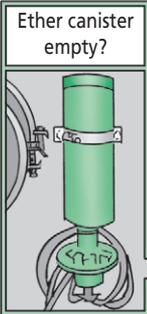
Read the interim high mobility engineer excavators (IHMEE) operator's manual before the snow flies, and keep these cold weather starting tips in mind for smooth running.

Rough Start?

Your excavator could be hard to start when the temperature drops below freezing.

Some IHMEEs have an ether canister that automatically injects ether into the engine for cold weather starting.

If your excavator is hard to start, chances are the ether canister is empty. Have your mechanic check it out to be sure.

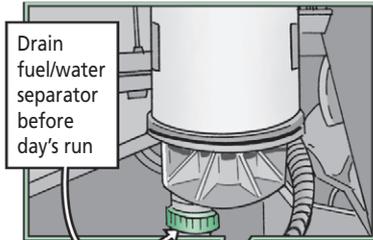


Drain Out Water

Changes in temperature form condensation in the excavator's fuel tank. That means you have to drain the fuel/water separator before the day's run.

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 on the engine's roadside) by turning its drain-cock counterclockwise. Use a clear container to catch the fuel. If the fuel is clear, close the valve and go to work. If it's cloudy, close the valve and tell your mechanic. Clean up any mess and dispose of rags properly.



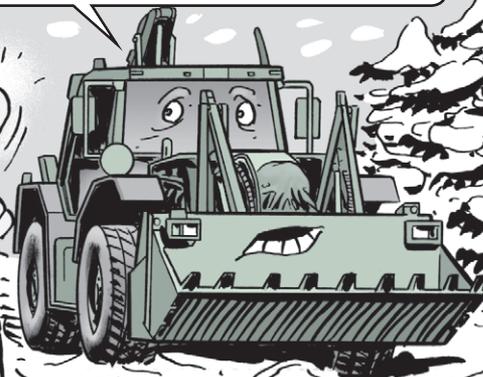
Drain fuel/water separator before day's run



STORE DRAINED FUEL IN AN APPROVED HAZARDOUS WASTE CONTAINER. NEVER DUMP IT DOWN A DRAIN OR ON THE GROUND.

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KEEP THAT HEAVY FINGER OFF MY STARTER SWITCH!



OPERATORS, TOO MANY INTERIM HIGH MOBILITY ENGINE EXCAVATORS (IHMEE) ENGINE STARTERS ARE ENDING UP AT SUPPORT FOR SERVICE AND REPAIR.

ALL IT TAKES IS ONE HEAVY FINGER STUCK ON THE STARTER SWITCH TO BURN OUT A GOOD STARTER MOTOR, PLAIN AND SIMPLE.

So, when you try to start your IHMEE engine, engage the starter, but after 15 seconds...

STOP!

Then give the starter at least two minutes to cool off before trying again.

If the IHMEE won't start after three tries, call it quits. Call in your mechanic to find out what's wrong.

