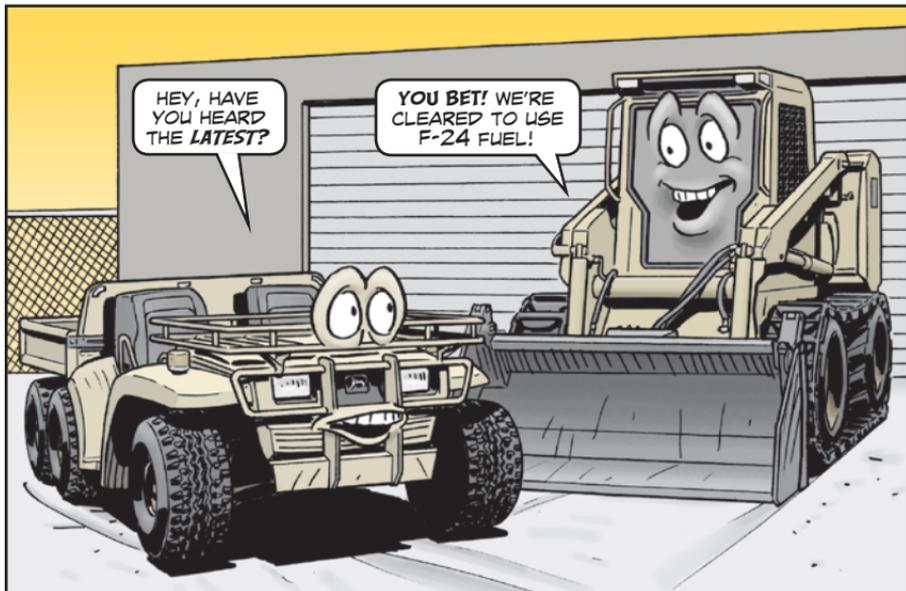


Diesel vs F-24 Fuel



Dear Half-Mast,

How will the Army's conversion to F-24 fuel affect ground equipment that is supposed to run on diesel fuel only?

We have commercial off-the-shelf (COTS) equipment such as DRASH power distribution units (PDUs) and heaters, Bobcat skid-steer loaders, John Deere M-Gators and tractors that say diesel only. Any information or guidance you can provide will be great to pass on to other units we support.

SSG R.J.

Dear Sergeant,

Any piece of tactical equipment, including the DRASH's PDUs and heaters, is supposed to be designed for operation with JP-8. Since both JP-8 and F-24 fuels are completely interchangeable for CONUS operations, DRASH and construction equipment unit operations have the go-ahead to use F-24 fuel anywhere that JP-8 has been approved.

By the way, AR 70-12, Fuels and Lubricants Standardization Policy for Equipment Design, Operation and Logistics Support, is being revised to include all Army components in the use of JP-8 and F-24. You can download a copy of the AR at:

http://www.apd.army.mil/pdf/files/r70_12.pdf

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