Before buying traction devices, compare materials, 'snow bite', installation methods and costs.

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Has your trucking company instructed you on how to install traction devices on your rig?

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Some snow chains require readjustment after initial installation based on time or distance.

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Have you ever been dispatched with too few snow chains for your truck? What happened?

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One way automatic snow chains differ from manually installed ones is by time to 'activate'.

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Among the ways to stay warm in your truck are via bunk heater, APU, idling and 12-volt unit.

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Have you ever been penalized for idling your truck for heat in the winter? What happened?

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Running battery-operated heaters lasts only as long as batteries are sufficiently charged.

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In no-idle zones, how do you balance idling to recharge batteries with possibly being fined?

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Wear good winter clothing and use reflected heat where possible to stay warm in the winter.

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Sometimes, winter weather becomes so bad that it is unsafe to drive. Learn where that line is.

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Has your trucking company ever pressured you to drive in unsafe conditions? What happened?

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Very dense fog and blizzard conditions render driving impossible. Park until conditions improve.

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Has your trucking company ever refused to fix your truck to make it safe and legal to drive?

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Refuse to drive a tractor or haul a trailer unless the unit is both safe and legal to transport.

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To 'see and be seen', regularly clean your windows, mirrors, lights, and reflective strips.

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What cleaning product have you found to best clean saltsprayed glass surfaces?

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Some truckers add a dab of blue Dawn dish soap to water to improve window cleaning ability.

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Ever needed paper towels in a truck stop fuel island but none were available? What happened?

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Save time by keeping glass cleaner, paper towels and basic cleaning supplies intruck.

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In many locations, truckers must remove snow and ice from the tops of trailers. Always stay safe.

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Have you ever used a stationary device to remove snow or ice from your trailer's roof?

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Even at the right angle, long-handled rakes have limited reach when removing trailer roof snow.

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With regular use, how long has your snow roof rake lasted? Are these devices durable?

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An overhead harness may prevent falls for those who get on trailer roofs to remove snow/ice.

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Out-of-adjustment brakes are a major cause of trucks being put out-of-service during inspections.

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Have you ever requested to have your truck's brakes adjusted and your company refused?

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Only those certified to adjust tractor and trailer brakes should be allowed to do so.

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Does your rig have visual aids to alert you regarding brake adjustments? Are they accurate?

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Sometimes, you may need a brake adjustment on the road. Process the receipt appropriately.

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Engine brakes or 'Jake brakes' can do only so much when it comes to truck speed. Plan ahead.

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What is your biggest concern when comes to descending a mountain grade in the winter?

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Before starting to descend a mountain grade, lower your speed properly. Don't smoke your brakes.

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Did you know that runaway truck ramps were built on grades to stop trucks with brake failure?

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Extra care must be taken when descending mountain grades when snow is present. Avoid black ice.

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Your truck dash must be kept free of paperwork so that the dash vents can work as designed.

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Did you know that every cluttered truck dash started with the first item put there?

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Dash trash' can be a precursor to disorderly truck maintenance and risky driving behaviors.

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Did you know that a cluttered truck dashboard can signal that your rig needs an inspection?

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Routinely process paperwork each day, such as into current, recent past and distant past groups.

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Some truckers use various windshield treatments to help keep visibility as high as possible.

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What is your favorite windshield treatment? What is its purpose? How well does it work?

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One exterior windshield treatment helps repel rain so that the wiper usage may be decreased.

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How often do you use exterior or interior windshield treatments? Are they worth the cost?

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Run fresh air heat through the dash vents to reduce inside fog formation. Treatments may help.

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Your set-up for in-truck eating can be simple or more elaborate. Cooking food requires planning.

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What types of food do you like to eat on the road? How much meal prep time is required?

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Each kind of food has its own preparation requirements. For example: raw, cooked and assembled.

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Are there certain kinds of foods that you can't live without? How must they be stored?

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Plan ahead regarding keeping cold foods cold via ice or electrically powered appliance.

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Truck shows vary, so learn in advance about parking, provided amenities, and costs to attend.

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Why do you attend truck shows? What money saving products or services are your favorites?

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A truck show map can help you see as many exhibitors' booths as possible without backtracking.

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When you acquire items at truck shows, do you carry them or pull them in a wheeled device?

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Wear comfortable shoes when you attend truck shows to minimize the possibility of tired feet.

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Driving a dirty truck affects one's mindset and can also adversely impact one's fuel economy.

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How often does your trucking company pay for truck washes? Is that often enough?

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Before buying, compare truck washing tools based on lengths, angles, and scrubbing surfaces.

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What special substances do commercial truck washes use that give that extra shine?

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Before washing your truck yourself, verify that the soap and water can drain off appropriately.

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Cooking appliances for intruck use vary. 12-volt units may not last as long as A/C-powered ones.

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What experiences have you had with using 12-volt appliances for cooking food in-truck?

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Trucking companies may limit the watts drawn by an inverter to protect batteries for truck power.

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Why do some trucking companies prohibit their truckers from using any inverter for cooking?

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You can cook in-truck with an A/C appliance via an appropriately powered inverter. Plan ahead.

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For best results, measure each tire's pressure with a gauge, not by hitting it with a thumper.

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# Truck Drivers Money Saving Inquiry: Did your trucking company supply you with a special truck tire pressure gauge?

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Tire pressure monitoring and/or inflation systems may help you keep tire pressure constant.

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Have you ever experienced a faulty tire pressure gauge or monitoring system? What happened?

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Even though a TPMS/ATIS can 'reinflate' some 'flat' tires, fix the source of air pressure loss.

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Savvy consumers like multipurpose products. Some products like paper clips can be repurposed.

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Did you know that it can be illegal to use some products for a use other than that specified?

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Truckers may organize their belongings or do tasks in their trucks with repurposed products.

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What is your favorite example of repurposing an item intended for one use for another use?

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Be aware of the limits of repurposing items for a use other than that for which it is intended.

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Truckers can set up a 'small kitchen' in their trucks in order to prep meals, cook, and clean up.

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How do you handle clean-up after preparing a meal to eat in your truck? Is it quick and easy?

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One may wash dishes in-truck with water warmed via a hot pot powered through an inverter.

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# Truck Drivers Money Saving Inquiry: How do you dispose of your wash water after cleaning dishes in your truck?

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A portable toilet may receive wash water from cleaning dishes. Keep it clean. Empty it as needed.

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Laundromats vary. Seek to use those that give the most cleaning or drying for the least money.

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To prevent laundry color accidents, wash whites separately from colors and darks.

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Pre-treat clothing as necessary. Then wash and dry clothing at the appropriate temperatures.

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Did you know that commercial dryers vary and that some dry in 6 minute increments?

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To prevent theft, stay close by while you're washing and drying laundry in a laundromat.

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