

Cautionary Tales

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My Experience With Bad Fuel

I always try to buy my diesel at a truck stop so I know that it is not sitting underground for long periods. But I overruled my policy and bought some at a Grocery Store gas station. I parked it after fueling and ...

Two weeks later she would not start. When checking the fuel filter, this was what I found...a slimy stuff in the fuel when I removed the filter
So the only way to fix the issue was to bring it to Cat in Charlotte.

Luckily I had done a lot of research and when we bought her we bought our "if I had a problem" policy from Coach Net. They approved the 50 mile + two to the dealership

Here is what showed up and the fellow on the truck was super qualified and detailed. Two things he had to do...

1. Hook up an air line from his truck to release brakes
2. Remove one axle to allow for towing.

Thank goodness I had Coach Net because I have to believe it was a \$1000.00 or more. Took virtually all day.

Fuel microbes need water to survive and thrive. If you have more than, say, half an inch of water (you should be measuring it with a tank stick and some water paste), mechanically drain the water out. Then follow up behind with some kind of water-absorbing chemical treatment to clean up the rest.



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That is why it is important to drain the main fuel filter once in a while to keep water out of the tank. If there is water in the tank you are filling from (that is what I think happened to me) you could have a problem like I had.

I should have added that the Cat dealer recommended that I use the Algae Killer seen below when I fill as a precaution.

https://petetruckparts.com/product/fppf-kill-it-algae-killer-00119/?network=g&device=c&keyword=&campaign=2065798737&adgroup=pla-298214534628&gclid=Cj0KCQjwmluDBhDXARIsAFITC_5CI5Jz1Axa_qRkAOHf97Gnl5iXO3vtDbfrgx2UsYAH7rB1ukIghoaAmFdEALw_wcB



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