# Diesel Drop-In Alternatives: Ultra-Low Sulfur, Bio-, and Renewable

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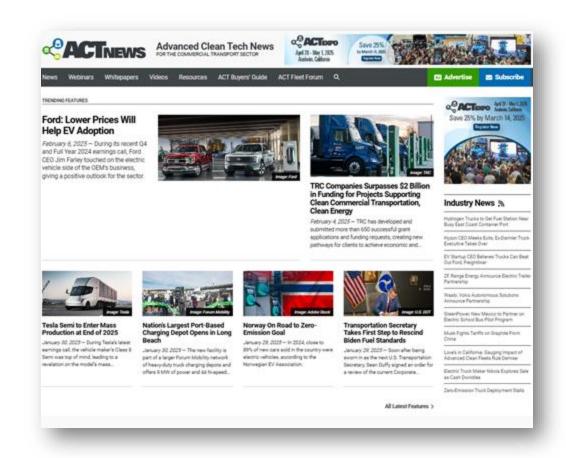






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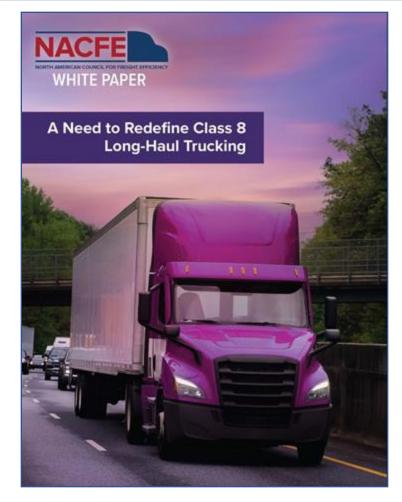


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## Run on Less - Messy Middle

- Class 8 truck market is not homogenous
- 65% of heavy-duty truck market is highway tractors (ACT Research)
- Important to standardize language and descriptions when discussing long-haul
- This report offers some definitions of long haul we will be using throughout Run on Less - Messy Middle



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## Diesel Drop-In Alternatives: Ultra-Low Sulfur, Bio-, and Renewable



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# EPA27 Low Nox Technologies

## Agenda

What is the EPA27 Low Nox rule

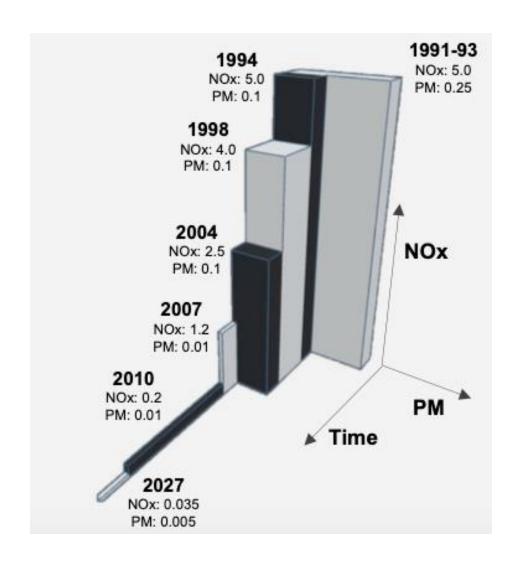
What problem are we trying to solve

What technologies are likely

Other regulation driving technology changes



#### What is EPA27



Largest regulatory change since 2010

NOx limits reduced from .2 to .035 g/bhp-hr

Reduction over time

- 80+% reduction since 2010
- 99+% reduction since 1994

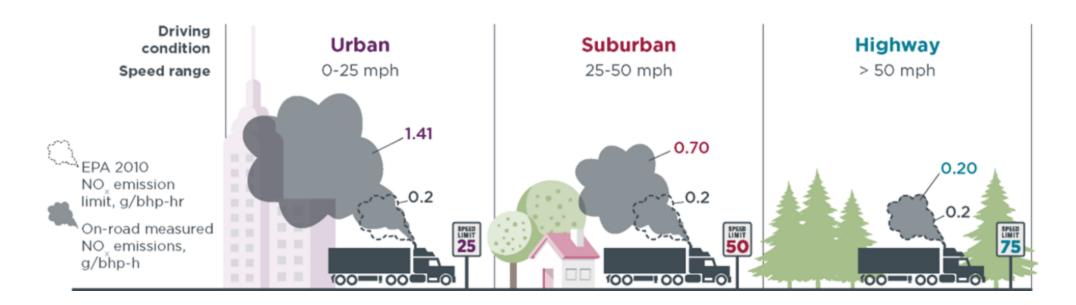
Emissions warranty increase

- MHD: 5yr/100k to 10yr/280k miles
- HHD: 5yr/100k to 10yr/450k miles

Courtesy: Cummins, Inc



## What problem are we trying to solve



Majority of NOx generated under start-up and light load

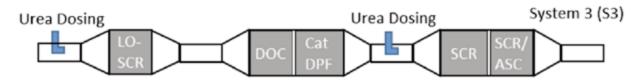
SCR efficiency is low at low temperatures

Plan of attack is to create heat at light loads



## Two basic approaches





Heater(s) at the catalyst

- 1. Add heater(s)
- 2. Add some catalyst volume

#### **Dual SCR**

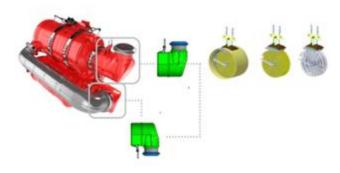
- 1. Add 2<sup>nd</sup> doser near turbo
- 2. Add 2<sup>nd</sup> catalyst and volume

- 1. Cylinder Deactivation and Variable Valve Actuation are additional levers but not believed to be used at this time
- 2. Alternate fuels also provide low Nox (CNG, RNG, LPG, RD, etc)



## Low NOx Solutions/Architectures

#### **Cummins**



#### **PACCAR MX**



#### <u>Volvo</u>



#### **International S13**



Cummins, Volvo, PACCAR announce similar strategies

- 2010-like architecture
- 48V alternator and heater
- Volvo to use a 48 V battery

#### International

- Dual Dosing w/ 1<sup>st</sup> doser after turbo
- No active DPF, no EGR cooler, high Compression Ratio

Design iterations likely between now and EPA 27



## Some of the key attributes

Heater System	Dual SCR and Dual DEF Dosing		
Positives	Positives		
<ol> <li>More traditional SCR architecture</li> <li>Only slight increase in DEF consumption (&lt; 1%)</li> <li>Claimed fuel economy improvement</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Removal of EGR cooler and simpler turbo</li> <li>Passive regen</li> <li>Claimed fuel economy improvement</li> </ol>		
Keep an eye on these potential impacts	Keep an eye on these potential impacts		
<ol> <li>Higher idle fuel consumption?</li> <li>Alternator and heater reliability?</li> <li>Expansion of 48 v system to other functions?</li> <li>Other?</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Possible change in catalyst config to meet .035?</li> <li>2<sup>nd</sup> doser reliability/complexity?</li> <li>Increased DEF consumption?</li> <li>Other?</li> </ol>		



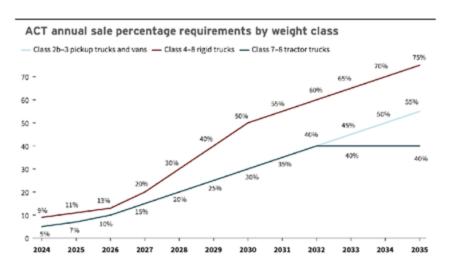


## Other regulation driving technology changes

#### EPA Greenhouse Gas Phase 3 (CO2 Percent Reduction from Phase2)

Regulatory group	MY 2027	MY 2028	MY 2029	MY 2030	MY 2031	MY 2032
Light heavy-duty vocational	17%	22%	27%	32%	46%	60%
Medium heavy-duty vocational	13%	16%	19%	22%	31%	40%
Heavy heavy-duty vocational	-	-	13%	15%	23%	30%
Medium heavy-duty all cab and heavy heavy- duty day cab tractors	-	8%	12%	16%	28%	40%
Sleeper cab tractors	_	7-	_	6%	12%	25%

#### **CARB ACT**



We also have EPA Greenhouse Gas Phase 3 and CARB ACT

These are intended to reduce CO2

Other likely changes

- 1. Aerodynamics, Tires, APUs, electronic parameters, etc.
- 1. Powertrain efficiency
- 1. Battery Electric Vehicles
- Fuel Cell Vehicles
- 1. CNG, RNG, LPG, Renewable Diesel, etc.
- 1. Hybrids?
- Other?



## Stay tuned for all Bootcamp sessions

# We will cover all of these future technologies



#### References

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## North American Council for Freight Efficiency

Run On Less – Messy Middle Bootcamp webinar

# THE BENEFITS OF RENEWABLE BIOMASS-BASED DISTILLATE FUELS AND THE CHALLENGES THAT REMAIN TOWARDS DECARBONIZATION

## CLEAN FUELS APPRECIATES THE SUPPORT OF OUR FARMERS AND THEIR CHECKOFFS

























































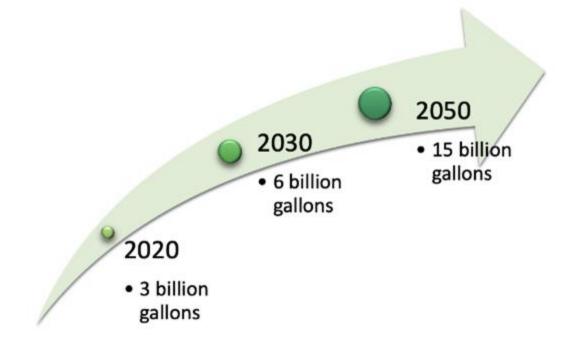








## Clean Fuels Alliance America INDUSTRY vision



Biodiesel, renewable diesel and sustainable aviation fuel will be recognized as mainstream low-carbon fuel options with superior performance and emission characteristics. In on-road, off-road, air transportation, electricity generation and home heating applications, use will exceed 6 billion gallons by 2030, avoiding over 50 million metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent greenhouse gas emissions annually. With advancements in feedstock, use will reach 15 billion gallons by 2050.



## Biodiesel & Renewable Diesel Today



#### **Production**

Today's domestic producers have reached over 4.6 billion gallons with more than 5.9 billion gallons of domestic production capacity online today or in development.





#### **Feedstocks**



Soybean oil makes up the largest supply of biodiesel/renewable diesel today at nearly 40%. The rest make up the balance fairly equally.







#### Markets

Today's markets are made of fleets, on-road and off-road diesel, as well as the expanding heating oil market.

Renewable jet fuel, marine fuel and railroad applications are also emerging markets.





#### Policy

Combination of legislation that drives biodiesel success:

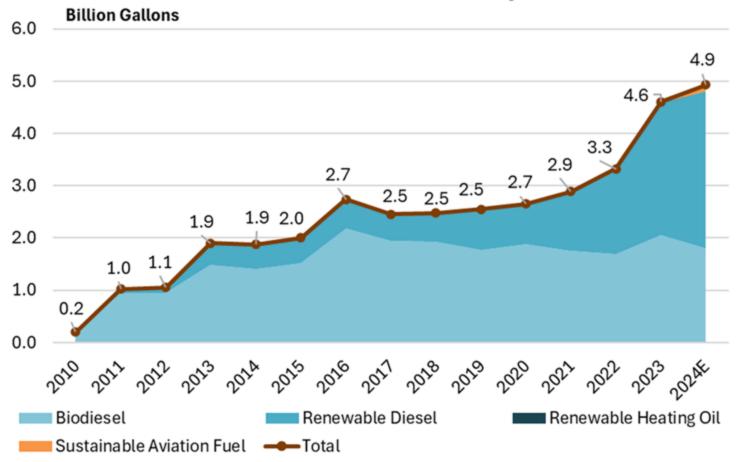
- Renewable Fuel Standard
- Federal Tax Incentive
- Carbon Policies
- State Mandates and Incentives
- USDA Higher Blend

Infrastructure Incentive Program



## BBD CONSUMPTION ON THE RISE

#### **US Biomass-Based Diesel Consumption**



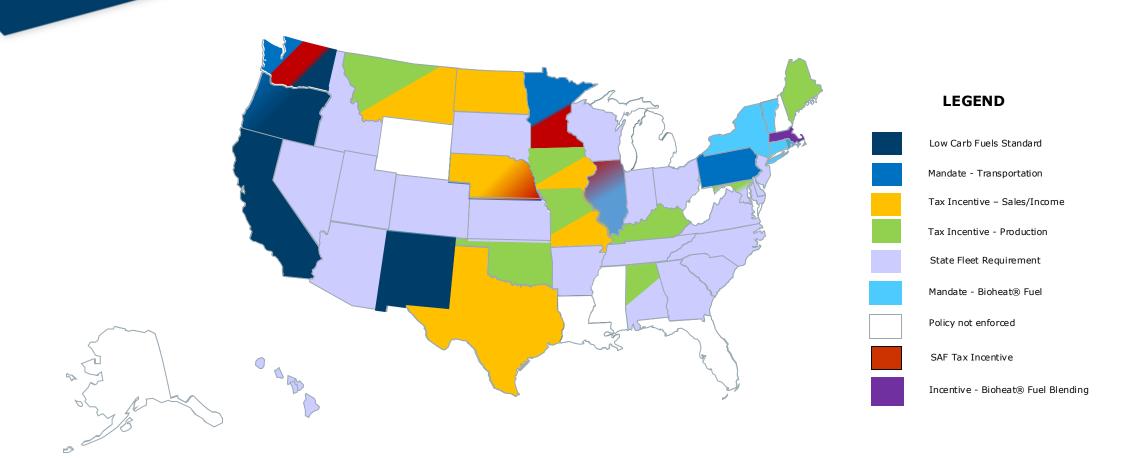
- 2023 set record at 4.6 BG consumed in US
- 2024 on pace to eclipse
   2023's record
- SAF starting growth phase
  - Increased volumes expected in 2025



Source: EPA EMTS



## STATES WITH NOTABLE BIODIESEL POLICIES







#### **Biodiesel Infrastructure**

- Biodiesel and biodiesel blends available nationwide at more than public locations
- Existing trucks, tanks, dispenser pumps and blending facilities can be used for B20 and lower
- Find retailers offering B20 & higher blends at: https://afdc.energy.gov/stations/#/find/nearest?fuel=BD
- Blends higher than B20 may require strategic partnerships with fuel suppliers, many already in development through the High Blend Infrastructure Incentive Program (HBIIP) & with major fleets

contains 100 percent

• 1430 N.A. retail stations offering B20+

#### SOME TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Major Positive Changes at ASTM for the transportation market
  - New Low Metals (LM) grade has passed in D6751 for B100!
    - Each sulfur grade (S15, S500, S5000) of No. 1-B and No. 2-B of B100 has a LM grade
    - LM grades are 4 ppm max Na+K+Ca+Mg. All other grades remain at 10 ppm max (5 Na/K, 5 Ca/Mg)
    - Use of LM grade for B6-B20 in NTDEs passed in D7467 this past fall, DDC support for B20 in CA!
  - Cetane Number in D6751 for B100 has been changed to 45 minimum (previously 47)
    - EPA has updated D6751 references as part of their regulatory streamlining efforts
  - Fuel stability re-additization project
- Major Positive Changes at UL for the heating oil market
  - UL 296 listing procedures for heating oil burners now updated to allow up to B100
    - Carlin and Beckett have both released B100 capable and UL listed burners into the market!
    - Covers all blends between B20 and B100, uses current D6751!

## CLEAN FUELS / NREL ANNUAL FUEL QUALITY SURVEY

- Conducted annually since 2018; roughly covering 92% of biodiesel industry production
- 14 fuel quality parameters; over 6,100 independent parameters analyzed in 2022
- Nearly all of them "meet or beat" the ASTM specification limits
- Key findings:
  - Metals (Na + K + Ca + Mg) significantly below 1 ppm
  - Phosphorus below 0.5 ppm
- Request for CY 2024 data coming in early February
- 2022 NREL report <a href="https://www.nrel.gov/docs/fy23osti/86227.pdf">https://www.nrel.gov/docs/fy23osti/86227.pdf</a>



## SOME TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Major Railroads are now seriously looking at biodiesel and renewable diesel
  - Progress Rail at B20 approval
  - Wabtec at B11 approval working up to B20 later in FY24
- The Ocean-Going marine diesel specification (ISO 8217) now allows up to B100
  - ➤ Major marine shipping companies have conducted B45, B100 field trials with success
  - ➤ Large ships are designed to work w/ low quality No. 6 Bunker Fuel and heavy fuel oils
    - Systems are heated, running B100 is easy compared to No. 6 oil!
- Major dispenser companies are partnering with Clean Fuels on B100 dispensers



## Questions?

## LOW-CARBON LIQUID FUELS ARE THE LOWEST COST OPTION TOWARDS DECARBONIZATION

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Technical Director

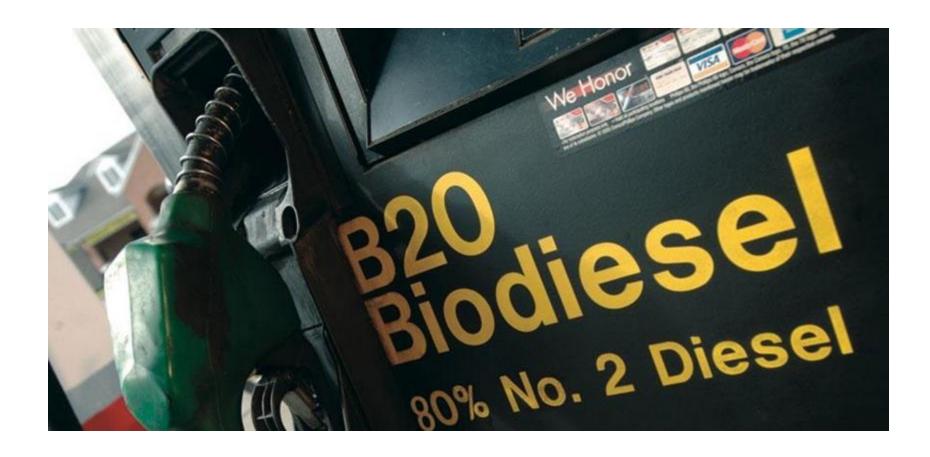
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#### **Biodiesel Engine Compatibility**



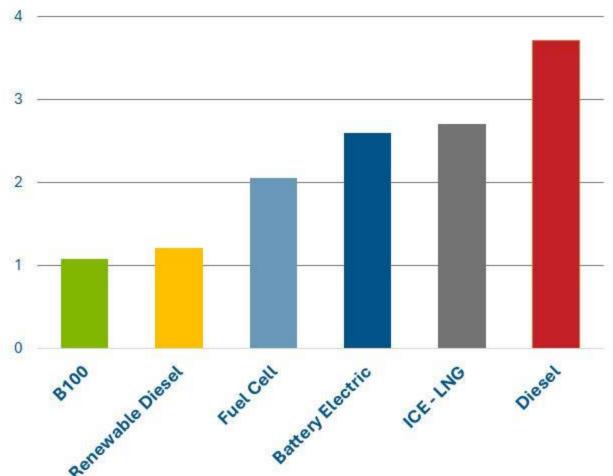
B20

Today's engines are compatible with biodiesel blends up to 20%

B100
Optimus upgrades
engines to use 100%
biodiesel



## **Total Lifecycle CO2 Emissions: Production, Operations, and Disposal (MM lbs)**





## WHY B100?

- 100% Biogenic
  Carbon
- Utilizes Existing Infrastructure
- Available Nationwide
- Low Cost
- ImprovesOperationalPerformance



#### The Optimus Vector System



1100+

Class 8 trucks are equipped and operating with the Optimus Vector System

85+
Million
Miles

of validation that heavy-duty fleets can seamlessly decarbonize

Interface



#### **Fully Automated**

- 1. Driver turns key-system wakes up
- 2. Driver starts engine on diesel
- B100 is preheated with waste heat from engine using coolant
- After set points are met, B100 pump turns on and circulates fuel through entire Vector System and up to valves
- When next step points are met, the fuel selector valves automatically switch the fuels from diesel to B100
- The vehicle runs on B100 until it is turned off except during DPF regenerations or if any fault occurs
- Driver turns the key off—engine keeps running, switches fuels and purges B100, shuts off engine



## Hands Off

100% automated system doesn't require driver engagement



### **Proven in Arctic Conditions**





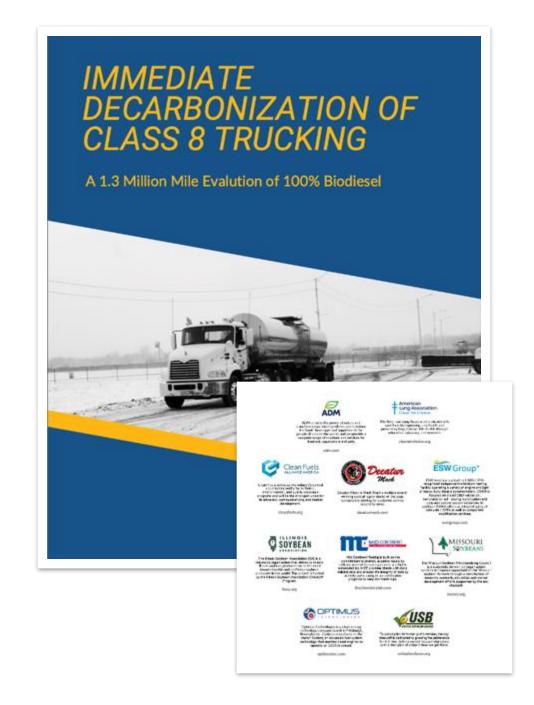
B100 with Optimus Technologies is proven to work in subzero conditions to below

-30°F



### Validated Performance

- B100 achieved fuel economy parity
- Improvement in diesel particulate filter (DPF) performance & operation
- Improvement in monitored parameters of engine oil
- No impact on cost of maintenance vs. diesel
- No impact on operations or performance of trucks



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Mile evaluation of 100% biodiesel

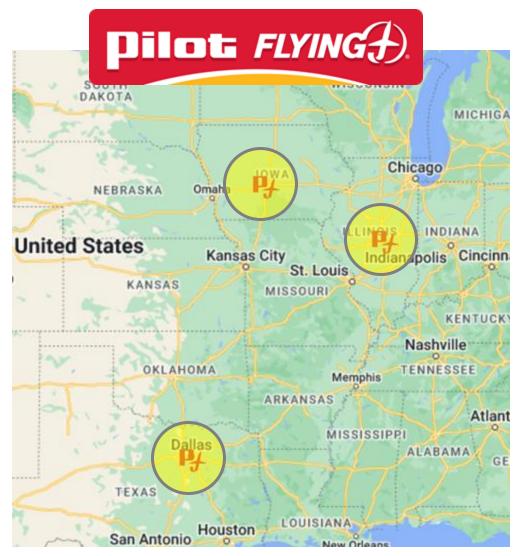
Report available at:





## **B100 Retail Availability**





Q1 2025

#368 Decatur, IL

#373 Des Moines, IA

#433 Dallas, TX



## **Refueling Solutions**







# SMART Fuel

The SMARTFuel RFID technology restricts refueling to only customer vehicles upgraded to use 100% biodiesel, preventing misfueling.



# Summary

- B100 delivers proven carbon reductions
- 1,100+ Vector Systems on the road with over 85+ million miles driven
- No disruption to operations
- No charging required







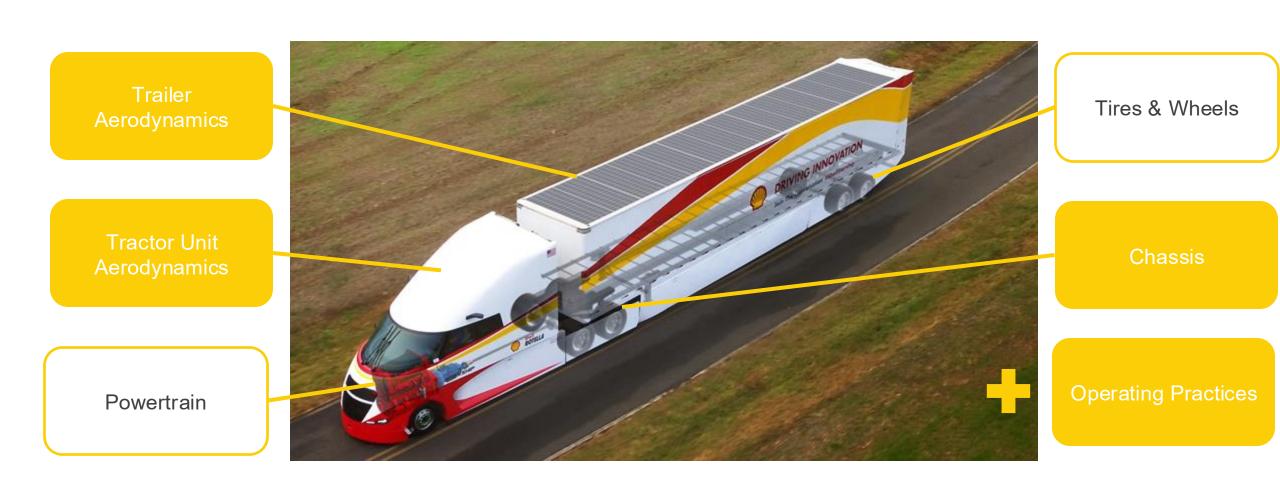


# The Role of Lubricants in Truck Efficiency

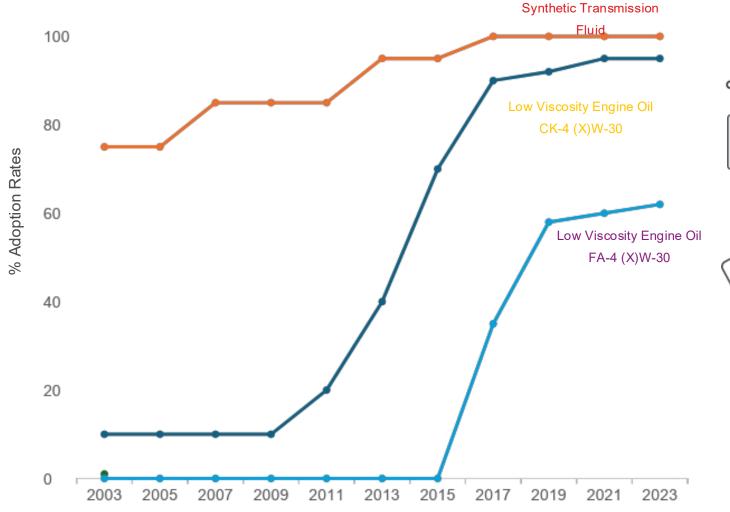
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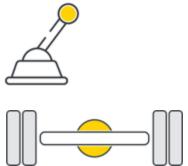


Where to Start: There are many ways to improve the efficiency of your truck and help reduce emissions

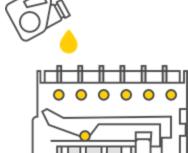


By looking at the adoption rates of different technologies by leading fleets we see some interesting trends appear.





91% Adoption rate of Automated
Manual Transmissions which require
a synthetic gear oil for fuel economy
and long drain reasons (100%
adopted) & 100% Adoption rate of
synthetic axle oils for fuel economy
and long drain reasons



91% Adoption rate of 10W-30 Low Viscosity Engine Oils and 39% are going further adopting FA-4 super High Efficiency 10W-30 / 5W-30 Engine Oils How mature is the technology? What should you consider doing and does it stack up commercially?

#### **Confidence Matrix Low-Viscosity** Lubricants Quickly 5W/10W-Consider Ad Invest in 30 CK-4 Technolo **Testing** 5W/10W-Payback in Years 30 FA-4 Consider Invest in Invest in **Testing Technology** 3 Wait for Consider Work with Next Gen Manufacturer **Products** 4 Low Medium High Amount of information currently available

What is PC-12?

## Starship 2.0 **Tech Summary**

#### Operational Efficiency

- Fuel Saving Driver Behaviours that minimise fuel consumption.
- An integrated fuel-efficient engine and transmission pairing that optimises gear selection, enables smoother gear change and predictive shifting for improved efficiency and performance.
- Camera Driver Vision System

#### Aerodynamic improvements

- A hyper-aerodynamic carbon fibre cab designed for low aerodynamic drag.
- An updated Gap Sealer that enables seamless continuity between tractor and
- Full length Side Skirts that minimise air movement under the truck. A custom modified Boat Tail for improved air flow over the back of the truck.

#### Roof-mounted solar panels

A trailer-roof solar array to reduce load on engine by providing power for interior auxiliary systems.

#### Tires

Wide-based tire setup that offers reduced rolling resistance and weight for improved fuel economy.

#### Axle-ratio

6x2 setup with a revised rearaxle configuration for lower weight, reduced friction and improved fuel economy.

#### Transmission upgrade

Light-weight design utilising Eaton's GearLogic™ technology for improved performance, fuel efficiency and driver confidence.

#### Engine upgrade

Next-Gen X15 Cummins Engine with refinements to its big-bore reduced Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions.

#### design and new EX ratings feature the Endurant<sup>™</sup> Transmission from Eaton, this integrated pairing aims to deliver better fuel economy with

 Synthetic Shell Spirax transmission fluid and Shell wheel hub oil offer improved

Low viscosity fuel

efficient synthetic

**lubricants** 

low HTHS viscosity formulation

 Shell Rotella FE 5W-30 API FA-4 heavy-duty engine with

for improved fuel economy.

drivetrain efficiency.

## Shell Starship 3.0 NG Demonstrating the Art

Demonstrating the Art of the Possible

Predictive/Adaptive Cruise Control

Aerodynamic Features have been enhanced



Shell Starship is Shell's technology demonstration vehicle. When we combined many of these technologies together, we achieved Fuel Economy figures of 9mpg\* with 80,000lbs cargo.

\*diesel gallon equivalent for Natural Gas



Roof-mounted solar panels



Zeus Door redesign

Automatic Air Gap Closures



Mirror Eye Camera Driver Vision

System

Cummins X15N an industry-first large-bore natural gas engine

#### **DRIVING INNOVATION**



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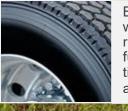
Shell Rotella NG 5W-30 Engine Oil, Rotella ELC Coolant, Spirax synthetic drivetrain lubricants and Gadus chassis grease



Meritor FUELite Plus Axle with optimized 2.64 axle-ratio



Eaton Endurant 12 -Speed Automated Manual Transmission



Bridgestone wide-based, lowrolling resistance fuel economy tires on the truck and trailer

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