



## **Diesel Readiness Highlighted Ahead of Towing and Cold Seasons**

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Colorado Transmission & Diesel Specialists is highlighting diesel readiness for Firestone-area trucks ahead of the towing and cold-weather seasons. Those cycles bring recurring stresses for diesel systems, from hauling over Colorado grades to starting in low temperatures.

Colorado Transmission & Diesel Specialists provides diesel repair in Firestone, Colorado, with seasonal readiness work that covers the fuel system, the starting system, cooling, and boost, with Cummins trucks a frequent example. The shop treats this as routine preparation for cycles that recur every year rather than a response to any single season, since cold starts and towing loads place predictable demands on a diesel each time they come around.

Cold weather is hard on diesel starting. Hard starting, extended cranking, and rough running after a cold soak are common complaints when temperatures drop, and they often trace back to the fuel and starting systems rather than to the engine itself. Diesel fuel itself behaves differently in the cold, thickening as the temperature

falls, which puts added demand on the injection and starting components that have to move it.

A fuel injection service and a check of the starting components ahead of the cold months address the parts most likely to struggle first. Worn injectors, a weak starting circuit, or fuel that has not been managed for winter can each turn a cold morning into a no-start, and each is more straightforward to deal with on a workbench than in a driveway at dawn.

Towing adds a separate kind of load. Pulling a trailer or a work load up Colorado grades pushes a diesel's cooling and air systems toward their limits, and a truck that runs fine unloaded on flat ground can reveal a weak cooling circuit or a boost problem the first time it climbs under weight. Thermal management tuning and a boost check are the kind of preparation that keeps a towing season from becoming a roadside breakdown on a grade.

Elevation sharpens both effects. Thinner air at Colorado altitudes means a diesel works harder to move the same load, so cooling and boost margins that hold up at lower elevations can fall short on a long climb under weight. Confirming that the cooling circuit holds temperature and that boost builds as it should is the kind of check that matters most before a season of grade work begins.

The trucks most exposed to these patterns are the ones that work for a living, from contractor and farm trucks to the diesels owners use to tow campers and trailers on the weekend. For those owners, downtime in the middle of a season is costly, which is why the shop frames readiness as something handled before the calendar turns rather than after a failure.

Addressing these systems before the season is far more manageable than discovering a problem partway up a grade or on a sub-freezing morning. The Colorado winter freeze-thaw cycle adds to the picture, as repeated temperature swings stress seals, fluids, and starting components across the months. The shop treats pre-season diesel readiness as a standing recommendation tied to the calendar rather than to any unusual forecast.

"Every cold and towing season we see the same things come through the door, the hard starts in the morning and the heat and power complaints from trucks that tow," said Doug Friedlan, owner of Colorado Transmission & Diesel Specialists. "None of it is a surprise, which is why we tell diesel owners to bring the truck in before the season rather than during it. A fuel and cooling check on the bench is a far easier morning than a no-start in a parking lot or a temperature warning halfway up a pass."

For diesel owners who tow and haul along the Interstate 25 corridor, a pre-season check is a straightforward way to head off the failures that the cold and the grades reliably produce each year. Examples of the shop's diesel and towing-readiness work are posted on its Instagram profile.

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