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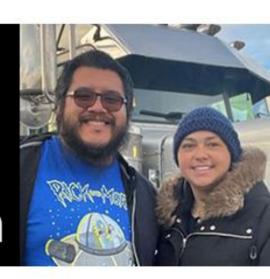
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### awards, games, food vendors, and lots of fun with friends and family.

#### No matter what type of truck show you are looking for this summer, you should be able to find one that's right for you below.

MAY May 5-6 - Midwest Pride In Your Ride Truck & Tractor Show Earlville, IA

Waynesville, NC

\*May 14 - Annual Make-A-Wish Mother's Day Truck Convoy.

Manheim, PA

June 8-10 - ATHS National Convention and Truck Show

\*June 16-17 - ATCA National Meet and Flea Market

JUNE

Onaway, MI

Macungie, PA

Garden City, KS

Walcott, IA

JULY

Biloxi, MS

AUGUST <u> August 4-5 - The Midwest Classic</u>

Oakland, NE

Carlisle, PA

Brooks, OR

SEPTEMBER

Forest City, IA

September 14-17 - 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Richard Crane Memorial Truck Show

Kasson, MN

October 20-21 - Draggin and Pullin in the Pines Lufkin, TX

NOVEMBER No events

DECEMBER

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May 5-6 - Red Dirt Showdown Woodward, OK

May 6 - SoCal Antique Truck Show Perris, CA May 11-13 - 11th Annual Kenly 95 Petro East Coast Truckers Jamboree Kenly, NC May 12-13 - Semi-Crazy Truck Show

May 19-20 - Shine in the Pines Truck and Car Show Dublin, GA May 20 - ATHS Greater Cincinnati Chapter Truck Show Lima, OH May 26-28 - Great Lakes Big Rig Challenge

Reno, NV June 9-10 - Great Lakes Pride & Shine Hudsonville, MI June 9-11 - Sunflower Classic Truck Show

Houston, TX June 30-July 1 - Southern Idaho Truck Show Twin Falls, ID

July 13-15 - Walcott Truckers Jamboree

\*July 14-15 - Keystone Diesel Nationals Truck Show

July 21-22 - 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Gear Jammers Magazine Truck Show

June 24-25 - Texas Trucking Show

Lebanon, PA July 15 - Class 8 on the Lake Geneva, OH

July 21-22 - Gulf Coast Big Rig Show

Greenfield, MA

Waupun, WI August 25-26 - Brooks Truck Show

\*August 4-6 - Carlisle Truck Nationals

August 11-12 - 34th Annual Waupun Truck-N-Show

September 2-3 - No Coast Large Cars Truck Show

September 8-9 - The Big Iron Classic

St. Ignace, MI

Joplin, MO

Mill Hall, PA

**OCTOBER** 

Pratt, KS

September 15-16 - Busted Knuckle Truck Show Tonkawa, OR September 21-23 - Joplin 44 Truckers Jamboree

\*September 22-24 - Truckers for Hope Truck Show

October 7 - Hot & Cold Big Rig Truck Show

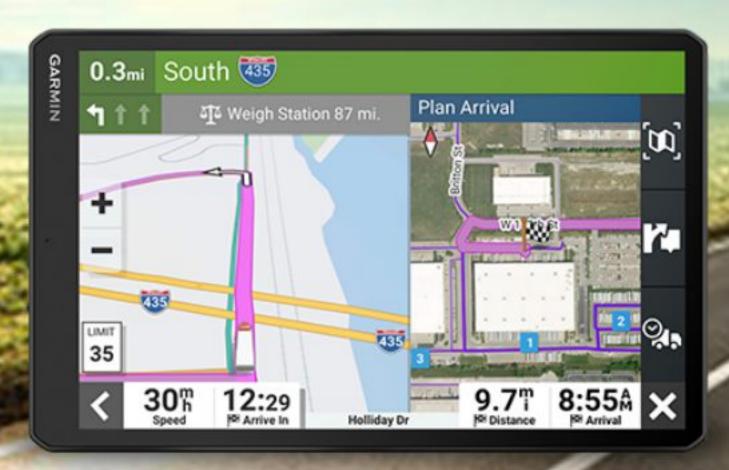
\*October 14-15 - California Trucking Show Ontario, CA

\*October 21 - American Truckers Jubilee/Children's Convoy Searcy, AR

\*Look for a member of our RoadPro team for a hat! SHARE ME!

Dec 16 - National Wreaths Across America Day

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### Calling all Cummins Enthusiasts!

There's a wide range of licensed Cummins merchandise hitting the market, with more exciting products on the way. Keep an eye out for Cummins cellular accessories, power inverters, knives, and apparel at Travel Centers located throughout the United States and Canada. These items are sure to become a daily staple for you!



### Cellular Accessories

Don't you hate it when your cellular cables get tangled up with other cables in your truck or fall short of where you need them? Officially licensed Cummins aux cables and cellular chargers are designed to solve those problems for you. Made from metal braided, steel, or flex steel, these cables are built to withstand the wear and tear of daily truck use. The charging cables are available in 4ft or 8ft lengths, while the aux cords come in various lengths. All Cummins aux cords, and cellular cords come with a cable wrap attachment to help keep them organized when not in use.

These cords are compatible with most Apple® or Android devices and are perfect for use in your truck, car, home, or office. View On Amazon!



### **Power Inverters**

If you need to power your phone while on the road, the 24-, 32- or 120-Watt Dual Port Car Charger will provide a powerful charge and multiple ports for other devices. For higher wattage needs, 400W, 2000W, 3000W, 4000W, and 5000W inverters are available. The larger inverters have four AC outlets with protective port covers, Bluetooth monitoring control, short circuit protection, temperature protection, and overload protection to safeguard the unit and connected equipment if the power or heat exceeds standards. The Cummins Power Inverter app is available for 2000W, 3000W,

4000W, and 5000W and can be downloaded on the Apple Store or Google Play. View On Amazon!



### Knives

There are a variety of Cummins knives to suit your need. If you're looking for a standard pocketknife, there are four great choices, each with varying blade lengths perfect for everyday carry. The EDC knives include the tanto pocketknife, hot shot pocket knife, serrated torque pocket knife, and torque pocket knife. The cleaver pocketknife will be your go-to for all your butchering and cooking needs. View On Amazon!



### Apparel

Now you can show off your Cummins pride in any season! Apparel is available in various sizes and colors, made from a cotton blend or 100% cotton. On your next visit to a Travel center, check out the Cummins zip-up hoodie, fleece pullover, long sleeve shirts, pocket shirts, winter knit beanies, and trucker hats. View On Amazon!

### Coming soon...



### **Cummins Tumblers**

The Cummins red or black tumbler will be available fall of 2023. It's the perfect travel tumbler for truckers and all travelers alike. The secured snap seal lid provides leakresistance and splash-proof drinking. Both tumblers will be sold in a 20-ounce size. The tumbler is made of food-grade steel, and has a BPA-free lid, and a magnetic base. It will adhere to any metal surface and give you extra anti-spill protection. The anti-slip bottom bumper is another great addition to the tumbler that will keep it wherever you sit it down.

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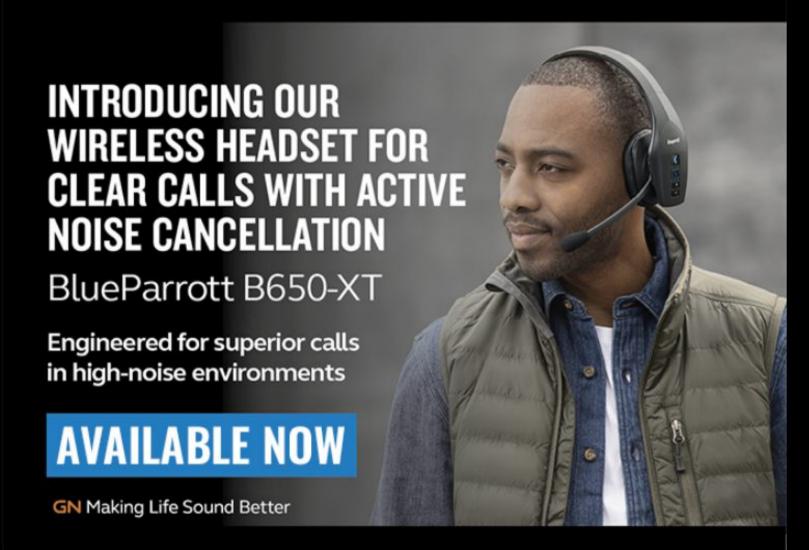
















### FIRST GEAR

for new CDL drivers



### How to Choose a Power Inverter

Before buying a power inverter, you'll need to know how many watts of power you will be using at the same time. It can be challenging to figure out which inverter is best for you. But, with the right information, it can be simple. The handy PowerDrive Power Calculator can help, too!

#### First, determine your power needs.

Electronics, such as laptops, gaming consoles, LCD TVs, and tablets, will be between 100 and 300 watts each. Appliances such as refrigerators have a 500-watt start upload and a 50 to 60 watts running load. Microwaves and coffee makers will be in the 1,000-watt range. All appliances and AC-operated items are labeled or marked with how many watts or amps they will use. In general, double the wattage of your highest-rated appliance. For example, if you have a microwave that is 1000 watts, you will need at least a 2000-watt inverter to power this appliance. Microwaves are sold by cooking watts. An 800-watt microwave will still need 1000 watts or more to make those 800 watts. Look for the power consumption label on the back or inside of the appliance door.

### Consider the type of inverter.

There are two types of power inverters, modified sine wave inverters and pure sine wave inverters. Modified sine wave inverters are typically less expensive but may not work as well with sensitive electronics such as computers or gaming consoles. Pure sine wave inverters are more expensive but produce a more stable AC power signal that is better for sensitive electronics.

### Be on the lookout for safety features.

Look for features such as overload protection, overheat protection, and short circuit protection. These features will help prevent damage to your devices and the inverter itself.

### Consider the size and portability of an inverter.

Power inverters come in different sizes and shapes. Choose a size that will suit your needs and also fits in the area you are going to keep it. Ensure you have enough room for proper ventilation in the location you will put it.

### Look for additional features

such as USB charging ports, remote control, LCD displays, an app, and Bluetooth access. An app will help keep you updated on the operation of the inverter allowing you to check the battery voltage, output power, and product temperature, as well as customize settings and power the inverter on and off remotely. Having these features can make your life easier over the road.

If you are looking for a reliable inverter that will power your needs on the road, check out the PowerDrive inverters. The series of PowerDrive inverters offer various sizes from 100W to 3000W featuring overload protection, overheat protection, short circuit protection, and a PowerDrive app to control the inverter from your phone. You can find the <u>PowerDrive inverters</u> in travel centers across the United States and Canada.

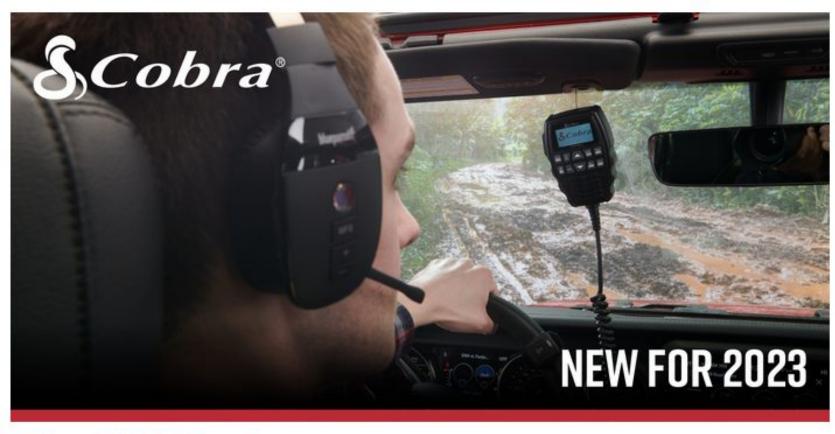
Are you a Cummins fan? Be sure to read our article to learn more about Cummins power inverters coming to a Travel Center near you.

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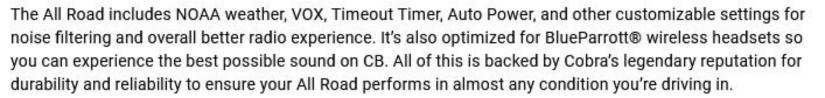
### Cobra 75 All Road Cobra Electronics for Overdrive

Cobra Electronics, the #1 choice for CB radios for professional and recreational drivers everywhere, is once again setting a new standard and revolutionizing the industry with a new wireless CB radio. The **Cobra 75 All Road** marks a significant milestone for the CB radio industry as it solves two of the biggest hurdles users face: sound quality and limited space. Thanks to digital noise-canceling technology, you'll experience better sound quality and, with its wireless design, the All Road CB transceiver box can be mounted anywhere inside your vehicle.

#### For Every Road, There's All Road

The 75 All Road is an advanced wireless CB radio ready for any and all roads. Propelling CB communication into the 21<sup>st</sup> central with advanced technology, the user-friendly All Road features:

- Dual-Mode AM/FM: The All Road is dual mode AM/FM that
  provides you with clearer communication and enhanced incoming
  and outgoing audio quality with Digital Signal Processing (DSP).
  You can access channels on AM or FM to communicate with more
  users and with better sound quality.
- Bluetooth® Connectivity: Connect a compatible Bluetooth headset and optional Push-to Talk button\* (sold separately) and talk handsfree.
- Modular Design: The All Road's 2-piece wireless design lets you mount the transceiver anywhere inside the vehicle
- USB or 12V Power: Power the all-in-one handset directly from your vehicle's USB port or 12V accessory port.
- Waterproof IP66 Rating: Head out in any weather and any conditions with an IP66 rating that protects the All Road against water and dust.





#### Cobra CB Innovation

The biggest innovation to CB radios follows the biggest change to the radio waves

Marking the biggest change in four decades, Cobra led the charge in the FCC's 2021 decision to add dual-mode AM/FM for use in CB radios in the United States. During the petition process, Cobra turned to customers, sources from multiple online CB radio forums, off-road vehicle clubs, and distributors for support behind the change. The result was 100% acceptance from the FCC to allow FM on the CB band to provide better sound quality with reduced interference.

Now with FM capabilities, new Cobra CB radios with dual-mode AM/FM will make communication clearer without the need to replace

your existing antenna. In addition, Cobra's new AM/FM CB radios are backward compatible to be able to communicate with older AM-only CB radios.



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## FOR SUMMER

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### Your Guide to All Things Power! Truckers rely heavily on power, particularly horsepower, to haul loads from one place to

another. A truck driver relies on it to haul loads from Florida to markets in the Northeast, to transport logs from a forest in the Pacific Northwest to the mill miles away, or to get a load of goods from a West Coast port to a distribution center in the Midwest. However, a different type of power is also important to a professional driver on the road.

Devices and appliances that over-the-road truckers depend on for daily living, communication, entertainment, comfort, and driving all require power sources. Here are some suggested power sources to make your life easier on the road:

**Power Inverters** 

### These devices convert your truck's 12-volt DC current into 110-volt AC power to operate a

driver's many onboard devices. Small inverters that can power a device or recharge your smartphone can be plugged into your truck's 12-volt port. Larger inverters that can accommodate your mini fridge, the TV in your sleeper berth and a microwave need to be hardwired to your truck's batteries. Fortunately, there is a vast selection of power inverters available in various sizes from small to large, with varying prices. Small inverters that plug into your truck's 12-volt port

smartphone charged and for plugging in your GPS navigation unit. For instance, Cummins-licensed inverters offer different sizes from small inverters, including a 120-watt inverter with a single three-prong AC socket and standard 24A USB

offer the convenience of having them close at hand. They are ideal for keeping your

and 3.0A 18-watt USB-C ports. The swivel on the inverter allows you to adjust it wherever it's most convenient and the inverter is protected from short circuit and overload. This inverter also has on-off backlighting for easy use at night. It is available online. There's also a Cummins-licensed 120-watt cupholder inverter with 24A USB and 3.0A 18-watt USB-C ports and two AC outlets, available online. Rounding out the small inverters in the Cummins suite is a three-outlet, 120-watt power strip with a 3-foot 12-volt cable with 24A USB and 3.0A 18-watt USB-C ports, available online. The Cummins-licensed line of power inverters also have models that deliver 5,000, 4,000, 3,000, and 2,000 watts of modified sine wave power, with four three-prong AC outlets, and

24A USB and 3.0A 18-watt USB-C ports. They can be operated using Bluetooth and a smartphone app. All come with a cable kit for installation. All models are available online.



watts. They all plug into your truck's 12-volt port and have three-prong outlets and 24A USB and 3.0A 18-watt USB-C ports. They range in price from \$28.53 to \$52.12. All can be purchased online and are available at travel centers throughout the United States and Canada.

inverters designed to plug into your truck's 12-volt port. The lineup of seven portable, plug-

in inverters includes ones that deliver 30 watts, 65 watts, 100 watts, 120 watts, and 150



pure sine wave, as will most appliances with a motor.

If you're buying a larger inverter that needs to be hardwired, have a professional install it in a secure, clean location.

the wattage required by your highest-rated appliance. Check out this wattage calculator.

Devices such as laptops, gaming consoles, LCD TVs, and tablets require AC power with a

to rugged conditions, then you need to check out the MOAB 65 from Toughtested. Its battery capacity tops 38,400 mAh, which means you can recharge your smartphone about 20 times before you have to plug in the

If you need a portable power source with massive capacity that can stand up

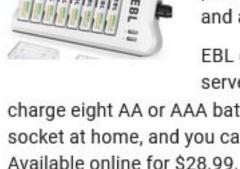
MOAB 65. It has a USB-C port for recharging a laptop, a USB-C PD port for fast charging your smartphone, and a QC-3 fast charging USB-A port. It's IP64 certified dust and waterproof as well. Available online.

EBL also has a charger for C and D batteries for \$42.99 online.

fully 56% - said an auxiliary power unit (APU) topped their list.

### Rechargeable Batteries

Portable Power



**Auxiliary Power Units** 

and a charger. EBL delivers a modestly priced charger and battery kit that will serve most of your needs. The charger kit has the capacity to charge eight AA or AAA batteries. Just plug it into your truck's power inverter or a wall socket at home, and you can ensure you have well-charged batteries when you need them.

If you, like many truckers, have devices onboard that require battery

power, it makes sense to have a stock of rechargeable batteries

And, for good reason. An APU reduces the amount of time you idle your truck when you're stopped for a break.

and/or recharge devices.

Carrier Transcold is well known in the trucking industry for its trailer refrigeration products.

In a recent survey of the readers of Truckers News and our sister publication Overdrive, we asked truckers what equipment accessory was most important to them. More than half -

cylinder Kubota diesel engine.

batteries, and electricity.

A sampling of APU units include: Thermo King, part of the Trane Technologies corporate family, offers both kinds of APUs. Their TriPac Envidia is all-electric, with the option of 13,600 BTUs of heat and 1,000 watts of true sine wave power from its inverters. An optional roof-mounted solar panel is available. The TriPav Evolution is Thermo King's diesel-powered APU and boasts 13,000 BTUs of air conditioning. The Go Green APU has a heating/cooling capacity of 26,000 BTUs generated by a three-

That means you save fuel and cut down on the wear and

tear of your engine and emissions system. Most APUs

provide heat in the winter and air conditioning when it's

warm and are a source of electricity to run appliances

Powered Devices

So, the question hangs, "What to do with all this juice?"

comfortable and safer while keeping you more connected.

It also has a selection of APUs. They offer units that are powered by diesel, Li-ion

While a freak snowstorm is not out of the question, it's time to give in to the thought of having to deal with consistently warm weather. RoadPro's 12-volt tornado fan can cool down most overheated truck cabs. It has a variable speed control and an adjustable swivel

cab. Available online and at travel centers.

There are a variety of appliances and devices that can make your life over the road more



With more pre-made meal options available, simply reheating with a microwave means you can enjoy a wholesome meal almost anytime on the road. Black+Decker's digital microwave is just about the right size for a truck cab's kitchen. Its modest footprint of 13" D

x 17.3" W x 10.2" H will not take up too much of your sleeper berth's

base to give you the right combination you require to stay cool. Its

15-foot power cord means it can be any place you are within your

dinner plate, etc.), and draws just 700 watts. Available online.

precious space. It has several pre-programmed settings (popcorn, pizza, hot beverage,



If you're intent on eating as many meals as you can in your truck, having a way to keep ingredients cold is important. This 2.6 cubic feet mini fridge from Insignia can do that. It has an adjustable thermostat and plenty of storage space in the door for beverages. Its footprint (19.1" W x 17.7" D x 27.6" H) is cab friendly. Comes in black or white. Available online.

No matter how you choose to use it, there is sufficient power available today in a variety of ways to help keep you safe and comfortable on the road. All you need to do is plug into it.

## JJ Keller keeps you safe, secure, and compliant.

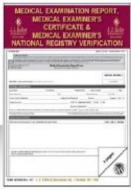






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### Spice Up Your Truck Kitchen with a NEW Inverter!

By Jenn Kohl, RoadPro Pro Driver Council Member

If you have become comfortable cooking meals in your truck using devices like the 12v RoadPro Lunchbox or the 12v Roaster and want to take your cooking skills to the next level by using home appliances like microwaves, pressure cookers, slow cookers, or electric skillets, you will need a power inverter. The one thing all these devices have in common is they use standard household electricity, which isn't always readily available in your truck.

An inverter is a device that is connected to your truck's batteries by wires and converts the DC power from the batteries to AC, allowing you to use household appliances. The size or wattage of the inverter will dictate what kind of electric devices you can use. There are two types of inverters: modified sine wave and pure sine wave. Modified sine wave inverters are commonly sold at truck stops and will run most electrical devices. Pure sine wave inverters provide electricity that more closely resembles what you have in your house and is recommended for use on many sensitive digital devices. For a reliable modified sine wave inverter, check out the <a href="PowerDrive inverters">PowerDrive inverters</a> that are available in sizes 30W-3000W. The PowerDrive Inverters can be found at <a href="Travel Centers">Travel Centers</a> throughout the United States and Canada.

Some employers will provide inverters in their trucks for their employees, or they will allow you to purchase one to have installed on your truck. Before having an inverter installed, check with your employer to see if they have any restrictions on inverter sizes.

The first step to buying an inverter is to check the wattage draw of the device you want to use. Check the UL label on the device you would like to use, which is usually on a silver label or molded directly onto the device base. The rule of thumb when figuring out what size inverter you will need is to multiply that number by 2. Expect the device to draw (surge) at least twice the amount of wattage on startup than it will use during your cooking session. By using the <a href="PowerDrive Wattage Calculator">PowerDrive Wattage Calculator</a>, you may easily figure out what size inverter you will need.

For example, if you have a microwave, and its UL label says it draws 1200 watts, expect it to do a surge of 2400 watts when you first start the microwave. The inverter you would need should be able to provide more than 1200 watts while the microwave is operating, but it should also be able to handle a 2400-watt surge from the initial startup of the microwave.

I usually recommend someone get at least a 2000-watt inverter as it will be able to handle most electric cooking appliances. If you're in the market to upgrade your truck kitchen, I hope this information helps with your next steps, and don't forget to check out the <a href="PowerDrive inverters">PowerDrive inverters</a> the new line of <a href="Cummins power inverters">Cummins power inverters</a> that just hit the market.



About Jenn: Jenn Kohl and her husband have been driving together for 12 years but have 50 years of combined experience. They currently run team for a small midwest freight company and travel with their five fur babies as well as manage a Facebook group called Cooking on the Truck.

### PRO DRIVER TIP

Tips for National - Natalie Safety Month Jassopadilla





Oscar and Natalie Jassopadilla are owner-operators, and between the two of them have been in the trucking industry for over 19 years. They travel all over the United States and have hauled all types of freight. They both love to give back to their community and when they are not working, take part in feeding the homeless for Thanksgiving and Christmas Day and do toy rides during Christmas. They also participate in Wreaths Across America, Truckers Emergency Assistance Responder, and Natalie, a Real Women in Trucking member. You can follow Natalie on Facebook and TikTok as 'SpicyTrucker', where she documents her and Oscar's time on the road.

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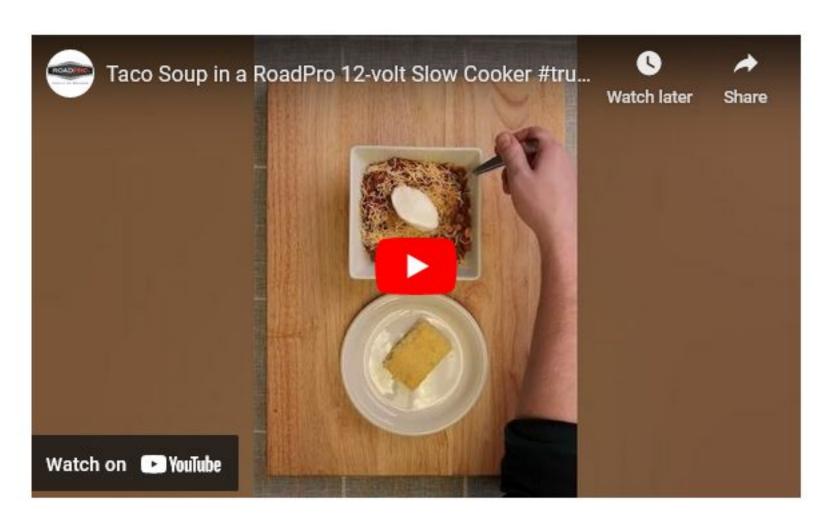




### Taco Soup

12V RoadPro Slow Cooker Prep Time: 15 minutes Cook Time: 1 hour

Servings: 4-6



### Ingredients:

- 1 lb ground beef (already browned)
- 1 can corn (8oz)
- . 1 can chili beans, undrained (8oz)
- 1 can pinto beans, rinsed and drained (8oz)
- . 1 can stewed tomatoes (8oz.)
- 1 package taco seasoning (1oz.)
- 1 package ranch seasoning (1oz.)
- · Salt to taste
- · Shredded cheese and sour cream to top

#### **Directions:**

- 1. Spray cooking oil in slow cooker
- 2. Combine all canned ingredients and seasonings in slow cooker.
- 3. Simmer on low for 1 hr.
- 4. Serve hot with toppings of choice and add a side of cornbread.

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### Navigating the Road to Safety

Truckers require constant focus and attention to always ensure safety on the road. Whether you are a new driver or have been in the industry for twenty years, ensuring safety on the road remains the most important for your job.

#### Rest

Getting adequate rest is essential to prevent fatigue over the road. A study by AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety found that 328,000 drowsy driving crashes occur each year and nearly 109,000 of those crashed resulted in an injury and about 6,400 were fatal. Make sure to get enough sleep before getting behind the wheel and take breaks when you need them.

#### Regular maintenance checks

Before hitting the road, pre-trip your truck and ensure everything is working. Check the brakes, tires, lights, and proper driving technology to make sure they are in good condition and ready for the day ahead.

#### Avoid distractions!

Using your phone or other electronic devices is dangerous and also illegal in most states. Prep your snacks ahead of time and have your drinks beside you so you are not reaching behind while driving. Avoid any distractions that can take your attention away from the road. Frequently scanning mirrors will help prevent any accidents that could occur. Drivers should check their mirrors regularly (at least every 5 to 8 seconds) before changing lanes, turning, or merging.

#### Safe driving distance

Keep a safe following distance from other vehicles on the road. This is especially important during heavy summer traffic and bad weather conditions. Trucks need approximately 370 feet to stop, which is longer than a football field. Keeping this distance between you and the person in front of you will allow you to react early to what is happening in front of you.

As you drive into the summer months, remember to get plenty of rest, keep doing your pre-trip inspections before you drive, avoid distractions as much as possible, and maintain a safe following distance between you and the vehicle in front of you.



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