



# LUBE TIP: WINTER PREPPING YOUR AUTO LUBE SYSTEM

## 5 STEPS TO PREP FOR WINTER

As we head into the winter season, let us not forget, that our mobile equipment also needs some extra TLC to prepare for the cold Canadian winter months. Whether or not you conduct regular maintenance inspections or “walk arounds”, here is a brief checklist of things you should do now to make sure your automatic lubrication system (ALS) operates properly throughout the winter:

### 1. Check lubricant is adequate for cold temperatures.

Make sure the lubricant currently in your ALS is adequate for the environmental temperature within which you will be operating your equipment. Check the packaging or contact the lubricant manufacturer or distributor to confirm your lube is acceptable or within the range of operating conditions.

### 2. Check lubricant compatibility.

If you're changing over to a different lube, the new one should be compatible with the lube currently in the ALS, as there will always be some residue of the original lube remaining in the system after you flush it out. If the new lube isn't compatible, you could get plugged lines or metering valves or high pressure leading to system failure.

### 3. Check all your lines and lube points for leaks and repair them as necessary.

This is the ideal option when a source of compressed air and an air hose are available. It typically includes a 50:1 ratio air-operated pump mounted securely on any original 25-50 lb. refinery container, and a hose connecting to a high-pressure control valve.

### 4. If your ALS system has filters, clean or replace them.

### 5. Check all lines and guards are secure.

Ice build-up in the winter can pull off any unsecured lines or guarding.



For a video demonstration of these 5 steps for winter-prepping your automatic greaser, check out our How-to video on YouTube: [FLO Lube Tip – How to properly fill a grease reservoir on an automatic greasing.](#)

Should you have any questions about the adequacy of your lube or winter-prepping your ALS, the lube solutions experts at FLO Components are just a phone call away at 1.800.668.5458.

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