Standards Development may benefit from systems approach

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The Big Picture: Idling Reduction

- Goal is to reduce emissions and diesel fuel consumption – resulting in cost savings
- 10% of crude oil imports are used for vehicle air conditioning!
- Standards are necessary to assure equipment compatibility (plugs, voltage,etc)
- Quieter, emission free rest may improve comfort and safety



Air Conditioning Dominates Truck Hotel Loads

Air Conditioning Duty Cycle is Based on the following:

40 Degree F Temperature Difference: 6700 BTU/h

Solar Load through Windows: 3000 BTU/h

Heat Rejection from Appliances: 700 BTU/h

Sensible and Latent Heat of Occupants: 400 BTU/h



Total: 10,800 BTU/h

Source: PACCAR



Lessons from on truck electric air conditioning systems:

- 7000 BTU per hour air conditioner is adequate
 —would benefit from added insulation
- Tested in 104 F weather, curtain closed
- Lots of heat from under truck
- Batteries give 6-10 hours of operating time
- reduces battery operating time
- 2500 W inverter or 120V 20 A runs microwave plus air conditioner







NREL PNGV Study- reduce thermal loads to increase fuel economy

- Technical Elements:
- Insulate the cabin
- Use spectrally selective windshield glazing (PPG Sungate)



- Improve outer surface reflectivity
- Ventilate stationary vehicle
- Results: 32% reduction in AC power requirements
- Interior soaked temperature reduced 7.9 C





Truck Glazing Tests show positive results

- NREL Tests in Phoenix
- Two side by side Class 6 trucks
- One with Guardian IRR Silver Guard Glass
- Cabin Air temp reduction 5 C, dash 7C
- 0.2-0.3 mpg fuel economy improvement over 11.3 mpg baseline
- More improvement possible if compressor down sized and given identical loads





Insulation greatly decreases power needs

 Insulated Cab by Idle Free.net-Robert Jordan

 uses <40 A-h at 12V over night in freezing weather







Summary

- System design can minimize power requirements for heating and cooling
- Technologies include glazing, insulation, reflective coatings, insulated floor, double roofs
- Lower loads reduce both initial HVAC costs and operating costs (smaller, lighter, cheaper)
- Infrastructure cost for 120V 20 Amp is half 240 V 30 A systems
- Fuel economy savings result from including thermal management in system

design

