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Nussbaum's "Green Initiatives"



Testimony on Eco-flaps

Written by Jeff Bonnema, Director of Fleet Maintenance

Dillon Transport is a specialist tanker/dry bulk carrier based in Burr Ridge, IL. We have terminals in 12 states across the United States. We currently operate 265 tractors and 342 trailers, all of which are company-owned. Being a top SmartWay Carrier member, we are always looking for better opportunities to lessen our imprint on the environment. So when we were approached 2 years ago by Berry about the ECO-Flap, we immediately wanted to know more. When I sat down with Berry and he explained the benefits of the ECO-flap, I admit that I was a little skeptical. So I decided to run some tests. I outfitted a day cab and sleeper with the flaps, along with the trailers. After about 2 months, I saw a **7%** improvement in our overall MPG. The sleeper set-up preformed a little better than the day cab with a **.9-mpg** increase. We are in the process of converting our entire fleet to the ECO-flap, with expectation of an increase in the fleet's overall MPG.

Upon testing the ECO-Flap, I have heard great reviews from our drivers. Positive comments have ranged from an increase in visibility when driving or following in the rain to how easy the product cleans with a quick spray of the pressure washer.

The ECO-Flap also holds up extremely well in an everyday environment. Our first terminal that was converted over in Savannah, GA has not had to replace a mud flap due to wear or damage for the whole year. While normal everyday occurrences would damage a standard rubber mud-flap, the ECO-Flap withstands the abuse. This offers us additional cost savings, as we can carry fewer inventories and our mechanics can spend time working on other projects. Dillon Transport has been very pleased with the ECO-Flap product. It has exceeded our expectations with some great cost savings both in MPG and in our bottom line.

Hot Topics Question:

Where are Eco-flaps® manufactured?

Eco-flaps® are made in the USA.



Thank you,
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Nussbaum....doing the right things

Rising fuel costs, a recovering economy, and changes in supply chain management have affected how trucking companies do business. At Nussbaum, we have met this challenge by becoming a partner in the EPA's SmartWay Transport program.

Did You Know?

Ecoflaps® are available at truckstops and dealers nationwide:



SmartWay Transport is an innovative collaboration between EPA and the freight sector designed to improve energy efficiency, reduce greenhouse gas and air pollutant emissions, and improve energy security. Nussbaum is among an elite group of trucking companies who have earned the program's highest rating possible – 1.25.

At Nussbaum, we spend our time and resources in achieving the highest fuel efficiency standards possible. Our equipment is powered with these fuel efficiency solutions:

- **Ecoflaps**
Allows air movement through mud flaps while greatly minimizing water and debris from other vehicles and cutting wind resistance.
- **Auxiliary Power Units (APUs)**
These anti-idling devices save fuel and reduce emissions by keeping the truck engine shut off while driver is stopped.
- **Standardized Company Speed Limit**
The speed limit for our trucks is set at 63 mph to reduce fuel consumption and to comply with rules for the driver and public safety on our highways.

**For questions or comments,
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Eco-flaps® Reduce Carbon Footprints



To date, over 12,000 trucks in North America are running with eco-flaps® which are reducing their carbon footprint for a total of over 99,000 CO2 in tons saved.