

2019 MACS Training

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- Overview of Bergstrom's No-Idle Systems (NITE) in the Market Today
- Troubleshooting the Latest Generation NITE Systems
- Preventative Maintenance



OVERVIEW OF THE NITE® SYSTEMS IN THE MARKET TODAY



NORTH AMERICA INTEGRATED PARKED HVAC

VOLVO

DAIMLER













ParkSmart and RestStar



Parking Cooler









KIMS and SmartAir





NEW CASCADIA BATTERY-POWERED HVAC SYSTEM (BPHS)









NEW CASCADIA BPHS MODULE



Fuel operated Hydronic heater



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Volvo CEM System

Volvo Parking Cooler System

System Overview & Benefits - Download
 Technical Info and Disprostics Guide - Download

Complete description of all the Bergstrom parking cooler systems can be found online at the following URL:

https://us.bergstrominc.com/ nite-oe-systems/



NO-IDLE NITE SYSTEMS AVAILABLE FOR AFTERMARKET INSTALLATION



NITE® SSI introduced 2017 Split System



NITE PHOENIX AND SSI SYSTEMS

- Automatic Digital Temperature Control. For optimum comfort at your fingertips providing service diagnostics, automatic temperature control and more.
- Electrified A/C unit. Runs on 4 auxiliary AGM / deep-cycle batteries.
- System runs 8-10 hours
- Installs easily under bunk
- Installation kits available for all North America class 8 trucks
- Available with wireless controller and app



SSI CONDENSER / EVAPORATOR SPLIT



Durable condenser mounts on the back wall of a sleeper

Evaporator mounts under the bunk



SSI PLASTIC HOUSING



Evaporator assembly housing is made out of 20% TFPP.





TROUBLESHOOTING LATEST GENERATION NITE SYSTEMS



TROUBLESHOOTING SSI NEW FEATURES

Refrigerant Pressure Switch (Binary)

• This normally closed pressure switch will open for low or high / high side pressure and prevent the operation of the compressor.

SOLUTION

- The Schrader mounted switch is serviceable. It opens on low or high high side pressure.
- If pressure switch is open or user interface shows a fault, you must connect to the refrigerant loop and check system pressure.





TROUBLESHOOTING SSI NEW FEATURES (CONT.)



12VDC Brushless Blower Motor

- First do a visual inspection of all the blower parts.
- You should have 12 volts at pin 5 (pos), if you do not, check fuse F3.
- If you have 12 volts main power, turn the unit on and check for the speed signal voltage at blower pin 4 coming from the system controller pin 20.
 - You should have approximately 6.3V for speed 1, approximately 5.0V for speed 2 and approx.
 2.8V for speed 3. If all of these voltages are correct and the fan does not run, it is defective, and needs to be replaced.
- Using a DC ammeter, you can check the amperage draw of the blower. Normal amps will range from 4 to 10 amps.



TROUBLESHOOTING SSI NEW FEATURES (CONT.)



- The BMS monitors the auxiliary batteries for the state of charge, communicates with the NITE SSI system, and controls the battery separator solenoid.
- The LED light on the BMS blinks approximately once every 60 seconds and indicates power to the device but does not provide diagnostics.
- Power inputs to the BMS are fuse protected.



SSI NEW SERVICEABLE COMPONENTS



To service the seals, drier, coils or lines on the NITE SSI system you must follow Section 609 procedures to reclaim refrigerant and recharge the system to the amount specified in the manual.



Evaporator





TXV

Receiver Drier (in remote condenser)



Binary Switch



NITE SSI App

NITE App Features & Benefits

All the SSI controllers come with wireless technology and can be used with the NITE App.

- **Control.** Take full command with your mobile device. Turn system on/off, set temperature and control the fan speed.
- **Monitoring.** Get immediate access to battery information, efficiency status and run time calculator.
- **Troubleshooting.** Take control of any issues with immediate diagnostics, system information and operational guides.





NITE App



If location services are enabled on the device, selecting "Find a dealer" will bring up a map showing the Aftermarket NITE dealer locations in the United States and Canada. This list may not include all OEM dealerships that service Nite products. This list can change without notice.









NITE App

This screen displays the information broadcast by the Battery Monitoring System (BMS) over the CAN communication bus.



Information Displayed:

- Aux Batteries State of Charge



RECOMMENDED NITE SYSTEM BATTERIES

- The batteries for a Bergstrom No-Idle system should be 4 AGM deep cycle batteries with a 100AH (amp hour) rating or equivalent.
 - Bergstrom recommends Trojan or NorthStar batteries
 - Low cost, lesser quality AGM batteries or the use of wet cell batteries for replacements in service have resulted in performance complaints in the field
- Never mix lead acid and AGM within the same bank. An auxiliary battery bank must always have 4 AGM batteries. To meet advertised run time, NITE systems require a battery bank with minimum combined amp hour ratings of 400.









(Recommended Every Spring and Every 25,000 miles in the Summer)

Proper Air Filter Maintenance:

- NITE systems are 100% recirculation (no fresh air)
 - Clogged evaporator filter from animal hair, lint, and other debris in the air inside the cab must be prevented.
 - Continued operation with a clogged filter may result in poor performance and potential evaporator failure.





(Recommended Every Spring and Every 25,000 miles in the Summer)

Bergstrom No-Idle systems that are equipped with the system controller shown have a filter indicator.

- When necessary, the check filter indicator will notify you that the filter must be cleaned or changed.
- To reset the check filter indicator: at screen 1, press and hold enter button for 3 seconds.





(Recommended Every Spring and Every 25,000 miles in the Summer)

- Inspect the recirculation grill (where applicable).
- This grille is installed on the bunk support wall.
- The cool air from the vehicle interior must flow freely back to the NITE system.
- *Warning:* Do not block the recirculation grille with personal items, clothes, etc. as this will reduce the performance of the system.





(Recommended Every Spring and Every 25,000 miles in the Summer)

- Inspect the rubber drip tube attached to the NITE system (outside and underneath the truck floor).
- If the drip tube is missing, cracked, or showing signs of deterioration, it is recommended to have it replaced.
- Make sure the drip tube is clean and open.
- When re-attaching the tube to the unit, make sure it is firmly seated.





(Recommended Every Spring and Every 25,000 miles in the Summer)

A plugged or dirty condenser can cause high pressure in the system resulting in reduced performance and run time of the system.

- It is recommended to use a core cleaner that is non caustic, detergent-based alkaline coil cleaner, biodegradable, and releases no VOCs (Volatile Organic Compounds).
- If a core cleaner is not available, low pressure water can also be used.





SSI Preventative Maintenance (Recommended Every Spring and Fall)

The leading issue for service calls we receive on our NITE technical support line is related to batteries and connections.

Batteries and connections:

- Check the auxiliary bank of batteries. Ideally batteries should be identical in make and model.
- Visually inspect the batteries for leakage, swelling, and corrosion. Replace any damaged batteries, as needed.
- Inspect all electrical connections, including all battery and separator posts. When necessary, remove, clean and retighten. Initial installs use tin-plated, heavy-duty battery lugs to help prevent loose connections, damage and corrosion.
- We recommend replacing any damaged or light duty lugs with the correct Bergstrom supplied lugs.







SSI Preventative Maintenance (Recommended Every Spring and Fall)

Batteries and connections (cont.):

- Apply dielectric grease to all battery connections.
- Check the Battery Management System (BMS) where applicable.
 - Make sure the cork gasket is installed on the bottom of the BMS and supports the device to prevent any vibration and/or movement.
 - Failure to install the gasket or installing the BMS unsupported may cause damage and void the warranty policy.
- Check battery box and battery hold-down brackets.
- Inspect all items for wear or damage.
- Retighten all hardware to prevent box and batteries from moving.
- If your system is equipped with a BMS, check the state of health on the batteries.





SSI Preventative Maintenance

Leak Detection

- When a vehicle comes in for service and you suspect a leak, perform a good visual inspection to assure there are no obvious leaks, such as leaking connections and missing caps on the service ports.
- All NITE units contain refrigerant dye, so leaks should be visible with a blue light leak detection flashlight and fluorescentenhancing glasses.
- All NITE systems use PVE oil and 134a refrigerant for the electric side of the system.





SSI Preventative Maintenance

Leak Detection (cont.)

- The system should never be recovered to check AC charge.
- NITE systems do not need any oil added unless refrigerant loop components have been replaced, or the system has been recovered in excess of 4 times (check service history).
- Addition of improper oil types, or too much oil, will cause damage to the compressor.





Preventative Maintenance

The following NITE systems now have a serviceable receiver drier:

- Volvo Parking Cooler
- ParkSmart
- BPHS
- SSI

If the refrigerant charge is pulled out of the NITE systems listed above, it is recommended to replace the receiver drier prior to re-charging the system (refer to the NITE manuals for proper instructions).





Online Resource for NITE Replacement Parts



Bergstrom has NITE[®] service parts lists that give a breakdown of the serviceable components for each NITE system.

The lists are updated on a continuous basis and are subject to change without notice so it is important to check back often.

https://us.bergstrominc.com/nite-service-parts/



NITE TECHNICAL SUPPORT

For any questions or technical support for your NITE system, call our technical support team Monday through Friday from 7:30am to 4:00pm CST at **1-866-204-8570**.





Questions? Thank you.

VISIT US AT THE TRADE SHOW. BOOTHS 327 and 426

