

5 SIGNS YOUR STARTER OR ALTERNATOR IS ABOUT TO FAIL

When a forklift won't start, work stops. And when work stops, money bleeds. Starters and alternators don't often get attention until they fail – but smart fleet managers know the warning signs. Catch these early, and you can swap parts before your trucks stall out.

1**Slow or Hard Starts**

If your truck cranks sluggishly or takes multiple attempts to fire up, the starter could be on its last leg. Don't assume it's just the battery — a weak starter is often the real culprit.

2**Dim or Flickering Lights**

Alternators keep your truck's electrical systems powered. If you notice headlights, dash lights, or other accessories dimming, it's a red flag that the alternator isn't pulling its weight.

3**Frequent Jump Starts**

A forklift that constantly needs a boost probably has more than a weak battery. Faulty alternators fail to keep batteries charged, leaving your fleet stranded.

4**Unusual Noises**

Grinding, clicking, or whining when starting up? Those sounds are your starter begging for retirement. Ignoring them can lead to sudden failure — and downtime you can't afford.

5**Warning Lights on the Dash**

Modern trucks tell you when something's wrong. Battery or charging system warning lights often point straight to alternator trouble. Treat them as early alerts, not suggestions.



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