

COLD WEATHER ENGINE STARTING

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I mostly use methanol based fuels in spark ignition engines, but use gas and oil as primer. Gasoline is more volatile and fires them up much easier than alcohol, especially in cold temperatures. Other starting aids include a shot of John Deere diesel starting fluid, or WD 40, both sold in spray cans. But don't leave WD 40 in your engine as it gums things up.

You can find long lists of useful hints for WD 40, but they usually don't list the one drawback. It's never advertised as a lubricant, even though it will temporarily loosen up lots of mechanical things. Watch and clock repairmen love the stuff, as it generates lots of business. If you want to verify this good advice just ask a watch and clock repairman. I say that with confidence, since it's unlikely you can even find a watch and clock repairman today.