

## An ounce of prevention is worth 54,000 lbs. of cure Keep your MCI coach running smoothly—here's how

Summer is a great time to think preventive maintenance [PM]. By adhering to a preventative maintenance plan, you'll be rewarded with fuel savings, dependability on the road and enhanced trade value, whether you have one or dozens of coaches.

Mark Hieber, MCI Technical Solutions Manager, offers these tips to help keep your coach on the road longer and the shop turnaround times shorter.

### 1. Follow interval service schedules in the maintenance manual, plus—

- Keep a record of inspections and all part and component replacements.
- Properly maintain the battery and condition, especially if the coach is stored for an extended period of time or if it appears to hold less charge than usual.
- Check the entire brake system every year. Never put off routine brake inspections or any needed repair.
- Consult the engine and transmission manufacturer's PM requirements. Keeping the powertrain well maintained delivers the best balance of fuel economy and dependability along with the lowest level of emissions.



2. **Understand your warranty:** MCI's warranties are the most comprehensive in the business. However, warranty is not a replacement for mandatory maintenance, like drive train oil changes, can invalidate engine, transmission and axle manufacturers' warranties.
3. **Plan ahead to accommodate seasonality and digital requirements:** Stay on track to service heating and air conditioning, the HVAC system, and be sure onboard Wi-Fi and electrical outlets are in good working order to assure passenger comfort in any season.
4. **Keep up appearances:** Caring for your coach's appearance protects your investment. Breaks in glass or body damage can lead to larger problems down the road. Dents, dings and dirty upholstery age the appearance of a coach. Frequent washing and periodic vehicle polishing prevents the buildup of damaging chemicals and dirt that may damage a coach's finish and can reduce corrosive effects of road salt and solutions.
5. **Turn to MCI:** MCI can help you get on a PM plan. Our [Service Centers](#) are equipped to budget and schedule preventive maintenance. We also restore older coaches to "like new" condition. Preventative maintenance training is available through [MCI Academy's](#) award-winning LMS training. To continue the conversation, talk to your [MCI representative](#).