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Teeco Products Featured in *WPGA News*

Thank you to the team at the Western Propane Gas Association and *WPGA News* for featuring Teeco's 80th Anniversary. We're excited and grateful to celebrate this milestone, and we're honored that so many in the industry have reached out to congratulate us this year.

You can read the article on pages 20-22 of the Summer 2026 edition of *WPGA News*: https://online.anyflip.com/ejlw/abot/mobile/index.html

It's been a memorable year, and we're grateful to our customers, partners, and industry friends for being part of it.



If your company has an anniversary coming up, let us know so we can share in your celebration too!

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'Tis the Season!

From all of us at Teeco Products, we wish you a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and a Wonderful Holiday Season!



In observance of the holidays, Teeco offices will be closed the following days:

THANKSGIVING DAY
Thursday, November 26, 2026

CHRISTMAS DAY
Friday, December 25, 2026

NEW YEAR'S DAY
Friday, January 1, 2027

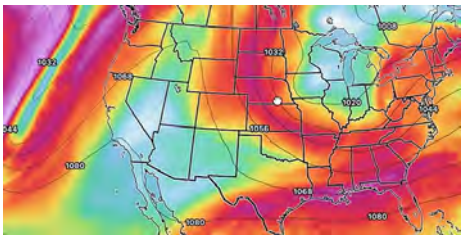
Outside the Box

With Jay Stephens

President
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Happy days are upon us as we enter the winter propane season! Unfortunately, I'm looking at sunshine and 75 degrees today. Hope is on the horizon, though, as we expect non-stop rain and gloomy weather for the foreseeable future... what our forecasters are calling a conga line of eight storms. The tough part is predicting where the jet stream will hit along the West Coast. With about 1,300 miles of coastline, it can be a guessing game.



What does this mean for our industry, you ask? End users should prepare for the worst: securing tanks, ensuring regulators sit above potential flood levels, keeping tanks full, maintaining generators, and, of course, stocking up on candles and flashlights.

If sales trends are any indication, our retailers are getting ready. Regulators, vent snorkels, cylinders, chock blocks, tank blocks, pressure test equipment, and gloves seem to be flying out of warehouses. I'm sure everyone is also performing repairs and maintenance on their vehicles. There's nothing worse than a bobtail breaking down around the holidays.

Now it's up to distributors and manufacturers to make sure we have stock on hand and ready to hit the road. We may not have 100% immediately available at your nearby warehouse, but we have strong inventory levels and locations across the country to get you what you need.

May you all enjoy the holidays and a frosty winter season!

Jay Stephens

Words to live by –

"Pain is temporary. Quitting lasts forever."

- Lance Armstrong, Cancer Survivor

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Next Generation Saf-T-Lok #511
Shown here with RegO 9101R1 (not included)

Securely locks POL service valves • Reduces pilferage • Increases security • Helps prevent unauthorized hookups • Simple to use • No padlock required • Works exceptionally well at Cylinder Exchange locations

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SAFETY FIRST: Tips from the Pro

The Importance of Cathodic Protection for Underground Tanks

by Chris Wolfe



Cathodic protection is the propane industry's method of controlling and preventing corrosion on underground propane storage containers. The container's coating is always the first line of defense. If that coating were perfect, free of scratches, nicks, or holidays (small voids or gaps in the coating), cathodic protection wouldn't be needed. In the real world, that's never the case.



Sacrificial anode bags are the most common form of cathodic protection, and impressed current systems are sometimes used for larger installations. The size of the container and the soil conditions determine the number and type of anodes needed. The anode produces a small electrical current that flows to the container, changing it from anodic to cathodic. In other words, the anode corrodes so the container doesn't.





You can confirm that a container is protected by testing it with a DC voltmeter and a copper-copper sulfate reference electrode. A reading of -0.85 volts or more negative shows that the container is protected. Since the 2011 edition, NFPA 58 has required cathodic protection systems to be tested on a set schedule.

A cathodic protection test takes only a few minutes, and that's a small price to pay to confirm that our investment is protected.

Chris Wolfe is Manager of Technical Support and Training and all-around wealth of knowledge at Teeco's parent company, Ray Murray, Inc.

NEW Smith Pumps Motor Model EM-5ABB2

The team at Smith Pumps is pleased to announce that the model EM-5ABB158 motor, used on EC-HZ, DW-HZ, and GC-1LZ pumps will soon be replaced by the new EM-5ABB2 motor model.



New Smith Motor Model EM-5ABB2
Made by Baldor
Note: Motor does not come with the conduit box shown above

The new model EM-5ABB2 motor is manufactured by Baldor, as is the previous model, but has some great new features, including:

- Built-in automatic thermal overload protection, eliminating the need for external wiring to thermostats.
- Identical wiring configuration to our 1 HP motor, model EM1-3ABB1, for simplified installation and consistency.
- Increased ambient temperature rating of 50°C (122°F).
- Permanent Smith model identification stamped on the motor
- Voltage Rating: 110 V AC / 230 V AC, ±10% tolerance.

What's not changing:

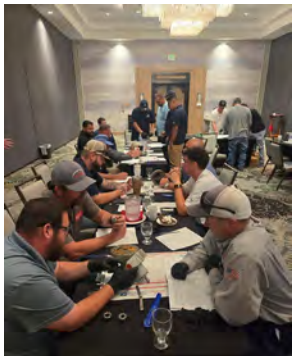
- External dimensions, including overall length, shaft diameter, and conduit nipple diameter.
- Horsepower and FLA ratings.
- Pricing will remain the same as the previous model EM-5ABB158.



Out & About With TEECO PRODUCTS

Teeco's Free Pump Training in Modesto, CA

Teck Yap of Corken and Dan Glassburn of Smith Pumps made the trek to California's Central Valley to provide a day of training on Smith and Corken pumps.



Modesto proved to be a great central location that a lot of customers could access easily – and the classes were very popular. Teeco Regional Sales Manager, Gary Morse, did an excellent job getting the word out to his customers and we received such a strong response that registrations had to be closed just a couple weeks after the class was announced. Because the training was hands-on, class sizes were limited, but we were able to accommodate 50 customers from 13 different companies and at least 24 different locations.

The event was held at the Doubletree Hilton, with separate rooms for Smith and Corken sessions. Participants attended one class in the morning, then moved to the other after lunch, so they could receive training on both pump lines. They received detailed instruction on installation, operation, troubleshooting and repairs, and were then able to troubleshoot and repair broken pumps during the class. The event was very well received with great feedback from attendees.



Big thanks to Dan Glassburn and Teck Yap, who provided this full day of training for our customers!!















Pacific Propane Gas Association Summer Conference

Jay Stephens, Mike Lorenz, and Randy White represented Teeco at the Pacific Propane Gas Association's Summer Conference, and a good time was had by all.

The event was held at the stunning Skamania Lodge in Stevenson, Washington. Along with catching up on industry updates, and connecting with industry friends, the crew participated in the conference's golf outing at Elk Ridge Golf Course, with some amazing views of the Columbia Gorge. Then came the Cornhole Tournament - Teeco's very own Mike and Randy brought home the win! Great conference, great people, great views. Our team is already looking forward to the next one!











Nevada Propane Dealers Association Fall Conference





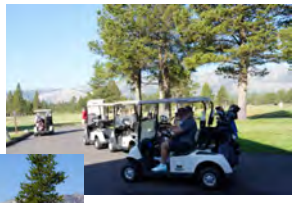


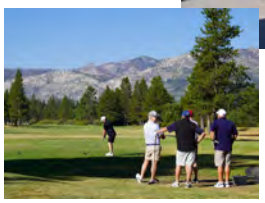
The Nevada Propane Dealers Association (NPDA) recently wrapped up an incredible two days of networking and collaboration at their 2026 Fall Conference & Members Meeting in Reno, NV. With high energy and strong engagement from multiple industry partners, the event marked a memorable milestone for Nevada's propane industry.

The excitement began with a highly encouraging board meeting, where strong participation from NPDA members demonstrated a deep commitment to shaping the strategic future of the NPDA. This collaborative spirit carried directly into the associations Conference, deemed the "Propane Parade of Education & Innovation", an interactive highlight where members and guests shared insights, explored new ideas, and built critical industry partnerships.

The ultimate highlight of the conference was their infamous Hall of Flame banquet, where they proudly inducted Lisa Jennings from Kiva United Energy into the Hall of Flame to celebrate her outstanding dedication and lifetime contributions to the Propane Industry. The unforgettable evening concluded with a night of trivia, awards, and an auction, bringing everyone together to unwind, laugh, and raise vital support for the NPDA's ongoing mission.

Western Propane Gas Association Board Meeting





Teeco President, Jay Stephens, attended the WPGA's Summer Board meeting in Lake Tahoe, CA. It featured a golf tournament, held at the Lake Tahoe Golf Course, dinner at Sapori Italian Kitchen, overlooking the lake and mountains, Committee and Board Meetings and plenty of opportunities to catch up with industry friends.

Arizona Propane Gas Association Annual Meeting





Teeco Regional Sales Manager, Gavin Sharp, attended the Arizona Propane Gas Association's Annual Meeting at the Hassayampa Inn in Prescott, AZ. In addition to the meeting, several educational sessions were offered, as well as a golf tournament.

Rocky Mountain Propane Association Fall Conference



Teeco's Mike Lorenz & Gavin Sharp attended this lively event, held September 1-3 in Bryce Canyon, Utah. Activities included a cornhole tournament, Bobtail Roadeo, group dinners and an awards banquet in addition to educational events and Rocky Mountain Propane Association meetings.

RMPA Executive Director, Tom Clark, and Rinnai's Carlos Rodriguez took the opportunity to honor Steve Blakeman, of Blakeman Propane, awarding him with a watch in gratitude and recognition for his 40 years of service to the propane industry, including serving as past President of the Rocky Mountain Propane Association. Congratulations Steve!











Upcoming Industry Events - Mark Your Calendars!

For more industry events, go to www.TeecoProducts.com/About/Events

Rocky Mtn Spring Conf	Southeastern Propane Expo	New Mexico Spring Mtg	Western Propane Conv
March 23 - 25, 2027	April 4 - 6, 2027	April 13 - 14, 2027	May 10 - 14, 2027
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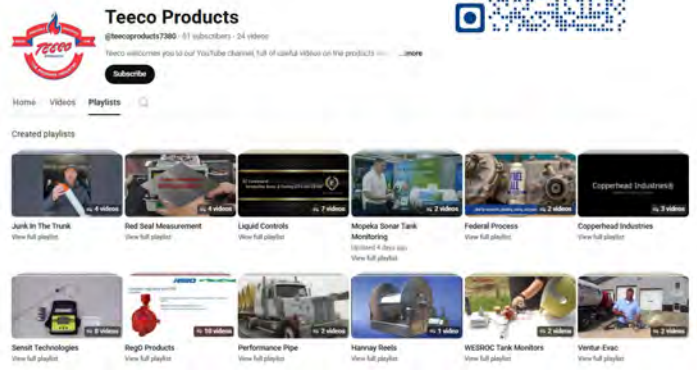
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Propane Equipment Rebates

Take advantage of Industry Association and Manufacturers' Rebates Before Year End



The end of the year is quickly approaching, and there's still money on the table. To simplify the process of finding the latest propane equipment rebates, we've added helpful links right on the Teeco website.

1. Go to ***www.TeecoProducts.com***.
2. Click on ***Industry Links*** at the top of the page
3. Find the propane association(s) that apply to your region and click the corresponding links to go directly to the Rebate Pages you need.

Safety Reminder: Winter Readiness for Propane Bobtails

Winter conditions increase the risk of breakdowns, slips, and vehicle incidents. A few extra checks help protect drivers, equipment, and customers while keeping deliveries on schedule during peak heating season.

Winter Prep Checklist for Propane Bobtail Trucks

Vehicle & Mechanical

- Test batteries and charging systems - cold weather can reduce battery performance.
- Verify coolant and antifreeze protection for expected winter temperatures.
- Inspect belts, hoses, and air brake systems; drain air tanks daily to prevent freezing.
- Use winter-grade fuel or additives to help prevent gelling.

Tires, Visibility & Traction

- Check tire tread depth and inflation regularly; cold temperatures lower air pressure.
- Carry tire chains where required and ensure drivers know proper installation.
- Replace worn wiper blades and use freeze-resistant washer fluid.
- Confirm all lights and reflectors are clean and operational.

Propane System & Safety

- Inspect hoses, valves, and fittings for wear or leaks that worsen in cold weather.
- Keep valve covers and compartments free of snow and ice.
- Verify emergency shutoff systems function properly and are unobstructed.

Driver Readiness

- Stock winter safety gear: wheel chocks, ice scraper, traction aids, warning triangles.
- Carry emergency supplies including warm clothing, gloves, and a flashlight.
- Practice safe winter driving practices - slower speeds and increased following distance.

Preventative Maintenance Pays Off

Winter preparation prevents downtime, protects equipment, and helps everyone get home safely. Take a few minutes before each shift to inspect your bobtail and report any issues immediately.

This is a partial list, put together for your convenience, and does not replace a full safety check. Please refer to your company's safety procedures for their required list of Winter Bobtail Prep maintenance procedures and supplies. Safe Travels!





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Celebrating Teeco's 80th Anniversary!

How many of these Teeco Family Members can you name?

The first person to respond with the most correct answers will win a $25 Gift Card. Email your answers or any of your own Teeco memories / photos to: **mary@teecoproducts.com**









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Teeco's Regional Sales Managers are equipped to train you and your team on an array of propane equipment. They can provide FREE onsite training in your training room, at the tailgate of your truck, or wherever it's most convenient for you.

Some of the most requested topics are RegO Regulators, Filler Valves & Service Valves, Smith Pumps, Corken Pumps, and Cathodic Protection. However classes can often be tailored to suit your company's specific training needs.

Contact your Teeco Representative for more information, or to schedule a free training session.

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