

“KEEPING PACE” - #23



GASOLINE TRUCK FIRE:

As the driver of the gasoline truck shown above was driving at about 40 mph, he suddenly saw flames coming up around both doors of his cab. He skidded the truck nearly to a stop, jumped out, and let it roll into a ditch. Even though the truck continued to burn for three hours, it never exploded. The gasket covers on the tanks let the gasoline evaporate during the fire in such a way that fire never reached the inside of the tanks. The cause, in my opinion, was a leak in the neoprene rubber hose connected between the truck's own fuel tank and its engine.

Sincerely,

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