



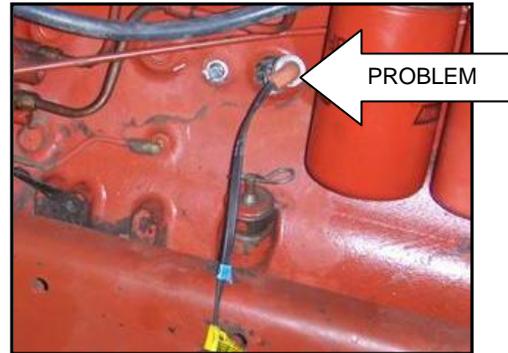
UNDERWRITING ALERT

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Alert on Tractor Engine Block Heater Fires

With cold weather making it necessary to keep tractors plugged in, there has been an increase in machine shed fires. A major cause has been the cord attached to the block heater. The 90-degree elbow on the heater attachment gets abused when unplugging the extension cord and eventually breaks down and can start on fire.



These cords should be inspected often and can be easily replaced. The loose end should be secured **to the tractor with zip ties** so movement does not put strain on the elbow. Twelve gauge extension cords should be used to supply power to the heater.



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