

# “Reefer” Engines Make Low-Cost Gensets

Joas Bontrager pairs low hour Kubota engines repurposed from reefer trailers with new generators to make low cost gensets. Gensets are also available with new motors if preferred.

“We offer dependable, Kubota, diesel-powered generators from 6 to 68 kW in size,” says Bontrager. “Larger ones are also available in other brands and we also offer natural gas gensets.”

In the case of the used engines, they’re stripped down and component parts are replaced such as wiring, air filters, oil filters, new radiators, etc. A quality check is also done on internal components. Engines are equipped with auto-start systems or can be started manually. They can also be run on vegetable oil.

“These are solid, compact units built from the ground up,” says Bontrager. “They’re designed to be used as prime power day after day. A common size is the 25 kW model, which is priced at \$5,450. With a new engine, it would sell for a little over \$9,000.”

The engines are also available by themselves to repower equipment. Prices vary with size, hours, and condition. Units can be shipped truck freight.

He points out that if using vegetable oil for fuel, it does require a catalyst/additive. He is a dealer for a catalyst that he has found works well.

“The catalyst will work with vegetable oil in any diesel engine, not just the ones I sell,” says Bontrager. “Just call for pricing of the quantity you need.”



“Reefer” engines can be used to make low-cost gensets, says Joas Bontrager, who offers low hour Kubota engines with new generators.

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