



## Long-Time “Ice Road Trucker” Relies on Blackmer TX Sliding Vane Pumps To Deliver When It Counts



An ARS transport heads back to the tank farm after delivering diesel fuel to the Diavik Diamond Mine.

Allen Scraba, owner of ARS Truck & Welding in Edmonton, Alberta, knows there has to be easier ways to make a living than delivering diesel fuel over a 220-mile stretch of ice road to the diamond mines in Canada’s Northwest Territories, but when those lakes start freezing over every winter, he also knows there’s nothing he’d rather be doing.

“I’ve been coming up here for quite some time now and I really enjoy it,” he said on a recent February morning. “In fact, today is a beautiful day. It’s pretty warm: -37°C (-35°F).”

Indeed, in an area where temperatures can plummet to as low as -50°C (-60°F), -37° can seem downright balmy, but Scraba knows that in conditions like that, the only way you live to tell about the 36-hour round-trip to the Diavik Diamond Mines to drop a load of diesel fuel is if the equipment you use offers the highest level of reliability available.

That’s why, for the more than 20 years that Scraba and his trucks have been traversing the ice road, Blackmer TX Series Sliding Vane Pumps have been standard equipment on his transport rigs. Scraba outfits his fleet with pumps that he obtains from longtime Blackmer distributor Drive Products back in Edmonton.

“Every good driver and fleet owner knows that with the right equipment and proper planning, you are in a better position to succeed,” said Scraba.

“That’s why we rely on certain equipment for our jobs, with Blackmer pumps being one of them. When you’re out here in temperatures that reach -60 degrees and lower, you need a pump that you can depend on, and that’s Blackmer!”



Allen Scraba, Owner of ARS Trucking, stands next to one of his rigs at the tank farm in Yellowknife, Canada.



[TX Spec Sheet \(PDF\)](#)



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The 3-inch TX Series pumps that ARS uses feature Blackmer's renowned sliding vane technology, resulting in a durable pump that offers fast, quiet operation; long life and trouble-free operation; unbeatable suction and line-stripping capabilities; and the ability to operate without fail in the achingly cold Arctic conditions.

For more information on Blackmer TX Series Sliding Vane Pumps, please visit us at [www.blackmer.com](http://www.blackmer.com).

We welcome your feedback and hope you find this information useful.

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