



Safety Behind the Wheel

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FLEET MAINTENANCE

Serving our customers is a team effort and every step along the way is critical to our success. Take the time to complete a thorough pre-trip vehicle inspection on the truck and trailer. Completing repairs at our terminal is much faster and less expensive than breaking down on the road or getting shut down by the DOT. The most common repairs are brakes, lights and tires.

Use extreme care in-route and avoid distractions so you arrive safe. There are many people counting on your success and well-being. Take pride in arriving on time and accident/damage free.

When you arrive at your destination, complete a thorough post-trip vehicle inspection and note any discrepancies in your Qualcomm. All discrepancies noted in Qualcomm for trailers are then emailed to the destination terminal so immediate repairs can be completed.

Thank you for your time!

David L. Kreigh
Vice President Fleet Maintenance

Permit Books - items you should have

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OMNITRACS HOS DOT ELD DRIVER CAB CARD

For use with Omnitracs Mobile Computing Platform 50 (MCP50).



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INSPECTOR MODE

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1. From the main screen, tap the Hours of Service icon.
2. Tap the **Day Log** tab (A).
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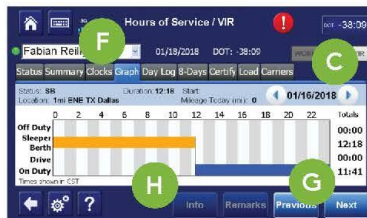
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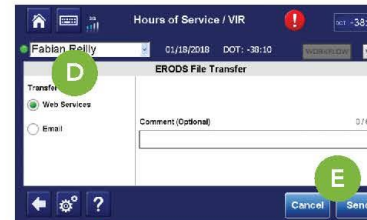
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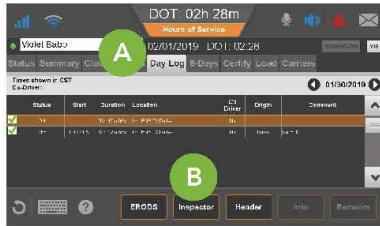
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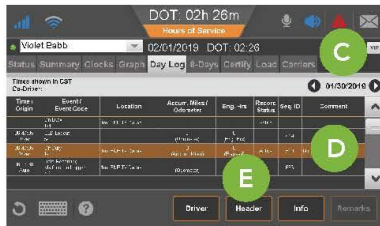
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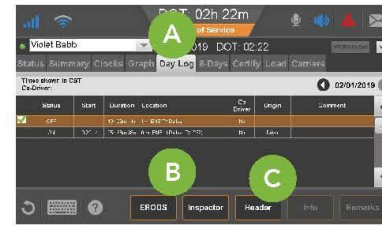
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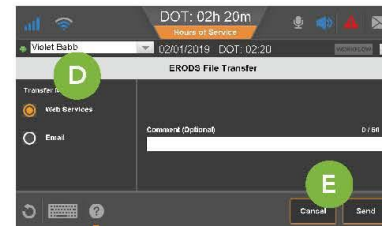
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DATA TRANSFER: WEB SERVICES

 Safety Official  Driver/Carrier

1. **REQUEST** driver initiate data transfer via web services* and provide safety official code or investigation code.

2. **SELECT** web services, enter safety official/ investigation code and initiate data transfer.

3. **LOCATE** ELD file in FMCSA's server using eRODS, review driver log for HOS violations.

**If the safety official requests email data transfer, select email and follow the same steps. Emailed files will also be sent to FMCSA's server.*

TROUBLESHOOTING TIPS

The safety official is telling me to enter a safety official code/ investigation code.

What is this for?

Entering this information tells your ELD to "tag" your file with the code, helping the safety official locate the file quickly. The ELD rule requires devices to give you the option to enter this, look for a field called "Comment", "Note", or similar.

ELD | A Guide for Drivers and Motor Carriers

 U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

Using ELDs to Transfer Electronic Driver Logs

The safety official requests the method of transfer. Be sure you know which data transfer methods your device will support, and how to access the backup method.



1. **RECORD**
ELD synchronizes with CMV engine to automatically record data.



2. **CERTIFY**
Driver certifies records, making any necessary annotations.



3. **TRANSFER**
Upon request, driver starts data transfer. Data is routed to safety official using secure methods.



4. **REVIEW**
Data file is sent to safety official with potential HOS violations flagged for review.

TROUBLESHOOTING TIPS

My device can't transfer the data

First, be sure you are using an ELD, as AOBRDs do not support these methods of data transfer. If all else fails, offer your device's on-screen display or printout.

Looking for more information on ELDs?
Visit <https://eld.fmcsa.dot.gov>

DATA TRANSFER: BLUETOOTH

TROUBLESHOOTING TIPS

My ELD can't pair with the safety official's device

Request the safety official to activate Bluetooth on their device and make it discoverable.

Why is my device asking for a PIN?

The ELD may require the safety official to enter a passcode before confirming pairing with your device. The ELD should provide you with this passcode to share with the safety official. Similarly, your device may produce this passcode for the safety official to enter. Consult your ELD user manual for more details.



Safety Official



Driver/Carrier

1 REQUEST driver initiate data transfer via Bluetooth. Activate Bluetooth on enforcement equipment and confirm pairing with ELD.

3 PROVIDE safety safety official code or investigation code.

5 LOCATE ELD file in FMCSA's server using eRODS review driver log for HOS violations.

2 SELECT Bluetooth data transfer on ELD and confirm pairing with safety official's equipment.

4 ENTER safety official code, initiate data transfer.

DATA TRANSFER: USB



Safety Official



Driver/Carrier

1 REQUEST driver initiate data transfer via USB. Unlock USB drive and provide to driver.

3 INSERT USB into computer and use eRODS to locate and open the file, review driver log for HOS violations.

2 INSERT unlocked USB drive into ELD and initiate data transfer. Hand USB drive back to safety official once transfer is complete.

TROUBLESHOOTING TIPS

Why won't my ELD accept the USB?

The ELD rule requires a USB drive to be set up with a configuration file before an ELD transfers data to it. Confirm with the safety official that the USB drive has been set up.

If your ELD still won't accept the USB drive, the USB may be in a different file format from the one your ELD accepts. The safety official may update the file format and try again, or proceed using the on-screen display or printout.



Can you pass a Roadside Inspection as it relates to your ELD?

The requirements below must be in the truck at the time of the roadside inspection:

1. A "division specific" Forward Air Blank Paper Log Book. (FMCSA requires at least 8 blank log pages at all times)
2. The Omnitrac unit must be securely mounted to the dashboard and facing the driver.
3. The Omnitrac unit must be viewable from outside driver side door.
4. Omnitrac cord must be long enough to reach an officer standing outside of the truck.
5. Omnitrac user manual for either IVG or MCP50. (Manual must match unit in truck)
6. DOT quick reference instruction card for either IVG or MCP50. (Reference card must match unit in the truck)
7. If not a company truck you must have a copy of the O/O or I/C Lease. (ICOA)
8. If using a Rental or Leased truck you must have a copy of the rental agreement. (Must have ELD in rental trucks.)
9. If in a rental truck you must have copy of Federal Register Notice (FRN) 82 FR 47306. (Specific to Rental & Lease trucks.)
10. When inspected, you will have to produce your current day plus your last 7 days of logs. (If the ELD quits working, you must call safety to get your last 7 days of logs sent to you.)
11. FMCSA requires all drivers to report an ELD malfunction within 24 hours of the malfunction. (Call Safety ASAP)
12. You must certify your logs daily to avoid a violation.
13. Log all on-duty activity pre/post trips, load/unload, inspections, fuel stops etc... (fuel using your own assigned card)

Not ELD, but worth double checking anyway:

14. Check the permit book for expired permits regularly. Permit book must stay current.
15. Check the Fire Extinguisher for charging and current inspection.
16. Verify you know where the required triangles are, verify that all 3 are in good shape (no cracks or missing pieces).

***** Any Questions, call the Safety Department # 888-423-2472 option #8 for log department *****



Buckle up for safety!



Recognizes Drivers

Forward Air Corporation would like to recognize the following drivers who have recently reached ten years of safety and service for the company:

- Augusto Leal CMH
- John McGarrity BNA
- Mark Wertman CLE
- Michael Breeland ATL
- Josue Mejia DFW FAS
- Marlon Davis RIC FAS
- David Maledy MCO

Clean Inspections



The following drivers successfully received a clean July roadside inspection as a qualified **Forward Air Solutions** driver. Great job!

Dennis Gray
Tony Jackson
Raymond Jersey
Manuel Ramirez
Leeobra Nash
Christopher Lane
Jose Gonzales



The following drivers successfully received a clean July roadside inspection as a qualified **TLS** driver. Great job!

Frank Carmel
Francisco Reyes
Michael Jerasa Sr.
Alvin Curry
Sherri Tadlock
Christopher Byrd
Homer Howard
Lionel Burton
Paul Craig
Jeffrey Causey

Clean Inspections (continued)



The following drivers successfully received a clean June roadside inspection as a qualified **LTL** driver. Great job!

Harriet Tiffany
Robert Anderson
Ismail Mohamed
Roxanna Floyd
Miguel Cervantes
Michael Wetzel
Donna Garner
Sean Tripoli
Gerald Wilson
Mike Baldwin
Abdifatah Said
Robert Rodriguez
Vicki Ruzidka
Randy Hardesty
Andrey Garcia

Benjamin Moseley
Michael Denmark
Sidney Mantilla
Luis Montano Gonzalez
Timothy Thompson
Mitchel Carter
Paul Burgess
Nicole Jones
Marquet Wilburn
Michael Miley
James Tabert
Heather Edleston
Jeffrey Whitmer
Virgil Bruning
Joseph Cieslak

Shyeshia Stewart
Beverly Coleman
Ralph Singer Jr
Dan Popa
Davinder Shergill
Janice Williams
Michael Hoover Sr
Christine Downing
Bernard Aning
Dan Popa
Shawn Mcglothlin
Gene Matthes
Jon Schulze
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