GPS Selection Guide For CMVs

Did You Know...

Not all global positioning systems (GPS) are created equal. Some navigation systems are designed specifically for commercial truck and bus drivers.

Why does it matter which navigation system you use?

If you use a navigation system that does not provide you with important route restrictions, such as low bridge overpasses, the shortcut you thought would save you time and fuel, may, in fact, end up costing you a lot more money than you bargained for!

That's why it is critical that you use the right GPS navigation system when you operate your commercial truck or bus on our Nation's roadways.

Thanks for putting safety first!

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Tips for safe use of GPS navigation systems

Select a GPS navigation system intended for use by professional truck and bus drivers.

Before you begin your trip, type in all relevant information about your vehicle so the system can provide you with the appropriate route, including:

- Your vehicle's length, width and height
- Your axle weights
- Hazardous materials you are transporting

Follow the route recommended by the navigation system.

Always obey traffic signs and advisories (such as low bridge overpasses, axle weight limits, etc.) — especially if they provide restrictions the navigation system did not warn you about.

Do not engage in distracted driving!
Avoid typing or entering addresses or information into the GPS while driving.

Not all GPS systems automatically update maps — be sure to update your maps often so that you are following the most current route planning information.

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