

Frank Mitko - Comments

So I have been driving commercially since the mid 1990's. This is a bad idea. There are way too many variables on the road for these autonomous trucks. Every state has some form of road construction going on. The last review I saw of these trucks is that they are not real adept at sensing the lane shifts that come with all the construction zones. If you remove the driver from the equation, what then happens if a system fails at 65 mph in traffic or bad weather? What happens when a self-driving truck fails to recognize traffic or pedestrians in front of it? What happens when a car suddenly swerves into the lane of traffic the truck is in and slams into the car? Most car -truck accidents are invariably caused by the erratic and dangerous of drivers in cars, who too many times cut trucks off or suddenly slam on their brakes. I am not saying that truckers have no involvement in accidents, but in my many years of driving I have seen many incidents of the above described behaviors. This is a technology that needs much more exploration before it becomes the standard. I know there have been trucks in use in limited test areas that have great success. It will only take the one instance (does Arizona ring a bell?) where a person or persons gets killed because the systems did not operate properly. I personally do not want an unmanned 40 ton potential death machine any where near me on the highway