

Sean Walker - Comments

I'm not sure how anyone would approve of a driverless vehicle carry 80k lbs. The cars that are being self driven are involved in minor accidents at almost a daily rate. CMVs don't have minor accidents. Not only that, but there is so many other factors that involve quick human decisions. What is a self driving truck going to do in a pop up snowstorm when it can't see the edge lines of the road. Or a pop up thunderstorm, or sandstorm. What about construction zones when the road isn't the road anymore. Or the driver of the SUV that has fallen asleep and swerved into your lane. There is way too much that goes into driving a truck. I think we are putting the carts in front of the horse here. If you were talking about moving freight from rail yards or ports to a pickup area, there's little chance of "public" interference and VERY structured lanes to travel. Once out on public roadways, there are too many variables taking place simultaneously that only a TRAINED operator can see. I believe there is too much interference from these automakers regarding this technology. I invite any of you to ride along on 1 trip during the winter or spring when most of these storms take place and see if you would want to be in a car near a driverless 80k lb truck. Would you want your wife/husband or children to be around them? Simply saying we won't run then in that kind of weather isn't enough. These storms can appear out of nowhere. Please take this under consideration.