

Anonymous Anonymous - Comments

Self driving CMVs should never be allowed to happen. I'm in the industry for the past 18 years and not worried about being replaced by this but for the safety and welfare of everyone around these vehicle's. Some type of driver asset could possibly help with driver fatigue but that could be the limit. Planes, trains and ships crash and kill hundreds of people and cause hundreds of thousands in environmental hazard clean ups every time. Just back in June down in Florida and driver of a Tesla used their "auto pilot" system which is just a vamped up cruise control. in about 10 seconds from taken his hands off the steering wheel the car slid to the next lane under a tractor trailer. Ripped off the roof of his car and his head. Without every car, truck or bus on the road not being able to communicate with each other or the infrastructure this will never be safe. Uber's self driving system in a car hit a homeless person and killed them in the past year as well but we still let them test. Why? If it was your spouse or child killed would you still keep the same stance and let this happen? When a self driving (driver free) truck reaches its destination who will unload or load it. A lot of truckers move their own freight. What about dropping full loads and hooking up to another? You will always need a skilled operator in the cab.

If a self driving CMV comes up on a crash scene that happens seconds in front of it and has to make the decision of veering to 1 side or the other and no matter which side it goes to will run into other cars / people or off a bridge. will the truck always choose to drive off a bridge to save human life or to run over people because the lawsuit would cost the company less than losing Equipment, freight, claims and insurance?

Who is held liable? Is it the government for allowing this? The tech company for the programming? The carrier because they simply own the truck?

I would not feel safe knowing the truck next to me on the highway is being operated only by a computer.

Has your cell phone ever got frozen or glitchy and needed to restart to fix the issue? How about your laptop or PC? What if the software freezes or crashes while in motion?

Companies like Samsung, LG, Sony, Apple and have software issues which cause their devices to not work properly until reboots with software updates/patches are put into place. That is fine for phones, computers, appliances and other electronics not for something weighing 80,000 lbs carrying Hazmat and moving 65 mph. There has to be a 0% chance that the system will not fail and NO body can offer that.