

eBook

7 Benefits of Bundling ELD & Fleet Tracking Solutions

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Introduction

While the ELD mandate may add a seemingly burdensome requirement to fleets, it is also an opportunity to increase operational efficiencies by bundling electronic logging and telematics solutions – resulting in a powerful, integrated data stream.

More than just compliance

Complying with the ELD mandate is one thing; having a solution that meets the criteria is another. But, is just being compliant enough? In today's data-driven environment, it's also important to have a solution that can add to and not take away from a fleet's efficiency. One way to do this is by bundling an ELD solution with a GPS/telematics solution.

This ebook will help you not only seamlessly comply with the regulations, but also give you a deeper insight into your fleet operations in a single, integrated data stream – improving operations, reporting and the bottom line.





Is bundling the right move?

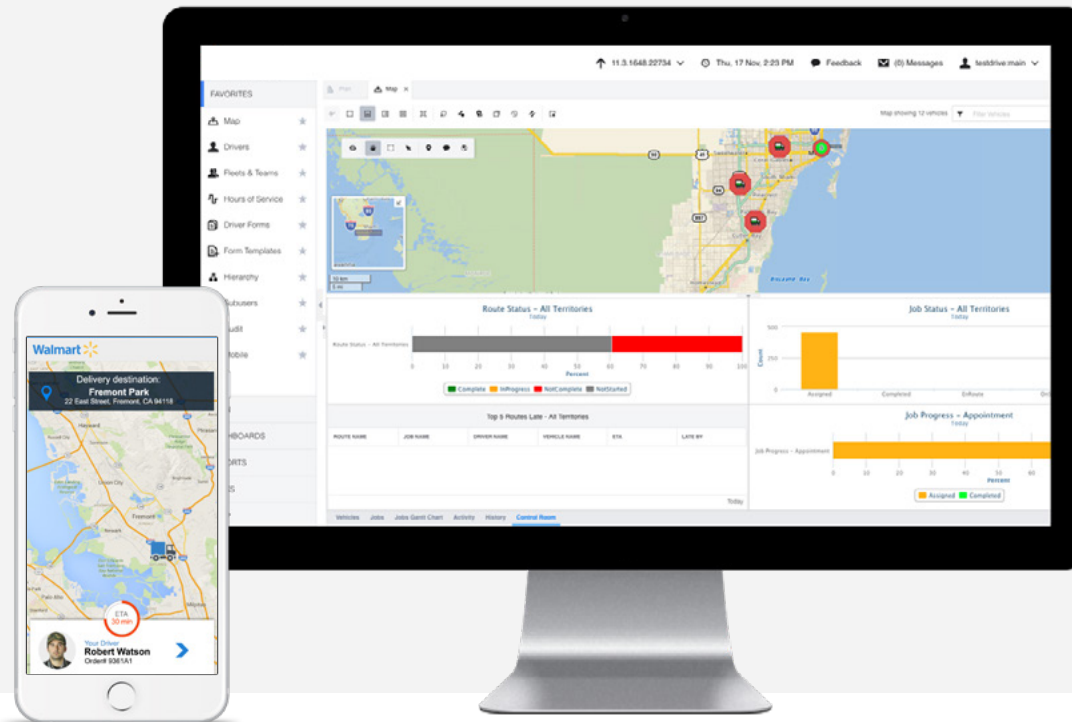
Under the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's ELD technical rules, an ELD must be able to transfer data either through USB2.0 and Bluetooth or a telematics device.

If the fleet has a telematics device installed, it should discuss with its provider the possibility of bundling an automatic, onboard recording device (AOBRD) or ELD solution. This may aid in complying with the rule.

Fleets that already have an AOBRD installed or will have one ahead of the Dec.18, 2017 deadline, will have until December 2019 to install an ELD device.

In the context of an ELD, bundling is simply the integration of an electronic logging device with a telematics or GPS vehicle-tracking solution.

Read on for 7 reasons why bundling your ELD and fleet tracking solutions can provide operational efficiencies and benefits beyond ELD compliance.



#1 A single platform

Bundling has a number of advantages for fleets, among them is the ability to have all of its driver and vehicle data provided in a single platform, giving added transparency to the fleet manager and its drivers.

#2 A seamless transition

It also gives fleets the benefit of scalability. For instance, Verizon Connect Compliance is a solution that can be bundled with Verizon Connect Fleet, a fleet tracking solution. This can help fleets take advantage of all the benefits that come with a telematics solution, while also putting the fleet in a good position to adhere to the mandate.

#3 Flattening the learning curve

Training and ease of use is also streamlined. Since a bundled solution shares the same platform, integrating an ELD solution into a telematics solution can flatten the learning curve, easing any driver or staff pushback.

Reporting and monitoring is simplified for the fleet manager and the fleet staff, since there is no need to have multiple solutions opened and logged in. It also doesn't require cumbersome data integration of different systems.



#4 Bundling cuts costs

Adding an ELD solution to an existing telematics solution saves implementation and additional equipment and technician time costs associated with installing any after-market hardware. If the truck has built-in telematics capability, implementation is again simplified and more cost effective, often only requiring the system to be, in effect, “turned on” by a compatible telematics provider.

#5 24/7 accessibility

If the solution has an app, such as Telogis Compliance, the bundled solution can go wherever the fleet manager goes. This gives the fleet manager the ability to monitor his or her fleet away from the office on a smartphone or tablet device and be notified if a driver is coming close to reaching his or her HOS limit.



#6 At-a-glance reporting

On the flip side, an app-based system gives drivers the ability to easily log in from their hand-held devices and, during roadside inspections, provide an enforcement agent accurate HOS accounting of the driver's electronic Record of Duty Status (RODS) at a glance.

#7 Buying time

Perhaps in terms of the looming December ELD deadline, bundling provides an important commodity – time.

Bundling could speed the timeline to compliance both on the front end – e.g., adding an AOBRD prior to the December deadline – and on the back end if the telematics provider can upgrade its AOBRD to a compliant ELD with an update of the fleet's AOBRD system.



Don't wait.

If a fleet decides to implement a bundled solution, is it in compliance? Possibly.

Remember, fleets had to be compliant by Dec. 18, 2017 or face penalties. For instance, according to the FMCSA, a driver will be cited for not possessing RODS after Dec. 18, 2017 even if he or she has a paper log (there are exceptions to this part of the rule covering equipment malfunctions).

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