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The International Registration Plan (IRP) is a registration reciprocity agreement among jurisdictions of the United States, the District of Columbia and Provinces of Canada providing for payment of apportionable fees on the basis of total distance operated in all jurisdictions. IRP's fundamental principle is to promote and encourage the fullest possible use of the highway system.

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The Driver of the Big Rig One Lane Over Might Soon be One of These Teenagers

On the grounds of Williamsport High School in western Maryland, three 17-year-olds pile into the cab of a white Volvo truck, pens and pads in hand.

They record the odometer, check for warning lights, honk the horn and test the brakes. It's all part of what's called a pre-trip inspection.

This fall, for the first time, this introduction to trucking course is being offered at Williamsport High School as part of a nationwide push to steer young drivers toward an industry in dire need of workers.

[Learn more.](#)



What's in That Truck I Just Passed on the Highway?

Most Goods Americans Use in Their Daily Lives Are Transported and Delivered by Truck...

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Last March, a self-driving eighteen-wheeler spent more than five straight days hauling goods between Dallas and Atlanta. Running around the clock, it traveled more than 6,300 miles, making four round trips and delivering eight loads of freight.

The result of a partnership between [Kodiak Robotics](#), a self driving start-up, and [U.S. Xpress](#), a traditional trucking company, this five-day drive demonstrated the enormous potential of autonomous trucks. A traditional truck, whose lone driver must stop and rest each day, would need more than 10 days to deliver the same freight.

[Learn more.](#)

Passenger Carrier Safety Information

Bus travel is among the safest forms of passenger transportation. However, safety requires constant attention and awareness.

FMCSA works with the passenger carrier industry to increase passenger safety and reduce crashes involving buses, motorcoaches, and other commercial passenger vehicles.

FMCSA provides a wide range of educational materials and technical assistance to operators and drivers to improve understanding of safety requirements.

The information found in this section of the FMCSA website is specific to commercial passenger carriers. There are other helpful FMCSA website resources, such as resources for CMV drivers and carriers, under "Related Links" that apply to passenger carriers.



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