



# SPEED LIMITERS

The National Roadway Safety Strategy identified speed as a **significant** factor in fatal crashes and speed management as a primary tool to reduce serious injuries and fatalities.

## Lives Lost

According to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, 10,440 people were killed from 2004 to 2013 in crashes where the speed of the CMV likely contributed to the severity of the crash.

Over **1,000 lives** are lost annually to speeding CMVs.

A study conducted by the United States Department of Transportation concluded that trucks using speed limiters were in **half** as many high-speed collisions as those not using speed limiters.

## Lives Saved, Injuries Prevented

Previous GAO reports have estimated that 63 to 214 lives would be saved annually with an additional 70-236 serious injuries prevented.

## Crashes Involving Speed

Fatal large truck crashes involving speeding increased 50 percent between 2009 and 2019.

FMCSA reports approximately 20% of fatal crashes occur in areas with posted speed limits between 70-85 mph.

Speed limiters are on NTSB's **Most Wanted List**

## Requiring the use of speed limiters in CMVs WILL save lives.

Rule-making requiring the use of speed limiters in CMVs has been delayed over **TWENTY TIMES** in the past **TEN YEARS.**

**2011**

A grant of petition for rule-making for heavy trucks (Class 7/8) was first issued.

**2016**

Formally proposed by the Obama Administration & a Notice of Proposed Rule-making Issued

**2022**

Presently appears on a "Long Term Actions List" with no date for regulatory action.

## USA Is Behind

Speed limiters have been standard on all CMVs in the European Union since 2002. **The US is the only leading country without such a rule.**

An Ontario Ministry of Transportation study found that speed-related, at-fault collisions involving large commercial vehicles fell by 73% after the speed limiter requirement went into effect.

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The same study ALSO found there is "absolutely no evidence" speed limiters contributed to an increase to inadvertent crashes w/passenger vehicles due to differences in speed.

**The Supplementary Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (SNPRM) to require the use of speed limiters when installed on Commercial Motor Vehicles will help reduce crashes and save lives on our nation's roadways. High-speed crashes are more likely to be fatal because the impact of a crash is even more forceful, and the braking distance required to safely avoid or mitigate a crash is increased. This rule will have a demonstrable effect on reducing the amount and severity of large truck crashes.**