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## **Virtual Driver Interactive introduces Semi-Truck Safety solution**

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El Dorado Hills, Calif.-- Virtual Driver Interactive (VDI) announced it has added expanded lesson plans for semi-trucks and other large vehicles as part of its Virtual HD corporate fleet driver safety system.

Designed in collaboration with trucking experts, the semi-truck Virtual HD version has all of the same content and features found in VDI's current Virtual HD with the addition of content that focuses on major safety issues involved with driving and working around semi-trucks, said a company release.

Content includes:

- Comprehensive pre-drive inspection –The driver will “walk around the vehicle” and perform a visual inspection of hoses, suspicious leaks, fluid reservoirs, fire extinguishers, and more- by interacting with each one to verify safety.
- Straight line backing lesson – includes a full tutorial to ensure alignment necessary for safety straight backing. The simulated backing drive includes active mirrors, visual cues and a mini-aerial map to assure successful learning of serpentine backing techniques.
- Training on best practices for lane changes while noting all blind spots – focuses on preventing the number one accident, from a severity standpoint, that truckers encounter. The tutorial and simulated drive include a lesson on “no zones” and blind spots while forcing lane changes on a busy highway.

Virtual HD allows users to select from a wide variety of vehicles in which to carry out their training including passenger cars, vans, utility trucks, large two axle delivery trucks- as well as specific customer requested vehicles. The system also includes interaction with the Kenworth engine model.

“As our Virtual HD product gained momentum and acceptance from a variety of industries, we were inundated with requests for “semi-specific” training to address safety,” said Bob Davis, president of Virtual Driver Interactive.

“Feedback from the industry taught us that many fleets include much larger vehicles-all the way up through semi-trucks and the hazards they face are unique and justified its own simulation exercise content,” he said.