

Virtual Driver Interactive Expands Virtual HD Fleet Training to Include Semi-Truck Safety

New version of Virtual HD training lesson results from collaboration with trucking industry veterans

El Dorado Hills, Calif.—January 17, 2013—Virtual Driver Interactive (VDI), the leading provider of simulation training solutions for commercial and education applications, today announced the addition of 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 exclusive content that focuses on major safety issues involved with driving and working around semi-trucks. Content includes:

- **Comprehensive pre-drive inspection** – this is one of the most important requirements for truck driver safety. 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 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 highly engaging system also includes interaction with the popular Kenworth engine model. The participant will get to practice what they learn in a safe, but challenging environment with accurate and detailed vehicle models.

“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.”

About Virtual Driver Interactive, Inc.

Virtual Driver Interactive (VDI) is well known in the simulation industry for its vision of innovative training. From training experienced corporate fleets to new teen drivers, VDI delivers effective training. By offering a wide range of system hardware options, VDI's customers can expect highly portable, affordable and effective solutions. VDI program titles include **Virtual HDtm**, the premier product in VDI's voice integrated training portfolio designed specifically for corporate programs; **One Simple Decision**, a deterrent to distracted or impaired driving; and **StreetReady**, a structured novice driver program measuring and teaching key skills. VDI is a privately-held company headquartered in El Dorado Hills, California. For more information about VDI's innovative interactive simulation driver training solutions, please visit www.driverinteractive.com.

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