

# INFORMATION BULLETIN



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## WINDSHIELD-MOUNTED COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS AND DEVICES

Effective January 1, 2026, Section 26708 of the California Vehicle Code (CVC) was amended to allow vehicle safety technology systems and devices to be mounted to the interior of the windshield of vehicles listed in Section 34500 CVC and subject to Section 34500.7 CVC.

Section 26708(a)(1) CVC prohibits driving a motor vehicle with any object or material placed, displayed, installed, affixed, or applied upon the windshield or side or rear windows that obstructs or reduces the driver's clear view. However, Section 26708(b)(14) CVC allows vehicle safety technology devices, as defined in Title 49, Section 393.5 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), to be mounted to the interior of a windshield so long as the mounting location complies with Title 49, Section 393.60 CFR.

Under Title 49, Section 393.5 CFR, vehicle safety technology is defined as systems and devices that promote the safety of drivers, occupants, and the roadway. This includes technologies that utilize cameras, lidar, radar, sensors, and/or video. Examples of vehicle safety technology systems and devices include fleet-related incident management systems, performance or behavior management systems, speed management systems, lane departure warning systems, forward collision warning or mitigation systems, active cruise control systems, transponders, braking warning systems, braking assist systems, driver camera systems, attention assist warnings, Global Positioning Systems, and traffic sign recognition.

Title 49, Section 393.60 CFR, requires vehicle safety technology devices to be mounted no more than 8.5 inches below the upper edge and no more than 7 inches above the lower edge of the area swept by the windshield wipers. Vehicle safety devices shall not be mounted in locations that obstruct the driver's sight lines to the road, highway signs, or signals, regardless of whether they are mounted above or below the upper or lower parameters previously mentioned.

Questions regarding this Information Bulletin should be directed to Commercial Vehicle Section at (916) 843-3400.

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