UNLOCKING THE BLACK BOX

What truck data recorders can tell you after a crash

Airplanes aren't the only vehicles with "black box" recorders onboard. Most semi-trucks are equipped with black boxes known as Event Data Recorders (EDR). So what are EDRs and how can they help if you've been hurt in a truck crash?

What are semi-truck black boxes?

EDRs, aka black boxes, record a truck's operational data:

- Average speed
- Highest speed
- Time driven
- Time spent driving 65+ MPH
- Average engine RPM
- Seatbelt usage
- Airbag performance
- Idling time

How can EDRs help truck accident victims?

The operational data can show what a truck was doing before, during, and after the accident.

- If the truck made a hard stop
- How fast the truck was going
- Actual driving time compared to the driver's personal log

EDR data can disappear quickly

- Most EDRs have a recording capacity of only 30 days.
- The oldest data is continuously overwritten by new data.

Time is not on your side after a crash

- Contact an experienced truck accident attorney immediately if you were hurt in a crash with a truck. Most larger trucking companies will have an investigator at the scene within a few hours of a crash.
- Your attorney can move quickly to preserve important evidence and EDR data before it's erased.

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