



MEDIUM-DUTY WORK TRUCKS

UNDERSTANDING THE UNIQUE SAFETY & COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS



COMPLIANCE SUMMARY

WHAT ARE THEY?

Medium-duty work trucks are a category of vehicles defined by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) as class 3-6 trucks with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) between 10,001 and 26,000 lbs.

WHAT REGULATIONS APPLY?








Although medium-duty work trucks are defined as a commercial motor vehicle (CMV), a commercial driver's license (CDL) is generally not required to drive these vehicles when transporting non-hazardous freight.

And because the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs) apply based on the specific class of vehicle being driven, it's imperative that fleet managers of medium-duty work trucks have the resources to help them understand how to stay in compliance.

WHY IS COMPLIANCE CRITICAL?

Staying in compliance with safety-related regulations is critical for running a safer operation. According to OSHA, the most common cause of on-the-job fatalities in the United States is motor vehicle accidents. And over 4 million motor vehicles are medium-duty work trucks. Keeping your vehicles and drivers in compliance can help your company avoid:

- Injuries and fatalities
- Increased workers' comp payments
- Lost worker time
- Significant repair expense
- Ballooning insurance premiums
- DOT violations and fines
- Higher healthcare costs
- Lawsuit damages
- Negative publicity

CLASS	GVWR	MEDIUM-DUTY TRUCK TYPES
III	10,001 – 14,000 lbs	 Pickup Trucks
IV	14,001 – 16,000 lbs	 Vans
		 Delivery Trucks
V	16,001 – 19,500 lbs	 Utility Trucks
		 Rack Trucks
		 Straight Trucks
VI	19,501 – 26,000 lbs	 Bucket Trucks

