

BUS TALK



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DVIR 2023

DVIR's: Fact, Fiction and Myths



Vehicle inspections have been a required staple of transportation services nearly since the beginning. However, there are quite a few misconceptions about the requirements and the process.

The Driver Vehicle Inspection Report, or DVIR is the means in which a driver communicates to the maintenance department as well as the next driver using that asset as to its current condition.

49CFR396.11 states:

"(a) Equipment provided by motor carrier. (1) Report required. Every motor carrier shall require its drivers to report, and every driver shall prepare a report in writing at the completion of each day's work on each vehicle operated."

This requires a post-trip inspection but does not require a pre-trip inspection. The driver must be satisfied that the vehicle is in good working order prior to beginning their trip. In addition, in 2022 per FMCSA, passenger carriers are not required to prepare and submit a DVIR for any asset that is deemed satisfactory by the driver.

These inspections may be completed on paper or electronically. eDVIR's are becoming very popular due to the functionality available, including the ability to create custom forms and capture digital photos of the vehicle. This greatly improves operational efficiency.



Saucon has superior tools to keep an eye on risks and liabilities.



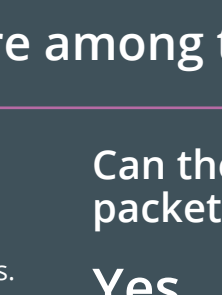
DVIR combined with Vehicle Health and Maintenance are the three pillars to help manage a safe and efficient fleet.

Please feel free to reach out to **Mike McDonal** at mmcdonal@saucontech.com with any questions regarding DVIR's.

Or you can contact us at: TDSinfo@saucontech.com

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Be Roadside Ready!



Get up to speed with your documentation by visiting the Saucon Portal.

FMCSA recently listed some of the most commonly cited violations. The lack of proper Onboard Documentation and Supporting Documents were among those citations.

Do you have these documents ready?

Visit the Saucon Portal and within the 'Documentation' section you can check to ensure you have the correct forms. These forms are also accessible to the Driver through the Saucon Driver Website.

- A user's manual for the driver describing how to operate the ELD.
- An instruction sheet describing the data transfer mechanisms supported by the ELD and step-by-step instructions to produce and transfer the driver's hours-of-service records to an authorized safety official.
- An instruction sheet for the driver describing ELD malfunction reporting requirements and record keeping procedures during ELD malfunctions.
- A supply of blank driver's records of duty status (RODS) graph-grids sufficient to record the driver's duty status and other related information for a minimum of 8 days.

Can the ELD information packet be in electronic form?

Yes.

The user's manual, instruction sheet, malfunction instruction sheet, and supply of blank driver's RODS graph grid can be in electronic form.

A logging software app would meet the requirement for supply of blank RODS.

This is in accordance with the FMCSA rule titled "Electronic Document and Signatures" published April 16, 2018 (83 FR 16210). See 49 CFR 390.32(b).

For further information check out ELD Commonly Asked Questions at:

<https://eld.fmcsa.dot.gov/faq>

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Black Tie

Catching up with Jeff Shanker

Saucon sat down with Jeff Shanker, Black Tie's Chief Strategy Officer, to understand what systems the company already had in place and to identify the greatest areas of need.

Black Tie has utilized Saucon's ELD and DVIR solutions as a way to help them augment their maintenance processes and ensure each vehicle performs at its peak. In addition, Black Tie also benefits from Saucon's onboard video and security solutions, as well as the Compliance module as a means to streamline their backend systems.

Through our collaboration, Jeff expressed,

"Saucon is not simply a provider but a business partner that works with us to provide data analysis, compliance and best practices for our operations that increase efficiencies and profitability."

When Black Tie had to undergo an IFTA audit, the quality of data Saucon provided was so concise it actually "broke" the auditor's program; when the filings were eventually compared, Black Tie received a refund for overpayment. The company has also addressed vehicle idling issues through their daily reports, and has implemented a new three-P maintenance approach (Proactive, Preventative & Predictive) based on the strength of the Saucon system. An investment in Saucon's video technology has also helped the company avoid litigation, saving them thousands of dollars.

BLACK TIE
TRANSPORTATION & BUS CHARTERS

GOING THE DISTANCE

For more information on Video, ELD & DVIR

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If you have a story to share about your experience using our products, we would like to hear from you

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Portal Education 2023



Do you know your Portal Welcome Screen?

Ease of use

Create custom tabs to gain quick access to other sections on the portal

Navigation Option A

Access data using standard navigation drop down menu.

Find Documentation

Access documentation and view Saucon's training videos

User Profile

Access to homepage

Adaptive Technologies

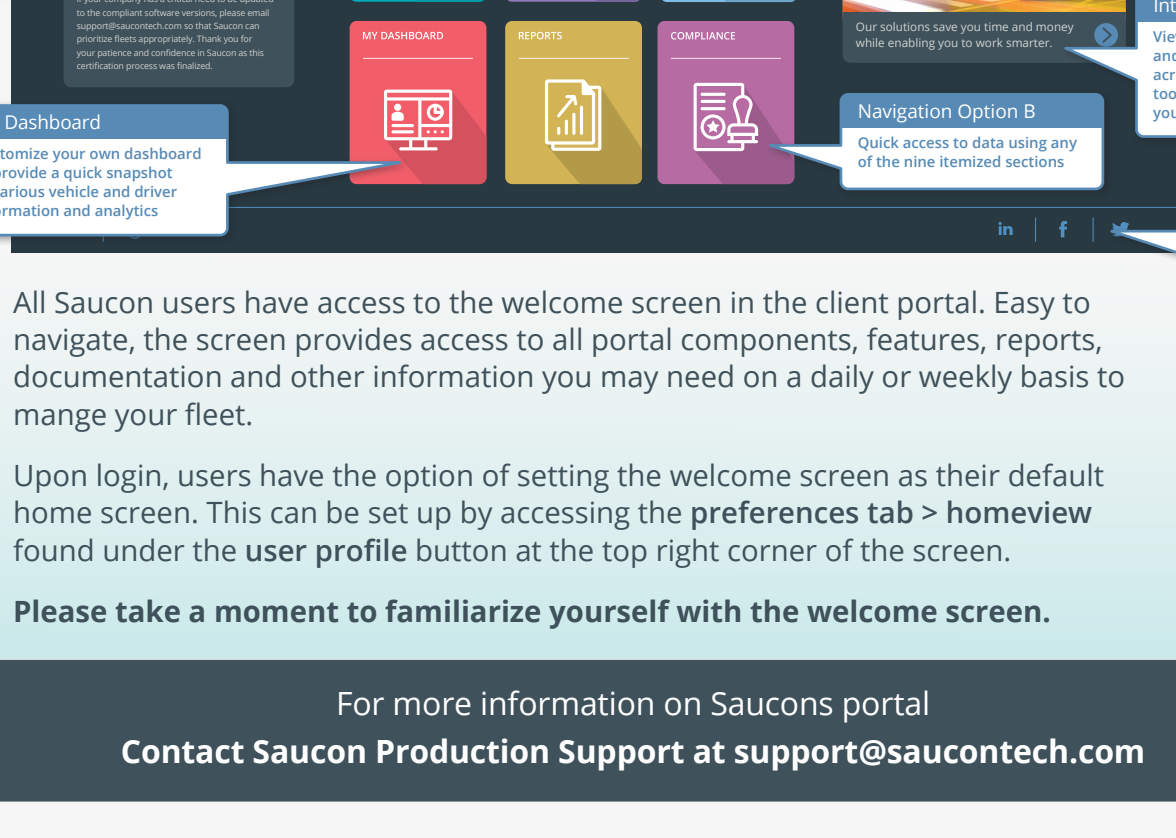
View the latest overview video that gives a lot of innovative road map into Saucon's technology solution

Integrated Solutions

View our suite of products and services that offer across-the-board management tools for every aspect of your business

Social Media Links

Quick access to our social media channels



All Saucon users have access to the welcome screen in the client portal. Easy to navigate, the screen provides access to all portal components, features, reports, documentation and other information you may need on a daily or weekly basis to manage your fleet.

Upon login, users have the option of setting the welcome screen as their default home screen. This can be set up by accessing the **preferences** tab > **homeview** found under the user profile button at the top right corner of the screen.

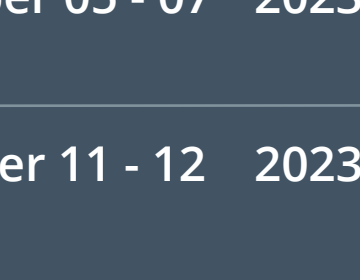
Please take a moment to familiarize yourself with the welcome screen.

For more information on Saucons portal

Contact Saucon Production Support at support@saucontech.com

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Calendar of Events 2023-2024



EVENTS

BANY Callicoon, New York	October 22 - 24	2023
Southeastern Coalition of Motorcoach Operators Meeting Chesapeake, Virginia	November 01 - 03	2023
CA Bus Reno, Nevada	November 05 - 07	2023
Virginia Motorcoach Operations & Maintenance Retreat Richmond, Virginia	December 11 - 12	2023
Trailways Annual Meeting & Conference Nashville, Tennessee	January 09 - 11	2024
ABA Marketplace Nashville, Tennessee	January 13 - 16	2024
IMG Maintenance and Safety Raleigh, North Carolina	February 02 - 04	2024
UMA Motorcoach EXPO 2024 Raleigh, North Carolina	February 04 - 07	2024

Connect with Saucon at the up-and-coming events 2023-2024

Get to know the team and get up to speed with Saucon's suite of integrated solutions. Discover the many ways your organization can go further and work smarter.



The Saucon team is available to talk at any time about how our suite of tools and solutions can operate your business more effectively.

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