

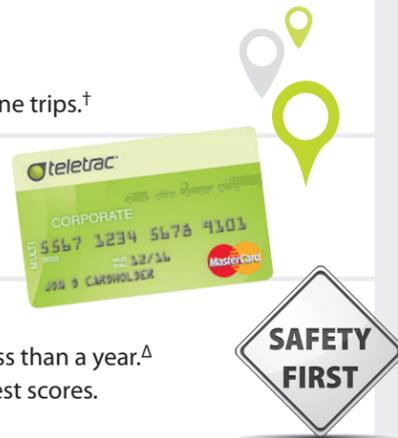
Is My Fleet Best-In-Class?

29 GPS Tracking Best Practices Check all that apply.

From **Fleetchecklist**

Post this on your wall and keep score of your fleet!

<input type="checkbox"/>	Measure and Slash Idle Time
DONE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For every two minutes a car is idling, it uses about the same amount of fuel it takes to go about one mile.** Some studies have shown vehicles without fleet tracking can idle over 1.5 hours per day. Only 38% of fleet companies are currently monitoring idle time.*
<input type="checkbox"/>	Receive Proactive Fault Code Reports from Engine Diagnostics
DONE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have the capability to receive check engine light data even if there are no dashboard warnings. One major company reported a 60% decrease in vehicle downtime with fault code reporting.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Track Key Business Landmarks
DONE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Receive alerts when vehicles enter those landmarks (no more "where are you now" calls). Get detailed reporting of occurrences at those sites (i.e. short-stops, long-stops, on-time delivery and idling on-site).
<input type="checkbox"/>	Track and Reduce Speeding
DONE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speed-related crashes cost Americans \$40.4 billion each year.‡ Driving over 50 mph is the equivalent of paying an additional 25 cents a gallon for gas.**
<input type="checkbox"/>	Track Off-Hour Vehicle Behavior
DONE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gain insight into the location and status of your vehicles at all times. Eliminate side jobs and employees who use vehicles for personal use.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Generate Productivity Reports
DONE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reports that gauge timecarding, idling and mileage can be scheduled based on the regularity of business needs.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Implement Driver Navigation Tools
DONE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Truck grade navigation helps avoid illegal routes and citations. Studies showed that navigation software reduces mileage by 10-12%, even for routine trips.†
<input type="checkbox"/>	Implement a Fuel Card System
DONE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitor fuel purchases and MPG. Use GPS to monitor possible fuel theft by matching vehicle locations to purchases.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Introduce a Safety Program
DONE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The majority of fleet accidents involve drivers who have worked at a company for less than a year.Δ Measure harsh driving (speeding, harsh braking, etc.) and reward drivers with the best scores. Incentives such as a "safest driver of the month" contest can alter driver behavior.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Talk to Your Commercial Insurer About Telematics Savings
DONE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 60% of large U.S. insurers currently offer discounts through telematics programs.‡
<input type="checkbox"/>	Stop Texting While Driving
DONE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> About 6,000 deaths and a half a million injuries are caused by distracted drivers every year.◇ Two-way messaging in fleet software is automatically disabled while the vehicle is in motion.



<input type="checkbox"/>	Measure Harsh Driving
DONE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harsh driving patterns, such as haphazard braking, acceleration and stop sign violations, put both a fleet's driver and vehicle in unnecessary risk. Aggressive driving can lower gas mileage by up to 33% at highway speeds.**
<input type="checkbox"/>	Optimizing Vehicle Maintenance
DONE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proactive scheduling of vehicles can be tracked through fleet software technology. Being practical about vehicle upkeep can improve gas mileage by an average of 4%.**
<input type="checkbox"/>	Implement a Fast Response Plan for Stolen Vehicles
DONE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If a theft occurs in your fleet the ability to quickly retrieve the stolen vehicle or asset is invaluable.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Use Real-Time Tracking
DONE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knowing where vehicles are in real-time can eliminate operational costs and increase fleet utilization.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Track Optimal Route Miles and Out-of-Route Miles
DONE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lower fuel usage by planning trips and measuring vehicle adherence to a designated route.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Measure lunches and breaks.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Avoid expensive litigation with catastrophic report tracking.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Schedule and track service mileage.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Stay compliant with DOT and FMCSA regulations.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Track trailers and other mobile assets with your fleet.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Assist large vehicles with lane guidance.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Measure vehicle efficiency with MPG calculations.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Increase location response time by routing closest vehicles.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Improve safe communication between dispatch and driver with two-way messaging.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Set up and send vehicle alerts to managers.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Get stack rank comparisons of the best and worst drivers in the fleet.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Gauge vehicle height and weight restrictions for routes.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Gain insight into all stops and traveled miles for each vehicle in the fleet.

SCORE

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