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CSA COMPLIANCE CORNER



Focus on the BASICS – Unsafe Driving

Compliance, Safety, Accountability (CSA) is here and is catching a number of companies off guard. Understanding what you are being measured on and having a solution to be compliant is paramount.

Zonar has been providing information to our customers about the Behavior Analysis and Safety Improvement Categories (BASICS) based on roadside inspection data and investigation findings. Hopefully you have checked your scores and are making any necessary adjustments.

So how can we help you with the BASICS? Looking at them individually and understanding how our solutions can help you is the best method. We have already reviewed Vehicle Maintenance in Compliance Corner Vol 3, we now will look at Unsafe Driving. This BASIC addresses:

The operation of commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) by drivers in a dangerous or careless manner. *Example violations:* Speeding, reckless driving, improper lane change, and inattention. (FMCSR Parts [392](#) and [397](#))

The Unsafe Driving BASIC uses relevant violations recorded during roadside inspections and reported in the Motor Carrier Management Information System (MCMIS). Individual carriers' BASIC measures also incorporate carrier size in terms of PUs (Power Units) and annual VMT (Vehicle Miles Travelled). These measures are used to generate percentile ranks that reflect each carrier's driver safety posture relative to carriers in the same segment with similar numbers of inspections with violations. Remember the violations are those noted on the roadside inspection, it does not matter if a citation was issued or not.

As a company you are being rated on your driver's performance! So how do you know your drivers are driving safely? The answer is by having visibility into their driving performance through Zonar's ZAlert™ Module. ZAlert gives you the ability to select the fleet data most important to you, set acceptable operating parameters around that data, and be notified automatically when a vehicle/driver is operating outside your established parameters.

ZAlert provides management with a powerful tool to focus efforts and resources on areas in need of attention, and help you manage your CSA score. Zonar will help create that safety mindset with the drivers, conduct proper inspections that proactively identify critical defects and have a safe operation – Zonar is here to help. [ZAlert Module](#)

To learn more about CSA and to stay updated during the coming months, subscribe to the CSA RSS feed or email list at http://csa2010.fmcsa.dot.gov/stay_connected.aspx.

If you have questions about CSA, you can email Fred, your Zonar Safety & Compliance expert at: compliance@zonarsystems.com

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