

JAMES CARTER

CDL-A Truck Driver | Over-the-Road & Regional | Clean MVR | Hazmat & Tanker Endorsed

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CDL
CLASS A

SUMMARY

Safe, dependable CDL-A Truck Driver with 3.5 years of professional experience in over-the-road and regional dry van and refrigerated hauling. Drove 340,000+ accident-free miles, maintained a 98.7% on-time delivery rate, and averaged 7.6 MPG, 0.6 above fleet average. Skilled in ELD compliance, pre/post-trip inspections, load securement, trip planning, and customer service.

SKILLS

Driving & Equipment: Class A Tractor-Trailer, Dry Van, Refrigerated (Reefer), Flatbed Securement, Manual & Automatic Transmissions, Backing & Docking, Night & Adverse-Weather Driving

Compliance & Safety: DOT/FMCSA Hours of Service, ELD (Samsara, Omnitrac), Pre/Post-Trip Inspections, Hazmat Handling, Defensive Driving, Logbook Accuracy, DVIR Reporting

Skills: Trip Planning, Fuel Efficiency, Customer Communication, Time Management, Cargo Documentation (BOL, POD), GPS Routing

DRIVING EXPERIENCE

CDL-A Over-the-Road Driver

Jun 2023 – Present

Heartland Freight Lines — Kansas City, MO

- Drive 110,000+ miles annually across 48 states in dry van and refrigerated trailers; 340,000+ lifetime miles accident-free.
- Maintained 98.7% on-time delivery through proactive trip planning, route monitoring, and communication with dispatch.
- Averaged 7.6 MPG (fleet average 7.0) by using speed management, idle reduction, and smooth shifting; earned quarterly fuel bonuses.
- Pass 100% of DOT roadside inspections; maintain accurate ELD logs and DVIRs with zero HOS violations.
- Deliver to 150+ customer docks per year with professional service and zero cargo damage claims.

CDL-A Regional Driver

Jul 2022 – May 2023

Prairie State Transport — Overland Park, KS

- Completed regional runs of 450–800 miles in a 6-state area, home weekly with 99% on-time performance.
- Hauled temperature-controlled and general freight; monitored reefer settings to protect product integrity.
- Completed pre-trip and post-trip inspections on every shift, identifying issues that avoided breakdowns.
- Received Driver of the Quarter for safety and service in Q1 2023.

TRAINING & AWARDS

Completed 160-hour accredited CDL-A training program; Safe-driving record: 340,000+ miles with no preventable accidents; Driver of the Quarter 2023.

EDUCATION

Commercial Driver Training Program (CDL-A)

Mid-America Truck Driving Academy — Kansas City, MO
2022

High School Diploma

Lee's Summit High School — Lee's Summit, MO
2019

CERTIFICATIONS

- Class A Commercial Driver's License (CDL-A), State of Missouri
- Endorsements: Hazmat (H), Tanker (N), Doubles/Triples (T)
- DOT Medical Examiner's Certificate (current)
- TWIC Card; Defensive Driving Certification