

News Release

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RollTek deployment enables Henderson Trucking driver to walk away from 65 mph rollover

Westfield, Ind. – August 20, 2009 – On June 29, a Henderson Trucking driver hauling tomatoes from Exeter, Cal., to Dallas, lost control on I-40 near Flagstaff, Arizona. The truck overturned while traveling 65 mph, sliding 77 feet on the asphalt before coming to a halt on the roadway. The RollTek side roll protection system deployed, keeping the driver securely in his seat and providing an airbag to cushion his head and neck.

Henderson Safety Manager Bill Beaty explained the outcome. “That was one heck of a ride he went on, and the RollTek system probably kept him from having serious injuries. We’re glad we had the system in place,” he said.

Steve Toth, Truck Claims Adjuster for Acme Claims Services, was responsible for investigating the claim. “I’ve been investigating heavy truck accident claims for 40 years, and the outcomes are all over the board,” he said. “This kind of system makes the difference between walking away without injuries to being *taken* away from the accident. There are a lot of gimmicks out there, but this is for real.”

IMMI Sales Director James Johnson notes the company is enthusiastic to see the acceptance of RollTek in the marketplace. “While crashes are unfortunate, we’re pleased that RollTek performed as designed and the driver went home to spend the evening with his family,” Johnson said. “Stories like this continue to drive demand for RollTek in commercial vehicles across the country.”

RollTek, a product of LifeGuard Technologies®, combines side airbag protection with advanced seat belt technology to reduce the potential for serious injuries or fatalities in a rollover. For more information on RollTek and other LifeGuard Technologies® products, visit lifeguardtechnologies.com.

Henderson Trucking, based in Salem, Illinois, employs 600 drivers and runs 500 refrigerated trailers supplying grocery stores and food distribution centers throughout the Midwest. Over the course of the past year, the company has purchased 120 Freightliner Cascadia trucks equipped with RollTek.

About LifeGuard Technologies

LifeGuard Technologies is a division of IMMI. For more than four decades IMMI has been bringing safety to people through designing, testing and manufacturing safety restraint systems. IMMI provides hundreds of products for various sectors including the commercial vehicle, power sports, child seating and school bus industries. The Center for Advanced Product Evaluation (CAPE) at IMMI, with headquarters in Westfield, Indiana, conducts crash tests, rollover tests and cab integrity tests, as well as offers analysis services to the heavy truck industry. IMMI is a privately held, international company that tests to U.S., European and Australian standards and is ISO 9001:2000 certified.

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