

How well do you know your rig?

At railroad crossings, knowing every inch makes all the difference.

SPEED: Be aware of your speed. Inclement weather? It will take you longer to stop. Start slowing down as soon as you know you're approaching a crossing.

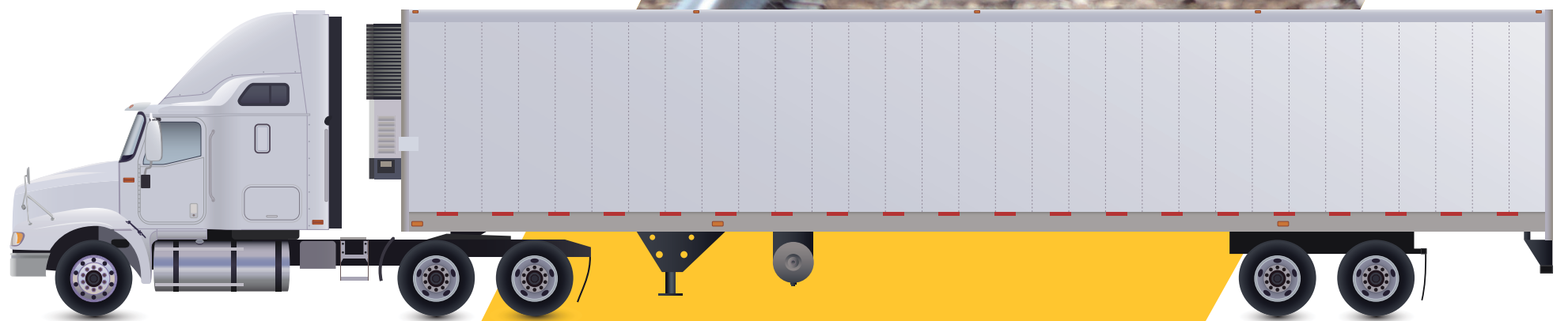
SPEED: From a full stop, it can take at least 14 seconds or more to cross the first track and about one more second for each additional track.

SPEED and LENGTH: Never try to beat a train. Trains are moving faster than you think and cannot stop quickly. A freight train traveling 55 miles per hour can take a mile or more to stop.

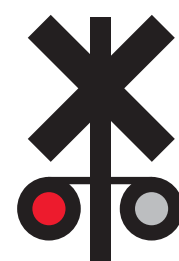
LENGTH: Know your truck's length. Trains overhang tracks. Be sure you can fully clear all tracks in both the front and back before deciding to go.

LENGTH: Know your ground clearance. Don't forget to always make sure your landing gear is fully retracted.

WEIGHT: Your truck is extremely heavy even when empty. That means it moves slowly, both when stopping and starting. If you go empty but return full, be aware this weight change may cause your truck or trailer to sit lower.



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