

TAILGATING



Tailgating is the practice of driving on a road too close to the vehicle traveling in front of you, at a distance that does not guarantee you will be able to stop to avoid a collision. Under optimal conditions, your following distance should be about 8 seconds. If there's snow, ice or rain your following distance should increase.

Tailgating usually occurs because the driver can't perceive the risk in doing so. As a professional driver you should never tailgate another vehicle and if someone is tailgating you, you should remember it is done unconsciously or negligently by people who consider themselves safe drivers. The reaction you should take is to decrease your speed so the driver will pass you. Never accelerate or the behavior will continue.

You should always put your ego aside when it comes to driving, because evidence has proved that the most experienced drivers are usually the ones involved in catastrophic accidents like rear-end collisions, possibly because they overestimate their skill and become complacent about allowing sufficient distance to avoid an accident, or they get too comfortable with the equipment and don't remember the limitations. Don't let this happen to you, being a super trucker will only get you in trouble.