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Motive dashcams are Vehicle Safety Technology as defined in 49 CFR 393.5 (emphasis added):

“Vehicle safety technology. Vehicle safety technology includes systems and items of equipment to promote driver, occupant, and roadway safety. Examples of vehicle safety technology systems and devices include a fleet-related incident management system, performance or behavior management system, speed management system, lane departure warning system, forward collision warning or mitigation system, active cruise control system, transponder, braking warning system, braking assist system, **driver camera system**, attention assist warning, Global Positioning Systems, and traffic sign recognition. Vehicle safety technology includes systems and **devices that contain cameras**, lidar, radar, sensors, **and/or video.**”

49 CFR 393.60 sets forth mounting restrictions for Vehicle Safety Technology in Commercial Motor Vehicles (emphasis added):

“(e) Prohibition on obstructions to the driver's field of view -

(1) Devices mounted on the interior of the windshield.

(i) Antennas, and similar devices must not be mounted more than 152 mm (6 inches) below the upper edge of the windshield. These devices must be located outside the area swept by the windshield wipers, and outside the driver's sight lines to the road and highway signs and signals.

(ii) Paragraph (e)(1)(i) of this section does not apply to vehicle safety technologies, as defined in § 393.5, that are mounted on the interior of a windshield. **Devices with vehicle safety technologies must be mounted:**

(A) Not more than 216 mm (8.5 inches) below the upper edge of the area swept by the windshield wipers;

(B) Not more than 175 mm (7 inches) above the lower edge of the area swept by the windshield wipers; and

(C) Outside the driver's sight lines to the road and highway signs and signals.”

Best,

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