

Ergon Trucking utilizes the Prepass “ElitePass” Transponder for weigh station bypass and tolling.

Important

The transponder is an electronic license plate. Therefore, it is assigned to the vehicle and should not be removed or placed in another vehicle without first notifying your terminal manager.

The blue EZPass device should not be removed from the white case under any circumstance. Doing so requires breaking security tape and will prevent Ergon Trucking from receiving a credit upon returning the device to PrePass.

Installation

Transponders should be mounted directly onto the windshield using only 3M-brand Dual Lock strips (see your shop or terminal manager if needed). Do not use glue or double-sided tape to attach devices directly to the windshield.

If the transponder is brand new, remove the paper shield from battery compartment.

The ElitePass transponder must be mounted two inches to the right or left of center and two inches (but not more than three inches) from the bottom of the windshield. It must be positioned so the PrePass label and lights are visible to the driver. If your truck has a right fender spot mirror, it is recommended to place it to the left of center to prevent blind spots for that mirror. Also, the transponder should not obstruct your view of the road.

Before securing the transponder onto the windshield, make sure the area has been thoroughly cleaned. Remove the backing tape from the 3M strips provided and firmly press the transponder onto the interior windshield surface so that the adhesive affixes to the glass. Proper mounting of your transponder is critical! An incorrectly mounted transponder can lead to problems reading the device and may result in your vehicle not bypassing or being issued violations at PrePass locations.

FAQs

How will I know I am approaching a site that has PrePass? States have placed signs on the highway to advise when you are nearing a PrePass-equipped or “Automated Vehicle Identification (AVI)” location.

Do I ever have to pull in at a PrePass location? You are required to pull in at inspection sites if you fail to receive a signal from your transponder or if your transponder displays a red light as you approach. All carriers will be pulled in a small percentage of the time for random inspections. If you continually receive red lights at PrePass locations, notify your manager. If you haul any of the load types specified in the enclosed Bypass Restrictions by State, you are required to pull in at that station even if you receive a green light on your transponder. Failure to do so may result in citations.

Can I use someone else’s transponder? No, and you also should only have one transponder in your vehicle at a time. The vehicle information associated with each PrePass transponder must match the vehicle where it is actually installed, or else you may be subject to citations or higher pull-in rates.

Troubleshooting

- If the device repeatedly does not light up or make a sound when passing a scale, then remove and reinsert the batteries (you will hear a chirp if the batteries are good).
- If the existing batteries are not good or questionable, replace with new ones (preferably AAA lithium).
- If the device still does not work, then notify your manager of the issue. Be sure to comment that you’ve tried replacing the batteries and also provide the device serial number begins with 777).
- The manager will confirm that is the correct device for the truck, and if so, then a replacement device will be issued (when the defective one is turned in).
- Go to www.prepass.com for additional resources and troubleshooting tips

Rules for Electronic Toll Collection

- Drivers must follow all toll signs, signals and messages.
- Drivers must proceed through tolling lanes at the required posted lane speed. This may be highway speed in open road tolling locations.
- Drivers must use the lanes designated by signs for electronic toll payments (E-ZPass, KTAG, SunPass, etc.) or be prepared to pay cash.

Rules for Weigh Station Bypassing

- Drivers must pull into any weigh station, inspection location or port-of-entry when their vehicle's PrePass transponder displays a red light or fails to emit a signal as they approach. All vehicles are also subject to random pull-ins.
- Drivers must pull into all open weigh stations, inspection locations and ports-of-entry if their vehicle's cargo is identified in any of the bypass restrictions for the state where they are traveling. Failure to comply may result in fines and increased pull-in rates. Bypass restrictions can be downloaded from www.prepass.com.
- Drivers must only have one PrePass-issued transponder installed in their vehicle. The installed transponder must match the vehicle's transponder assignment on record with the PrePass Service Center.
- Drivers must use the lanes designated for PrePass users when approaching a PrePass location.
- Drivers must pull into all non-PrePass open weigh stations, inspection locations and ports-of-entry.
- Below is the map of tolling authorities and states in which it works (for tolls). The transponder works in almost every state for weight station bypass (see map on back).

The first map shows in which states your ElitePass will work for tolls. The second map shows bypass locations. A full-size version of the map can be found at www.prepass.com (this one was included just to give an idea of the network size).

