
Continental mobility study: self-driving trucks gain popularity

Many people believe that autonomous trucks have a good chance of becoming a reality soon. These are the findings of a representative mobility study conducted by the market research institute infas on behalf of Continental in Germany, China, France, Japan and the USA. Among others, 1000 German citizens were asked about their mobility needs. While 47 percent of respondents in Germany believe that driverless trucks are likely in the near future, expectations are more pronounced in the USA (62 percent) and China (92 percent).

Many people expect concrete positive effects from this development: Just under 60 percent of respondents in Germany see autonomous trucks as a means of combating the shortage of drivers in transport companies. In addition, almost half (47%) believe that autonomous trucks will improve the flow of traffic on highways and thus reduce the number of traffic jams in the future. People who use their cars for longer distances (more than 100 kilometers) and younger people (up to 44 years of age) are significantly more open to autonomous trucks than short-distance drivers and older respondents.

However, the mobility study also shows that the safety of heavy commercial vehicles without a person behind the wheel is still a source of skepticism. 60 to 65 percent of respondents in Germany, France and the USA have safety concerns, in Japan it is more than 70 percent. There is less skepticism in China, where just under half of respondents have no concerns. China is also the only country in which a majority of respondents (62%) ascribe a higher level of safety to autonomous trucks than to trucks with drivers (30%).
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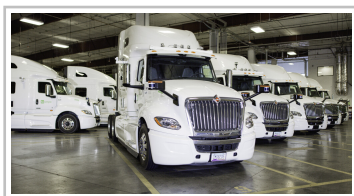


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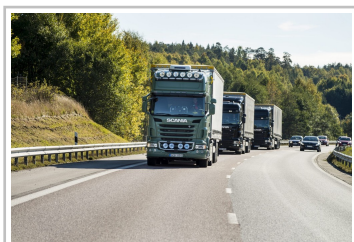


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