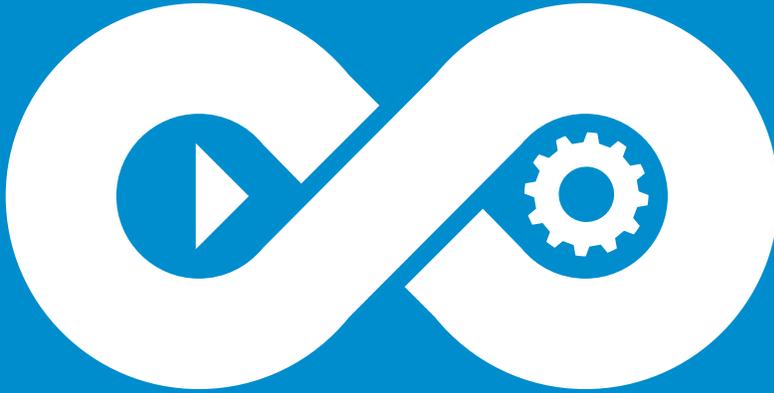


AUTOMATE

Be a hero (without having to be there).



In the “good old days,” you could personally tell your drivers which routes to use and when to service your vehicles.

But as your fleet grows, you might sometimes need to remove yourself from day-to-day operations.

Automating common or tedious fleet management tasks is the next best thing to being on call 24/7. It doesn't take you out of the equation. Rather, automating helps you cut costs without error and oversights... without having to make every call.

Let's look at where you can automate, to save you time and your company money.

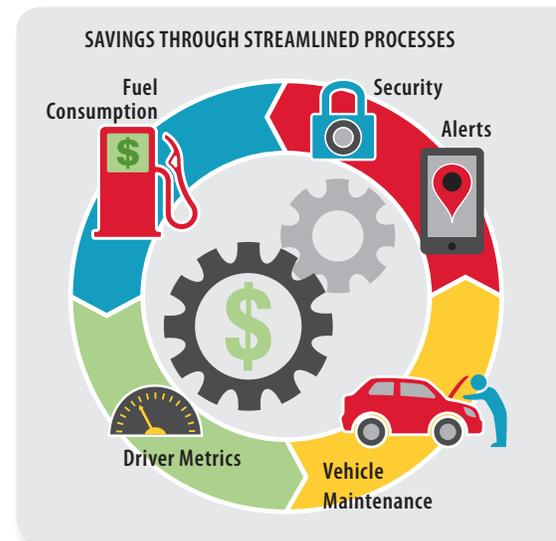
Fraud prevention

Fuel theft and fraud often go unchecked because manually identifying it requires sifting through receipts, matching them to vehicles, and other tedious steps.

But Level III fuel cards stop fraud before it starts. They allow you to authorize who gets fuel, set spending limits, control how many times per week a card may be used, and more. Drivers are less likely to fill personal vehicles or make unauthorized purchases, potentially saving thousands without having to watch every receipt.

For additional security, Level III cards can send real-time fraud alerts right to your phone or email.

That's how you automate fuel waste prevention: Choose a fuel card that lets you control purchases before they occur.



Vehicle maintenance

Done right, preventative maintenance can extend equipment life by several years and save tens of thousands of dollars.

It can be a nightmare.

But there are ways to simplify this process. You can automate your existing software to schedule maintenance, inspections, registrations, warranty expirations and more. You can get alerts reminding you to maintain or retire vehicles at the right time.

That's how you automate vehicle maintenance: Set up automatic alerts so your vehicles are serviced and deployed for optimal performance.

Route planning

Managers of smaller fleets often plan routes for each individual driver, but there's a better way.

GPS software known as telematics can rapidly optimize routes when drivers need it most, by providing them directions to the closest fueling stations, or alternate routes to job sites avoiding traffic or detours. A study by the trade publication *Automotive Fleet* found 65% of new telematics users recouped their investment in six months or less; 91% within a year.

That's how you automate route planning: Get a telematics package to save fuel, optimize routing and increase driver safety.

Custom reports

More data isn't better if you can't interpret it effectively. In fact, more data can weigh down an already overburdened staff.

Some fleet cards automatically send purchase data after every transaction with no manual input. This allows the fleet manager to generate custom, on-demand reports with only a few keystrokes — no more Excel spreadsheets, no more paper receipts.

That's how you automate data analysis: Custom fuel card reporting that crunches data and shows you whether you're on track to meet your spending goals at a glance.

Are you automating?

Use the expertise of your vendors to help you start. Many vendors can take a consultative role with your organization at no cost. Often, you don't even have to be a customer — just be willing to listen to new ideas, new technologies and emerging trends.

DID YOU KNOW?

Automation of vehicle routing by Walgreens-OptionCare helped the company monitor delivery and sales vehicles. The information they learned allowed them to **determine more effective routes** as a way to save money.

"We have been able to reduce our total fuel cost by approximately 10 percent," Moni Islam, Manager of Operations Improvement and Analysis, told *Automotive Fleet*. "We also were able to reduce our curbside time, and in some cases eliminate, unnecessary and unauthorized driving."

