

### **WHITEPAPER**

ADVANTAGES OF USING AV TRACK SHEETS

**AUTOVENTIVE YMS PROVIDES END-TO-END** VISIBILITY ON ALL ASSETS, SHIPMENTS AND WORKFORCE ACTIVITIES.

# Automating Rail Car Identification for Enhanced Efficiency and Safety at Ford Assembly Plants

**AutoVentive** deployed its YMS secure, cloud-based yard management solution at Ford assembly plants in Spring Hill, Ohio. YMS automates and optimizes critical processes with a telematics vehicle tracking system. The technology was needed to upgrade and optimize the identification process of rail cars used for transporting F250/F350 utility trucks. Traditionally, this identification process has been labor-intensive, prone to human error and potentially hazardous due to manual monitoring requirements.

Challenges with Legacy Systems: Before the YMS implementation, the identification of rail cars relied on manual inspection by personnel. This method was time-consuming and posed safety risks to the individuals responsible for monitoring. The reliance on human input introduced the possibility of errors and data discrepancies.

**Deployment of YMS:** To address these challenges, Ford assembly plants in Spring Hill, Ohio, integrated YMS solutions into their operations. This allowed their team to automatically identify and track rail cars, with data being transmitted to a dedicated application for further analysis and utilization.

Conclusion: The deployment of YMS solutions for rail car identification represents a significant step forward in enhancing efficiency and safety within Spring Hill's Ford assembly plants. By replacing legacy systems with automated solutions, Ford demonstrates its commitment to innovation and operational excellence, paving the way for continued advancements in manufacturing processes.

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AutoVentive Yard Management Systems

Tailored to meet the unique needs of your operation, YMS optimizes critical processes to increase efficiency, streamline workflow and seamlessly integrate with your existing systems.

# What can AV Track Sheets help with?

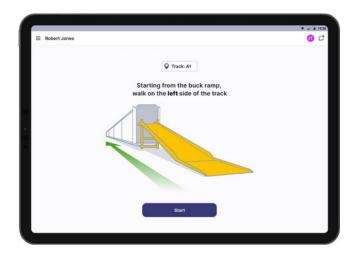
- Electronically read rail car tags
- Automate electronic track sheets
- Eliminate manual errors
- Minimize failed rail car billing
- Minimize track sheet error charges
- Geolocation track position verification
- Comply with industry standards
- Headlight orientation
- Capture rail car seals

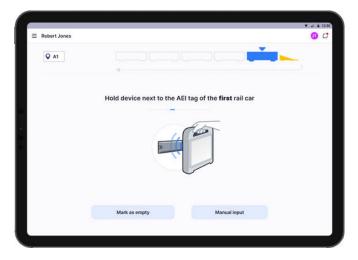


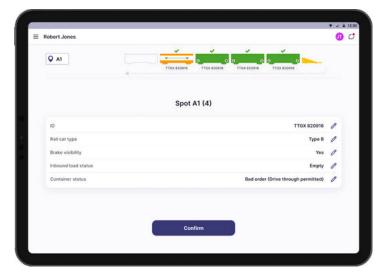
At AutoVentive, we aim to help your automotive supply chain operate as efficiently as possible.

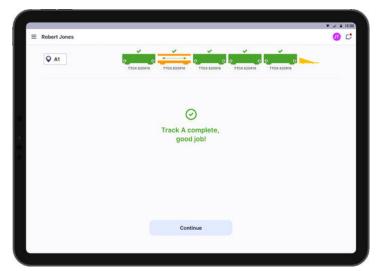
# Advancing Automotive Logistics with Telematics Tracking

AutoVentive's YMS tracking system and technology helps Ford Motor Company identify where issues are happening and respond quickly.









## **AV Track Sheet Features**



AutoVentive's AV Track Sheets automate and expedite data flow, eliminating manual errors while adhering to industry and compliance standards.

Feature	What Does It Fix?				
Handheld Rail Car AEI Scanning	Eliminates manual human errors in misreading rail car identifiers. Elimates issues with graffiti and visibility. Cuts track sheet generation time in half. Umler integration pulls rail car type. Marks bad orders, including drive-through and non-loaders. Alerts to inbound embargoed rail cars and those marked for dismantle. GPS verification for track alignment. Features audio and vibration alerts. Integrated bar code scanner and camera for survey and inspections. Operator can scan safely from inside the vehicle.				
Automated Electronic Track Sheets	Automated Track Sheets sent to vested parties upon completion. Electronic Track sheets saved for visibility and accountability.				
Geolocation Track Position Verification	Conducts initial one-time geo audit of rail tracks. Guards against incorrect track alignment. GPS tracking verification for spotting, loading and dispatching.				
Switch Outs and Billing	Electronic switch-out generation and management. Minimizes rejected switch outs. Electronic report seals and headlight orientation.				
Industry Standards	Complies with current and emerging industry standards.  Meets AAR Compliance Standards.  Scans rail seals for cross-border shipments.				

## **About AutoVentive YMS**



#### **AutoVentive Yard Management Systems**

- AutoVentive YMS is a Web and Android application that leverages leading wireless, software and hardware technologies, providing end-to-end visibility and analytics on all assets, shipments and workforce activities.
- The system is hosted in the cloud and can be conveniently and securely accessed as web applications on any Internet-connected computer. It can also be co-hosted on client-owned servers.
- The system is compatible with Android devices built for the industry, such as the Zebra TC75 or L10. Rugged Android devices deployed among departments empower users with quick access to data and a simple, reliable means for inputting or updating information.
- Users can facilitate communication for two-way data transfer between the web and handheld devices, bringing timely and actionable information to everyone in your organization.



AutoVentive YMS is a secure, cloud-based yard management solution that automates and optimizes these critical processes within the automotive supply chain from the time it leaves the OEM production line until it reaches the dealer or final customer.

#### **Electronic Track Sheet**

Closed on: Feb 25 2023 at 09:30 Rail Cars Spotted: 80

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Bi-level	Bi-level	Bi-level	Bi-level	Bi-level	7W	7E	Bi-level	Bi-level	Bi-level	Bi-level	Bi-level
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Bi-level	Bi-level	Bi-level	Bi-level	Bi-level	5W	5E	Bi-level	Bi-level	Bi-level	Bi-level	Bi-level
NS 171064	TTGX603930	TTGX853198	TTGX983759	TTGX941737	BUCK	BUCK	CN 710876	TTGX706909	TTGX693509	TTGX693669	TTGX704458
Bi-level	Bi-level	Bi-level	Bi-level	Bi-level	4W	4E	Bi-level	Bi-level	Bi-level	Bi-level	Bi-level
TTGX706987	TTGX987396	TTGX700949	TTGX254053	TTGX695520	BUCK	BUCK	TTGX160937	CNA 712481	TTGX997189	TTUX891036	TTGX942474
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Bi-level	Bi-level	Bi-level	Bi-level	Bi-level	1W	1E	Bi-level	Bi-level	Bi-level	Bi-level	Bi-level
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PERMITS		PER	BAD ORDERS / COMMENTS / CONCERNS	
RAIL CAR NUMBER	PERMIT NUMBER	RAIL CAR NUMBER	PERMIT NUMBER	

