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**Question:** Is it permissible to allow the electronic logging device (ELD) to power up, boot, and accept driver logins before the engine is powered?

**Guidance**: Yes, this is an acceptable way for ELDs to function. If the ELD is structured such that the device must be powered on and logged in to before the engine is powered to meet the requirements of the ELD rule, this should be made clear to the driver through the device manual and carriers should include this in their driver training.

**Contact Info:** FMCSA ELD Information, 1-800-832-5660 or [ELD@dot.gov](mailto:ELD@dot.gov).

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