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**Question:** What is the difference between “paper records of duty status (RODS)” and printouts of RODS from electronic logging devices (ELDs)?

**Guidance:** “Paper RODS” means RODS that are not kept on an ELD or automatic onboard recording device (AOBRD), but that are either recorded manually (in accordance with 49 CFR [395.8(f)](https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-49/subtitle-B/chapter-III/subchapter-B/part-395#p-395.8(f))) or on a computer not synchronized with the vehicle or that is otherwise not used as an ELD or AOBRD.

Printouts of RODS from ELDs refer to the reports that ELDs must be able to generate upon request from an authorized safety official, either printout or display, per section 4.8.1 of [49 CFR part 395, subpart B, Appendix A](https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-49/subtitle-B/chapter-III/subchapter-B/part-395#Appendix-A-to-Subpart-B-of-Part-395).

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