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Question: Can a Canada/Mexico~~-~~domiciled motor carrier’s driver use a portable ELD unit, smartphone, or other wireless device as an ELD when operating in the United States (U.S.)?

**Answer:** Yes. A driver may use a portable handheld ELD, smartphone, or other wireless device if the device meets the ELD rule’s technical specifications and is on the [Registered ELD list](https://eld.fmcsa.dot.gov/list) on FMCSA’s website.

While operating in the U.S., under 49 CFR [395.22(g)](https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-49/subtitle-B/chapter-III/subchapter-B/part-395/subpart-B/section-395.22#p-395.22(g)),the portable ELD unit, smartphone or other wireless device must be mounted in a fixed position during the vehicle operation and must be visible to the driver from a normal seated position.

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

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