



Route planning

Procedure

Planning a route properly is important. As with everything, good preparation is half the work.

Always choose the most optimal route, because the shortest or fastest route is not necessarily the best route.

Van den Bosch uses a route management system that tracks the truck's latitude and longitude. This means that the truck's exact GPS location is always known.

This exact GPS location is also displayed on the Trimble onboard computer. As soon as the route is deviated from, the planner can see this. Exceptions must be reported by the driver.



When determining the best route, include the following points in your assessment:

- Rest breaks: where will you take them, and will there be a suitable place along your route at the appropriate time?
- Observe specific local regulations.



- Be alert to stowaways.
- Do not stay overnight or take breaks in unguarded parking areas in the following zones:
 - Within 150 km of Calais
 - The southern and western sides of Antwerp
 - Within 30 km of Ghent
 - The southern and western sides of Brussels
- Also take this into account in the Rotterdam region.
- Check the condition of the seal after every stop, whether short or long.
- Be alert to sabotage during traffic jams.
- Use the available inspection facilities at crossing points and national borders.
- Be extra alert in parking areas near crossing points.
- Consult your planner immediately if the rules need to be deviated from or if you suspect sabotage.
- Driving bans. When planning your trip, take into account that countries apply driving bans on certain days. For example, when departing towards Germany on a Sunday, it may be better to cover a long distance through the Netherlands because of the German Sunday driving ban. Consult your planner.
- Tolls/Maut. Many countries operate a toll system under which a toll must be paid for every kilometre travelled on a motorway. These costs can increase considerably. Therefore, where possible, look for a cheaper alternative. Consult your planner. There may also be a suitable free alternative to a toll road. Also check that your toll box is active before setting off.
- Fuel consumption. A truck naturally consumes more fuel on a mountainous road than on a level route. It may sometimes be worthwhile to take a different route when loaded than when unloaded.
- Fuel price. In some cases, a small deviation from the route allows you to refuel much more cheaply. Use the current refuelling instruction and consult your planner.