

Inward Facing Cameras



Inward facing cameras are not currently required by law.

Amtrak believes that inward facing cameras are a key component of a robust safety culture, and are an important element to keeping passengers safe. Inward-facing video cameras are another tool for Amtrak and industry regulators to monitor locomotive and engineer performance.

Amtrak, though not required by law or regulation, started installing inward facing cameras in its cabs in 2015.

Amtrak has installed inward-facing video cameras on its new fleet of Amtrak Cities Sprinter (ACS-64) locomotives, 70 next generation high-efficiency vehicles that enable Amtrak to deliver improved performance and reliability on the Northeast Corridor (NEC) and Keystone corridors. Siemens' Charger diesel-electric locomotives were delivered to the Midwest and Western states in 2017. These locomotives were delivered with inward facing cameras installed. Amtrak operates these state owned locomotives on state supported services in the Western and Midwestern states.

Amtrak has developed an action plan for the installation of these cameras on trains nationwide, including Acela Express power cars and diesel locomotives.

Currently, all Amtrak Locomotive and Control Cars operating in revenue passenger service are equipped with outward-facing cameras and advanced systems that monitor locomotive operation.