

VOLVO CUSTOMERS TALK SAFETY

“THE INTEGRITY OF THE VOLVO HIGH STRENGTH STEEL CAB PROTECTED ME FROM INJURY DURING THIS ROLL-OVER.”

Darall Snyder, Owner-Operator



Owner-Operator. Drives for A & K Enns Trucking. Hauls flatbed loads throughout U.S. and Canada.

Hometown: Bjorkdale, SK

Equipment: 1998 Volvo 770 with Volvo D12 engine

Average annual miles driven: 100,000

Volvo Customer Since: 2003

A former Kenworth owner, Darall Snyder made the switch to Volvo trucks in 2003 for three primary reasons: Driver comfort, fuel economy and safety. He has reaped the benefits of all three.

“The pre-owned 1998 Volvo 770 I purchased in 2003 was my first Volvo truck, and it was by far the quietest, best-riding truck I have ever driven. Its Volvo D12 engine had already chalked up 1.1 million miles, but still ran like a top and delivered outstanding fuel economy.

On September 5, 2006, at 9:30 a.m., I was in my Volvo headed down Highway 5 near Saskatoon pulling a load of peat moss. Suddenly I felt the trailer (which I didn't know at the time had been in a previous accident) shift to the right on a stretch of the highway that has a very sharp shoulder. I tried to hold against the pull, but then I felt the cab's left wheels leave the ground. The truck and trailer slammed onto its right side, slid 100 meters (110 yards) down a grassy knoll and came to rest on its roof at the bottom of a ditch. I switched off the engine, which was still running, slid over to the driver's-side window and exited the vehicle, unhurt but for a slight scrape on one shoulder.

When the Fire Department arrived they tried the driver's-side door and it popped right open. Once the wrecker lifted the tractor upright, the passenger door also worked perfectly. The operator's compartment had stayed intact and the steel cab held its integrity.

In my 15 years of driving I have witnessed several roll overs, and have friends who were involved in roll over events. Unfortunately, none of them fared quite as well as I did. I can only attribute that to the safety Volvo builds into their products. My plan is to replace this unit with a Volvo VN 780.”



VN 780

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