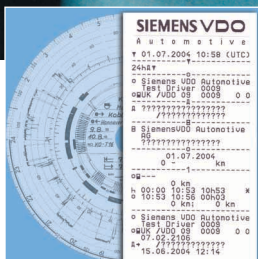
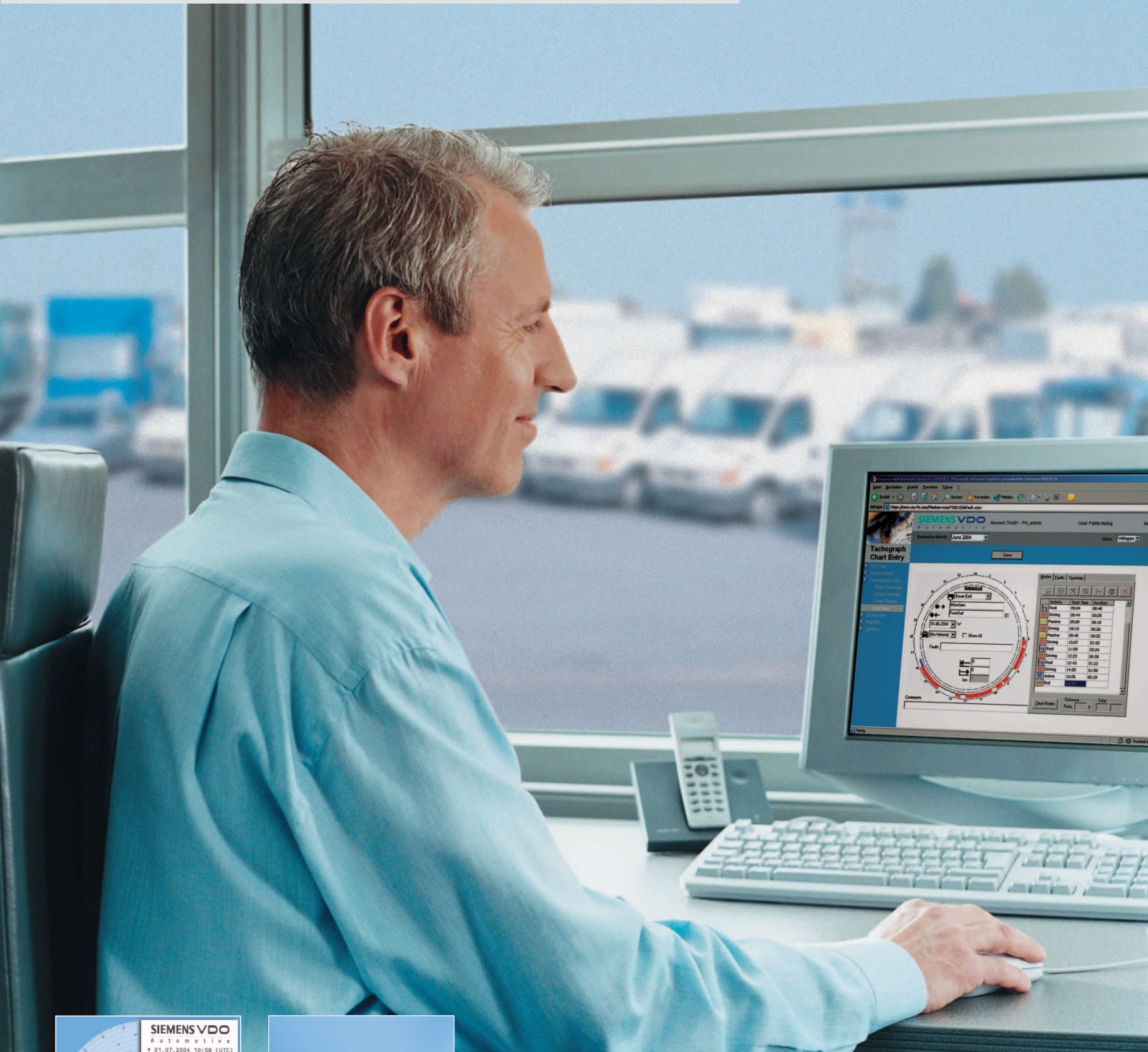


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Digital Tachographs are
on the way. Are you ready?



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Digital Tachographs.

Because there are new EU regulations.



What does the new tachograph directive mean?

Regulation (EEC) No. 2135/98 covers the introduction of Digital tachographs. The combination of electronic data management and driver-specific smart cards is intended to improve road safety and the new directive applies to all EU member states, plus Switzerland, Norway, Liechtenstein and Iceland. New vehicles with a gross weight in excess of 3.5 tonnes and buses with more than 9 seats will be affected, but due to various delays in implementing national legislation and setting up the corresponding infrastructure, the mandatory installation date for digital tachographs looks set to be postponed by 12 months to 5 August 2005.



The DTCO 1381 from Siemens VDO

How do digital tachographs affect fleet managers?

The introduction of Digital tachographs offers you as a fleet manager various ways of boosting the efficiency of your fleet and optimising fleet management. You get a company card which enables you to out-

put data and access all company-specific data, meaning you can also utilise the mandatory process of card and quarterly mass memory downloads to benefit your business. Examples include special evaluation programs that allow you to check driver schedule planning and compliance with EU social regulations, as well as driving and rest times. What's more, you can optimise route planning and cost control or use additional services.

Siemens VDO offers two software packages: TIS-Office – the office-based solution for single site deployment, and TIS-Web – for the Internet-based evaluation of data with centralised data management on a dedicated Siemens server, featuring password-protected access to data from any location with an Internet connection. For more information visit the website at www.vdo.com/fleetservices.

Please give serious thought to preparing in advance so that you and your drivers are ready for the forthcoming changes. This is the only way to be sure of avoiding unnecessary downtime and complications which may arise from the changeover.

What support can Siemens VDO offer me?

Siemens VDO has actively engaged with the developmental process for digital tachographs from the start, enabling the DTCO and the associated service offering and accessories to be designed in line

with both legal requirements and the specific needs of drivers, companies and workshops. This involvement also allows us to provide a complete package of relevant services. Due to its long experience in the tachograph market, Siemens VDO is able to supply all the support you need in the age of digital fleets.

We will continue to keep you updated on the DTCO and the specific services we offer.