

# Electrifying Commercial Trucking

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- Scale available technologies, guide emerging change and Run on Less demonstrations.

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# Market Segmentation

Vehicle Class	Market Segment
Class 2b-6	Vans & Step Vans 
Class 6	Medium-Duty Box Trucks 
Class 7 & 8	Regional Haul Return-to-Base <i>Short • Medium • Long</i> 
	Long Haul Over-the-Road 

# Vans and Step Vans



- Urban delivery and growing due to e-commerce.
- Classes 2b-6
- Low miles, dwell overnight for slow charging.
- Limited electricity needed.
- Amazon Rivian massive first deployments.

# ELECTRIC VANS & STEP VANS



For more detailed information on these lessons learned, click [here](#).



Fleets are aggressively expanding their purchases of electric vans and step vans after successful pilot programs.

In addition to charging at a depot, vans and step vans also can be charged at home or at public charging locations.

Range is typically not a major factor in urban delivery vans and step vans.

Drivers love these simple and fun to drive vans and step vans.



Vans and step vans are the public face for zero emission trucking and electrifying the last mile is a key area of focus for many fleets.

Typically vans and step vans use Level 2 chargers, which is considered a slow charge.



E-commerce is spurring the rapid growth in the van and step van market segment.



Electric vans and step vans are being operated in areas with cold winters and hot summers.

Vans and step vans are a big and somewhat easy market to scale.



Traditional and new OEMs are bringing innovative new vans and step vans to the market. Marketplace barriers are lower for new OEMs.



# LESSONS LEARNED

What NACFE learned while conducting Run on Less – Electric



# Medium Duty Box Trucks



- Urban delivery. Shrinking volumes.
- Classes 5 and 6
- Low miles, can have single days with long miles.
- Dwell overnight for slow charging.
- Limited electricity needed.
- Other niche vocational trucks

# MD ELECTRIC BOX TRUCKS



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Battery integration can take many forms.



In order to be valuable for medium-duty box trucks, public charging stations need to be bigger.

Training, training and even more training will be needed.

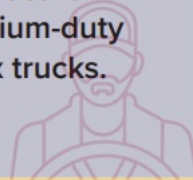


Expanded production capacity is needed for body builders and dealers.

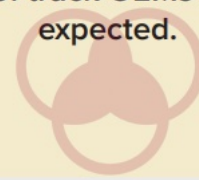
The public will like medium-duty BEVs in their neighborhoods.



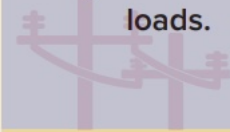
Drivers will love electric medium-duty box trucks.



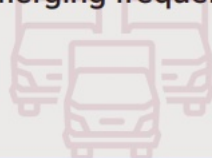
Consolidation of truck OEMs is expected.



Predicting battery life is difficult with significant body loads.



New BEV OEMs are emerging frequently.



Application expansion will happen.



Charging ports on the trucks should be standardized.



Body integration will be new and challenging.



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# Market Segmentation

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**Class 6**

Medium-Duty Box Trucks



**Class 7 & 8**

Regional Haul Return-to-Base  
*Short • Medium • Long*



Long Haul Over-the-Road



# Freight Moves to Regional Haul



- Away from Truckload Over-the-Road sleeper trucking.
- Drivers return home
- Return to base
- Pony Express Freight
- Growth in Private, Dedicated and Less than Truckload.
- Helps alternatives due to infrastructure utilization.

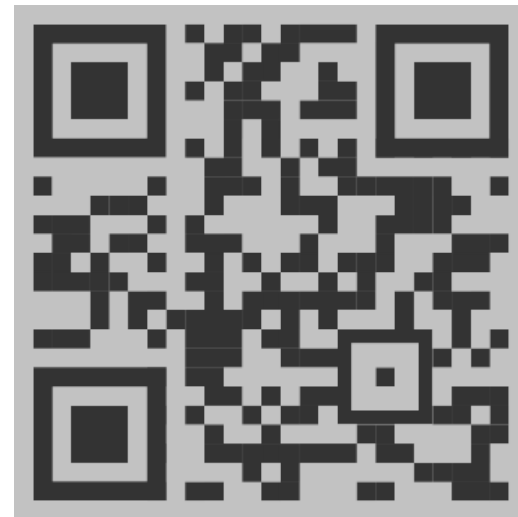
<https://runonless.com/run-on-less-regional/>

# Run on Less – Messy Middle



THE RUN IS DONE!

RUN ON LESS — MESSY MIDDLE



DIESEL



NATURAL GAS



BATTERY ELECTRIC



HYDROGEN FUEL CELL

**Run on Less – Messy Middle: Will bring clarity to long-haul decarbonization by focusing on heavy-duty Class 8 sleepers and day cabs in long-haul return-to-base and over-the-road duty cycles.**

# Participating Fleets



February 2026

# Site Visits – Profiles' Development



[Profile Videos Here](#)

# High Level Numbers



## Demonstration Scope

September 2025 • Production Vehicles • 10-Second Telemetry Intervals



Fleet Distribution by Powertrain Technology

# Actual Run

**RUN ON LESS MESSY MIDDLE**

Welcome to the Fleet

Filter by Location

UNITS SECTIONS ESTIMATED COST

DETAILED TRUCK METRICS

Truck Name	UNITS	SECTIONS	ESTIMATED COST
SAVA Truck 1	9	9	N/A
SAVA Truck 2	9	9	N/A
MAERSK	15	15	\$6,000
Princeps Container	8	8	\$6,000
UPS TRUCK	3	3	\$100
Smart Transport Container	2	2	\$5,000
Avonlin Middle East	2	2	\$100
Foto Log 100	10	10	\$100
Schneider LT	8	8	\$5,000
Skypac TRK	4	4	N/A
WEST LT	7	7	\$5,000
Parsons Global	4	4	N/A

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- 18 Days ended Sept 25<sup>th</sup>
- 14 Trucks
- Similar metrics for all four solution alternatives
- Select any fleet, units of measure & time period

[Truck Metrics Here](#)

# Results: Frito-Lay Biodiesel

**RUN  
ON LESS  
MESSY MIDDLE**

Filter the Metrics

FROM TO UNITS  
Day 1 Day 1 US APPLY

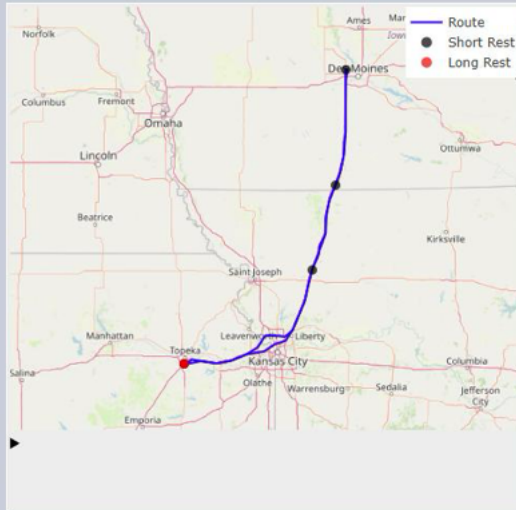
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FUEL TYPE: BIODIESEL (B100)  
Frito Lay VNL

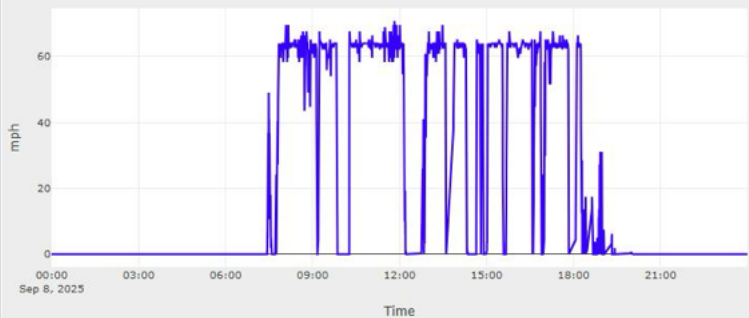


DISTANCE 515 MI ESTIMATED DELIVERIES 4 ESTIMATED GVW N/A  
TEMPERATURE 66 F WIND 0 MPH N CONDITIONS CLEAR

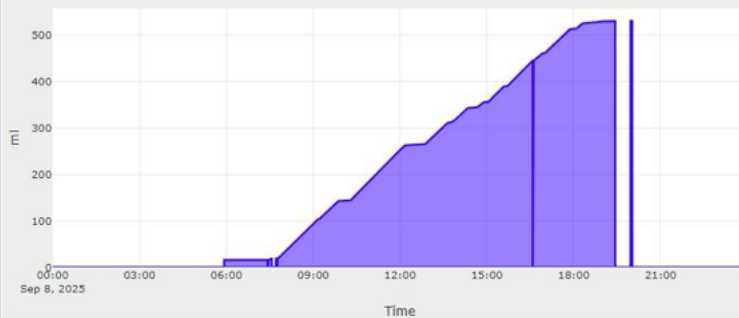


Long out  
and back  
– 515  
miles  
Nearly  
100%  
cabon-  
free  
Biodiesel  
9.5 MPG  
v. 7.0  
Nat'l Avg

Speed



Distance



# Results: UPS RNG

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ON LESS  
MESSY MIDDLE**

Filter the Metrics

FROM	TO	UNITS
Day 10	Day 10	US

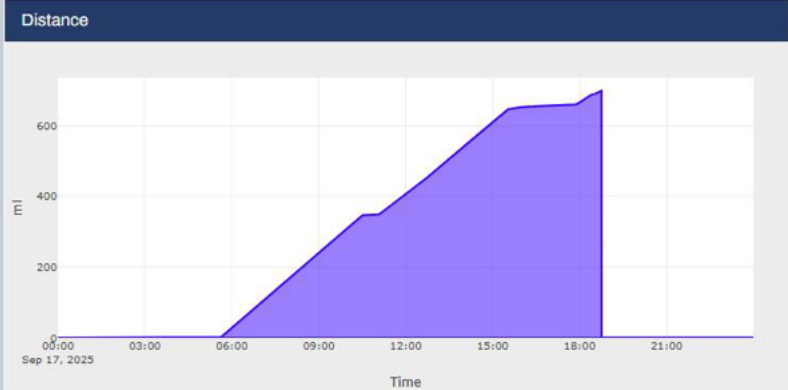
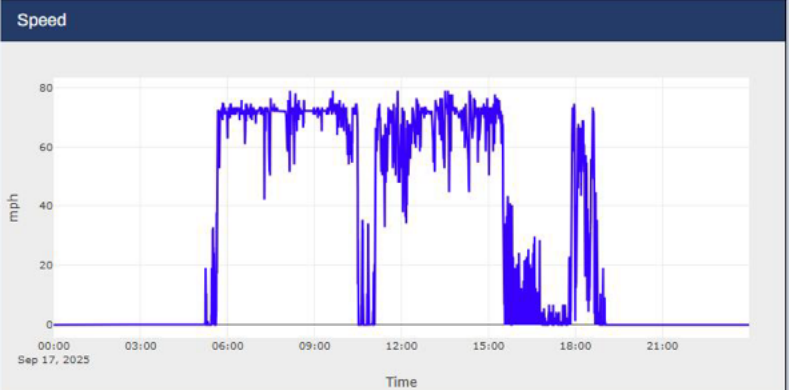
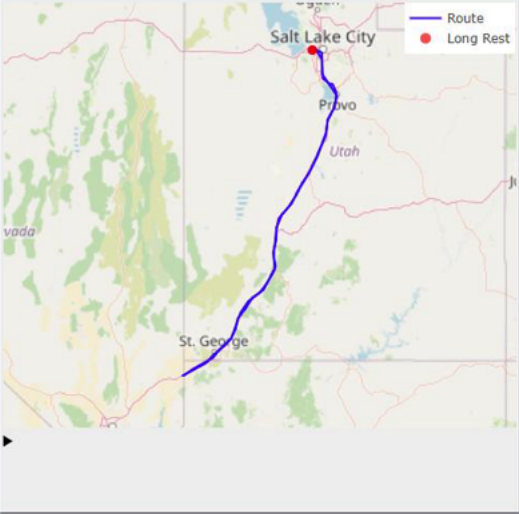
APPLY

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FUEL TYPE: NATURAL GAS  
UPS T680



DISTANCE	699 MI	ESTIMATED DELIVERIES	5	ESTIMATED GVW	N/A
TEMPERATURE	74 F	WIND	1 MPH W	CONDITIONS	CLEAR



Very Long out and back – 699 miles RNG 6.7 mi/DGE v. 7.0 Nat'l Avg

# Results: SAIA BEV

**RUN ON LESS MESSY MIDDLE**

Filter the Metrics

FROM	TO	UNITS	
Day 10	Day 10	US	APPLY

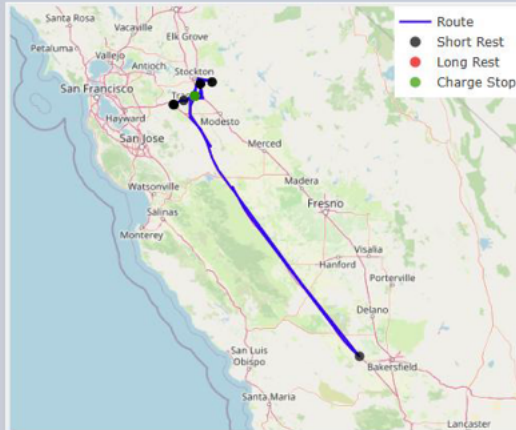
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FUEL TYPE: BATTERY ELECTRIC  
SAIA Tesla 2

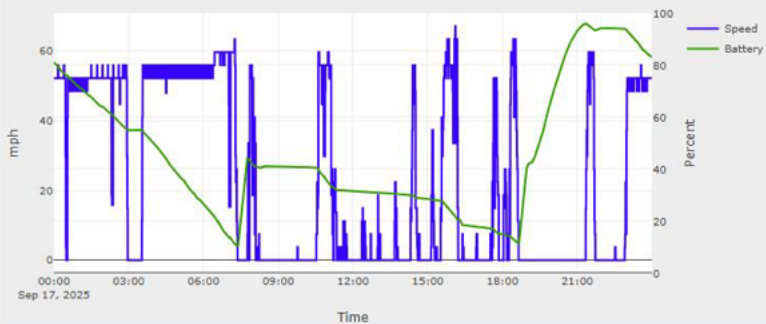


DISTANCE	549 mi	ESTIMATED DELIVERIES	13	ESTIMATED GWW	N/A
TEMPERATURE	79 F	WIND	13 MPH W	CONDITIONS	CLEAR

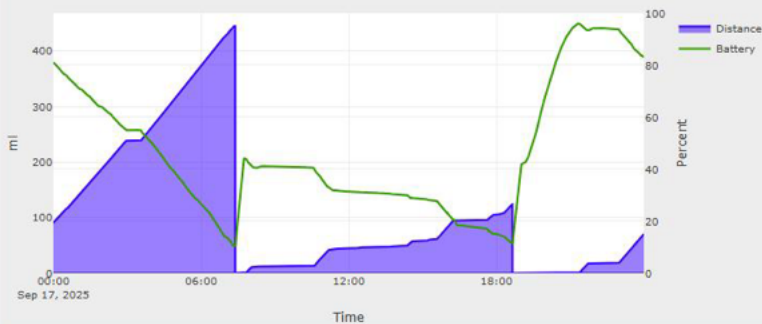


Slip seat,  
two  
shifts,  
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haul and  
local  
delivery  
BEV  
0.53  
mi/kWh  
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Nat'l Avg

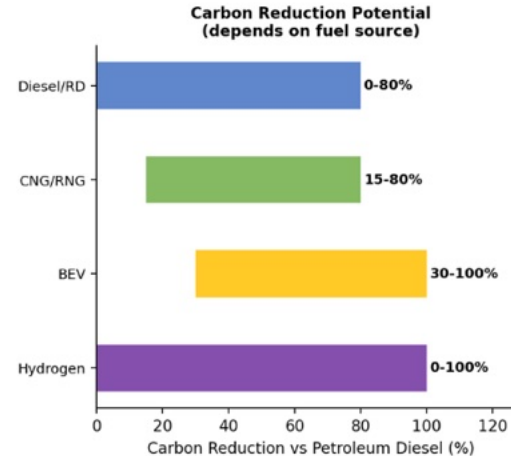
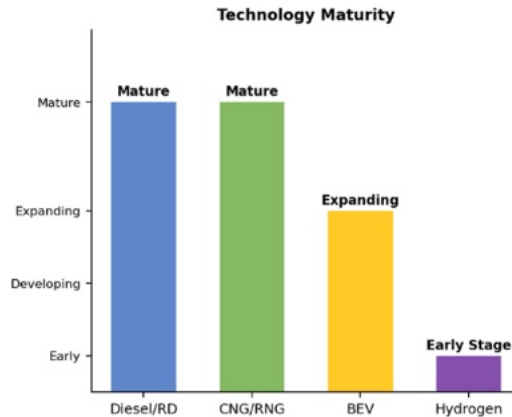
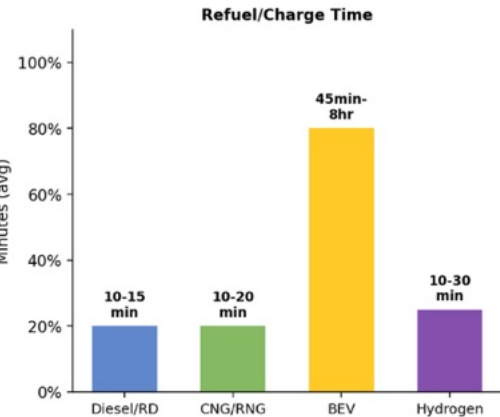
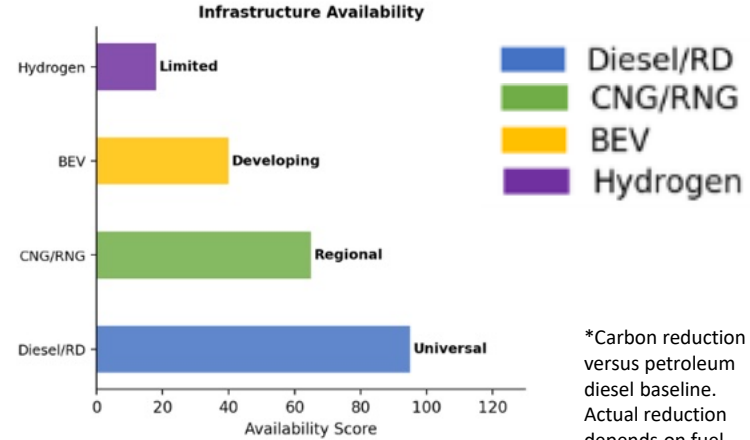
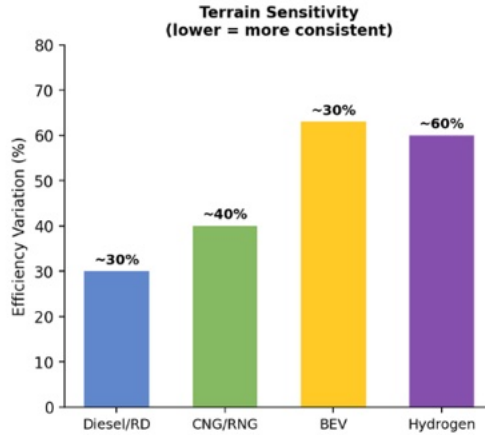
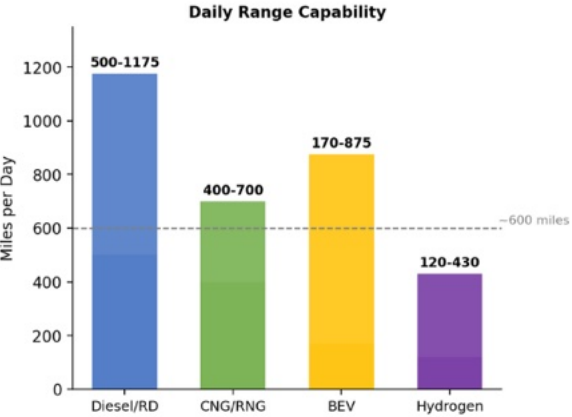
Battery Charge and Speed



Battery Charge and Distance



# Technology Performance Comparison

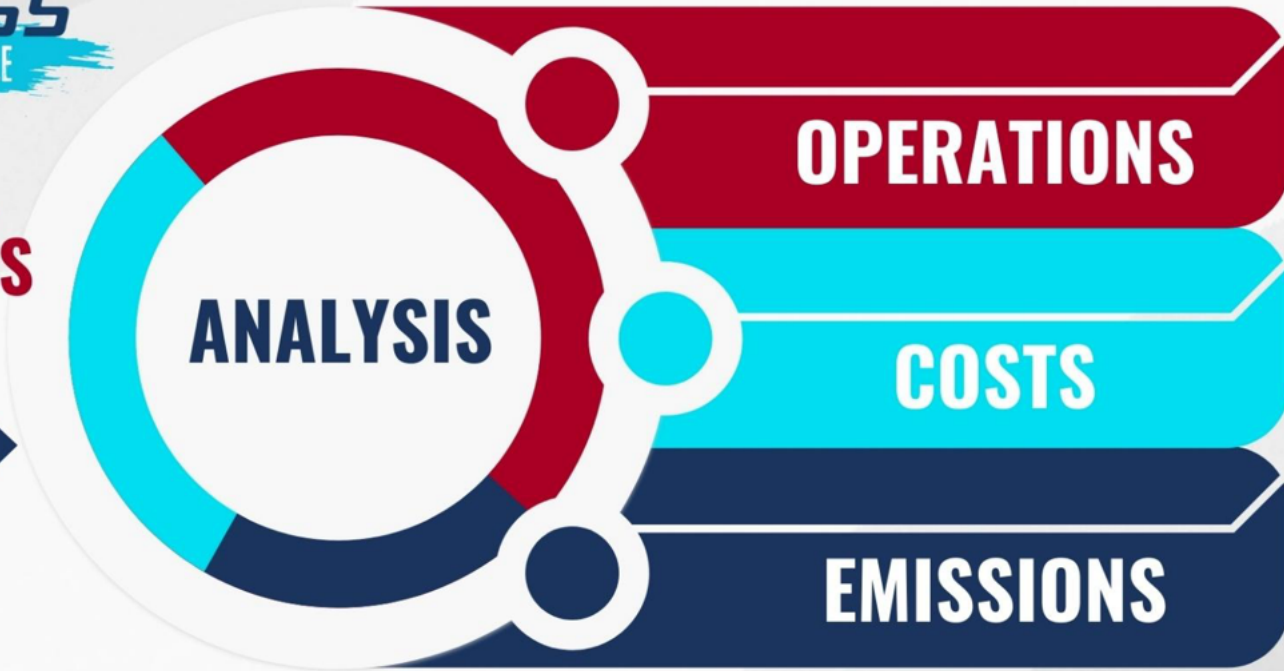


\*Carbon reduction versus petroleum diesel baseline. Actual reduction depends on fuel source and Production pathway. BEV reduction varies on grid carbon intensity, hydrogen reduction varies on production Method (gray hydrogen from natural gas reforming vs green hydrogen from renewable electrolysis)

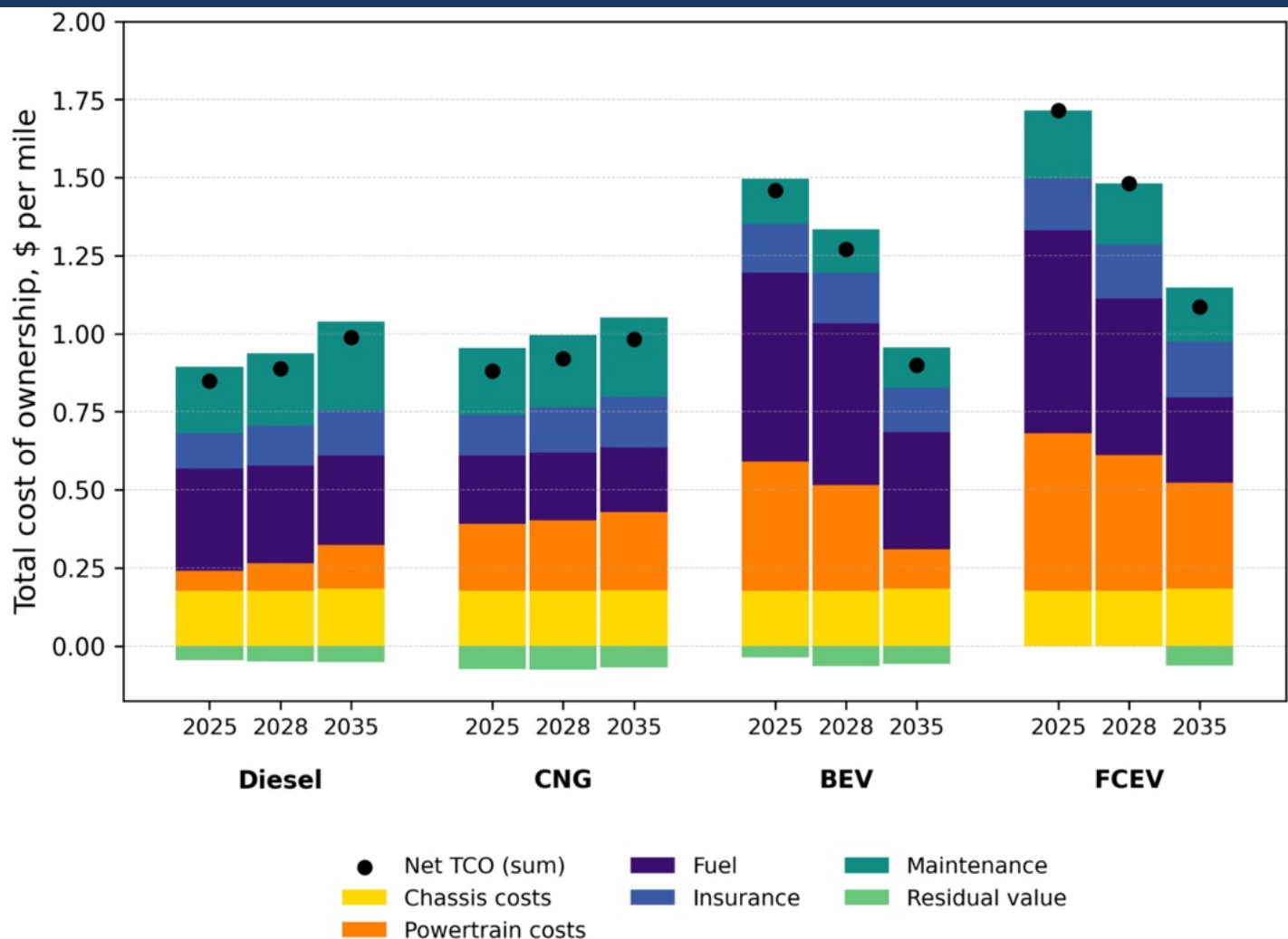
# Analysis and Reports



**INITIAL  
FINDINGS**



**FINAL  
FINDINGS**



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# Emissions' Analysis

**Tailpipe GHG Emissions (g CO2e / ton-mile)**

■ Landfill NG 
 ■ Fossil NG 
 ■ Fossil Diesel 
 ■ Biodiesel 
 ■ 50% Renewable Diesel 
 ■ Hydrogen 
 ■ Electric

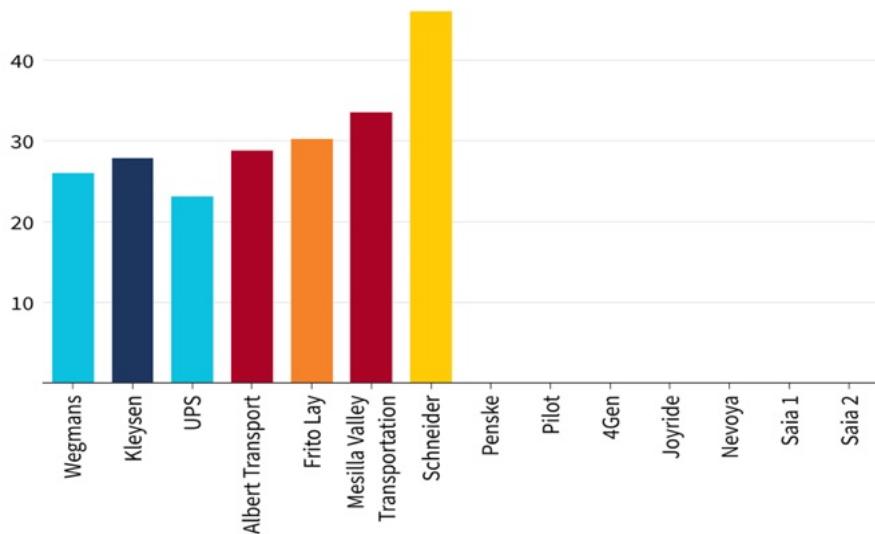


Figure 25: Downstream Tailpipe GHG Emissions

**Upstream GHG Emissions (g CO2e / ton-mile)**

■ Landfill NG 
 ■ Fossil NG 
 ■ Biodiesel 
 ■ Fossil Diesel 
 ■ 50% Renewable Diesel 
 ■ Hydrogen 
 ■ Electric

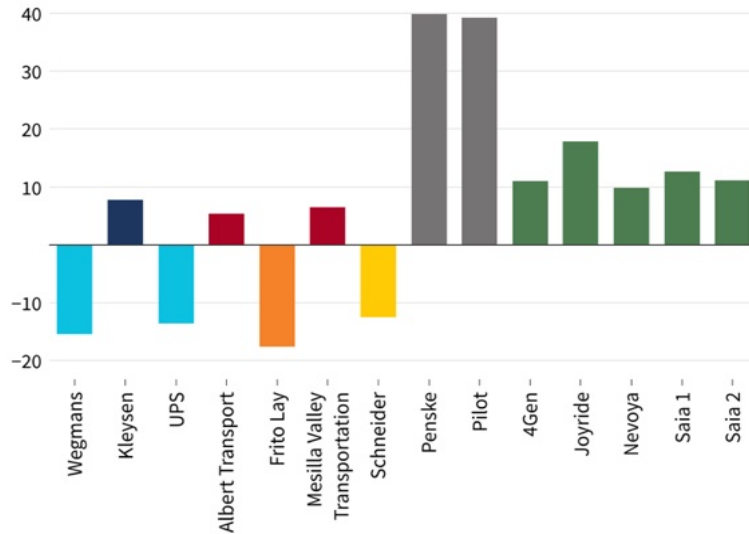
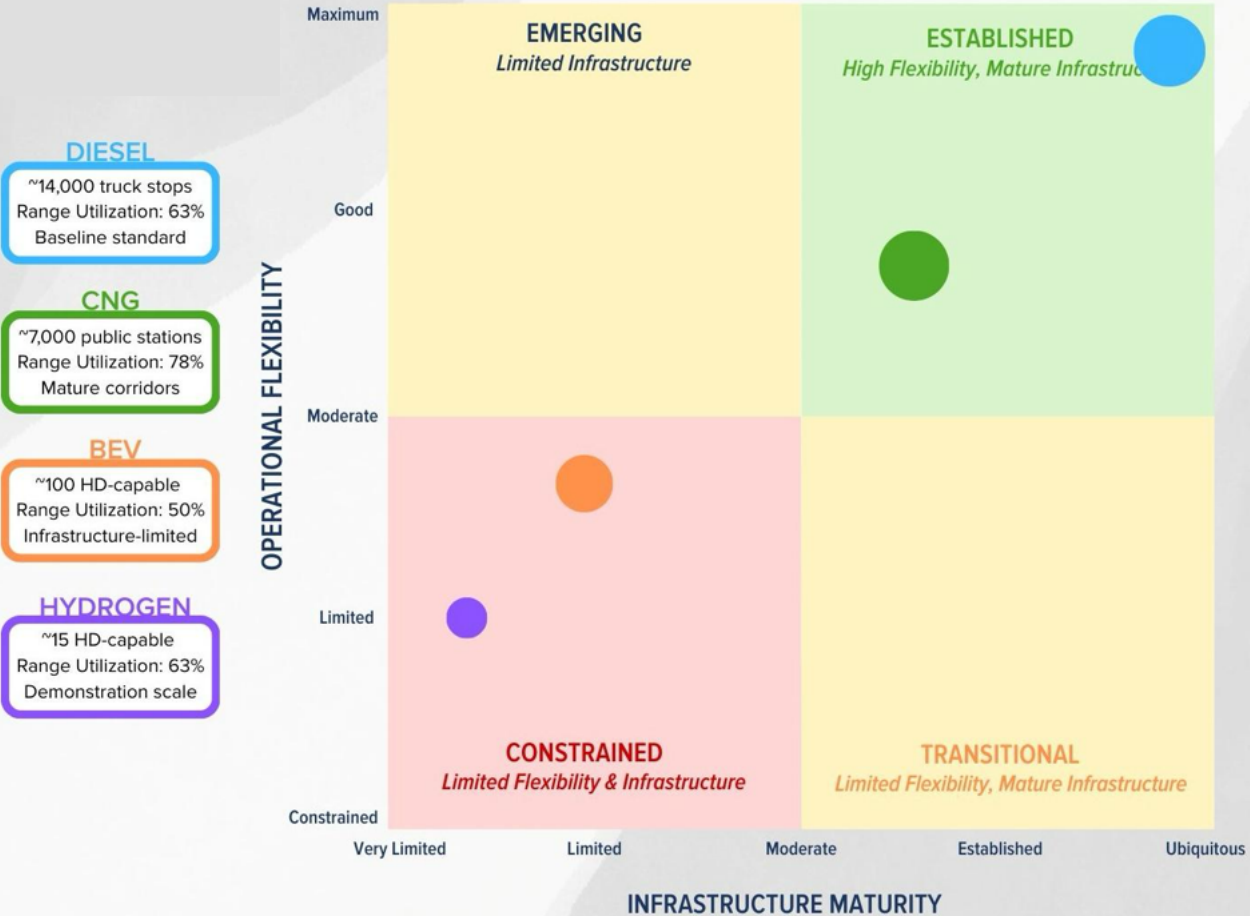


Figure 24: Upstream GHG Emissions

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# Technology Positioning Matrix



## Infrastructure Maturity vs. Operational Flexibility



Note: Bubble size reflects relative fleet deployment in Run on Less – Messy Middle

### INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT

Concurrent commitments for depot charging, CNG stations and hydrogen agreements

## KEY ACQUISITION CONSIDERATIONS

### DUTY CYCLE MATCH

Align powertrain with daily mileage, terrain, route predictability, payload and infrastructure

### REGULATORY ENVIRONMENT

Federal and state emissions standards, vehicle mandates, and incentives seem volatile

### TCO UNCERTAINTY

Real-world TCO models for newer technologies remain limited, despite operational insights

### RESIDUAL VALUE UNCERTAINTY

Used markets for alternative powertrain Class 8 trucks are not yet established, impacting resale

### TECHNOLOGY MATURATION

Anticipate rapid evolution, software updates, and evolving operational practices for BEV and H2

### MAINTENANCE & SERVICE NETWORKS

Alternative powertrains may require specialized service arrangements beyond established diesel networks





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