

VOLVO TRUCKS CUSTOMERS TALK SAFETY

“I BOUGHT A VOLVO VN 430 FOR ITS SAFETY FEATURES . . . IT SAVED MY LIFE.”

Wayne Jensen, Owner-Operator



An independent driver for more than 35 years, Wayne Jensen had owned several Peterbilts and Freightliners. But now past age 60, he wanted the last truck he planned to buy to carry him safely into retirement. So he bought a Volvo VN 430. It was a “providential” decision.

“Over my many years behind the wheel I had heard about the ride, comfort and safety of Volvo Trucks. But it wasn’t until 2006 after visiting Volvo Trucks of Omaha that I made the decision to buy one, and safety was the primary reason. I took delivery of my new Volvo VN 430 in January 2007.

“On May 29, 2008 at about 7:30 p.m. I was pulling a load of grain down Highway 14 south of Aurora, NE. It was dark, rainy and windy, and tornadoes had been reported in the area. Fortunately traffic was light. I didn’t see them until they were right in front of me, but a pair of high-voltage 1-1/2 inch electrical lines were drooped across the highway about six feet off the ground. I closed my eyes, hit the brakes and prayed. I estimate my speed at impact was about 50 mph. The wires travelled up the hood, took out the windshield and then, acting as a slingshot, pushed my truck and load back 35 feet. When I opened my eyes I saw the Volvo’s “A” pillars had held and I was uninjured.

“I am a very fortunate man for two reasons. The electrical lines, which normally carry 340,000 volts each, had lost power when they came down. So I was saved from electrocution. Secondly, the Volvo’s high-strength steel cab withstood the impact. I believe if I had been in any other brand of truck, the “A” pillars may not have withstood the force of the wires, which means they would have ripped through the cab, and consequently through me.

“My choice to buy a Volvo for my last new truck was providential. It saved my life. And because of Volvo, my wife, Pam, and I can still look forward to a long, happy life together.”

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Owner-Operator
Manning, IA

Owns a 2007 Volvo VN 430
with a 465-hp D12 Volvo
engine

Hauls primarily steel between
Denver and Chicago

Average annual miles:
130,000

Volvo customer since 2006

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