Gerald Whitaker

Owner Operator

Owner operator with 9 years of OTR experience, the last 5 running Whitaker Hauling LLC with a 2022 tractor and 53-foot dry van leased to a Midwest carrier. Grosses $310K a year on 125,000+ miles while handling DOT regulations, IFTA reporting, maintenance planning and broker rate negotiation. Brings 1.1 million safe miles and clean CSA scores.

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Experience

Owner Operator

02/2021 - Present

Whitaker Hauling LLC

Kansas City, MO

Single-truck business leased to a Midwest dry van carrier, running 48-state freight.

- Run **125,000+** miles a year on 48-state dry van freight, grossing $310K in 2025 with a 99% on-time rate.
- Negotiate rates with brokers and carrier dispatch on load boards, raising average revenue from $2.15 to $2.60 a mile.
- Manage IFTA reporting, fuel cards, insurance and permits, closing 20 straight quarters with zero audit findings.
- Plan preventive maintenance every 15,000 miles and practice fuel cost management, holding 7.4 mpg across 2025.

OTR Company Driver

04/2017 - 01/2021

Show-Me Freight Lines

Kansas City, MO

Over-the-road dry van and reefer driver for a 300-truck carrier.

- Drove 2,800-3,000 miles a week on 48-state dry van and reefer routes.
- Passed 11 roadside DOT inspections, including 4 Level 1 checks, without an out-of-service order.
- Logged hours of service on paper logs and then ELDs after the 2017 mandate, with zero violations.
- Mentored 5 student drivers as a carrier trainer on trip planning, backing and pre-trip inspections.

Diesel Shop Helper

06/2015 - 03/2017

River City Truck Service

North Kansas City, MO

Shop role at an independent heavy truck repair shop before earning a Class A CDL.

- Changed oil, filters and brake shoes on 15+ Class 8 trucks a week under a lead mechanic.
- Inspected tires, lights and air lines during DOT annual inspections.
- Earned a Class A CDL in 03/2017 while working full time.

Certificates

Class A Commercial Driver's License (CDL)

03/2017

Missouri Department of Revenue

DOT Medical Examiner's Certificate

08/2025

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

Skills

- OTR Experience
- DOT Regulations
- IFTA Reporting
- Load Boards
- Rate Negotiation
- Preventive Maintenance
- Fuel Cost Management
- Hours of Service
- Customer Service
- Entrepreneurial Mindset

Education

High School Diploma

05/2015

Raytown South High School

Raytown, MO