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## **TYPES OF TRUCK MIRRORS**

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Trucks, in general, are fitted with larger mirrors designed specifically for towing purposes. These modern mirror systems significantly reduce the blind spots, allowing the drivers to see more of their rig. To achieve the best vision spectrum, make sure these mirrors are properly aligned and adjusted. Among the mirrors in a trucker's field of vision are:

### **Side-view mirrors**

Semi-truck cabins are not equipped with rearview mirrors, so each truck must have professional-quality [side-view mirrors](#). When installed and adjusted properly, these safety components help minimize the size of a trailer's blind spots in such a way that drivers can safely change lanes and become aware of what other drivers around the trailer are doing. For added versatility, truckers and fleet managers can further outfit the side view mirror assembly with [look-down mirrors](#) that provide a better view of smaller vehicles beside or tailing the trailer.

### **Wide-angle mirrors**

This type of mirror is ideal if you are frequently towing an oversized load in your truck bed. It is also helpful for senior drivers who could use a larger image of what is on the road behind their vehicle. Most wide-angle mirrors can be clipped easily onto the truck's existing mirror, making installation and removal a walk in the park.

### **Extended-length planar mirrors**

Mounted on either side of the truck cabin like the side-view mirrors, the extended-length planar mirrors greatly reduce blind spots. As their name implies, these units are fitted with long, extending mirror arms to provide the driver with a better view of wide loads from various angles to alert the driver of the presence of such near the trailer.

### **Convex mirrors**

With their curved design and slim mounts, [convex mirrors](#) provide drivers with a broader field of view by mirroring from different angles. They are commonly installed in the fender or hood of semi-trailers, but they can also be positioned along with the side-view mirrors. Also called [fish-eye mirrors](#), these rounded mirrors depict a wider view of the area around the truck compared to concave or flat mirrors.

### **West Coast Mirrors**

These large flat mirrors extend out from the truck's chassis to provide a bigger scope of the trailer's surroundings. Offering the sheer practicality and lower cost of a good flat-glass mirror, the popularity of these bus and commercial truck mirrors continues to grow, and they are now widely used worldwide.

### **Mirror systems**

Designed for wide-body applications, these mirror systems extend the mirror beyond the truck body to depict a wider, unobstructed view of dangerous blind spots and traffic lanes.

If you need to replace your vehicle's mirror with a new one or another type, visit **SME's** website and contact the **Safety Mirror Experts** in the Turkish factory with 55 years of experience.