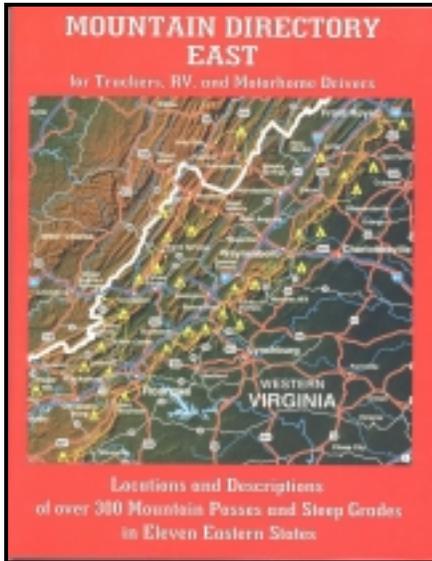
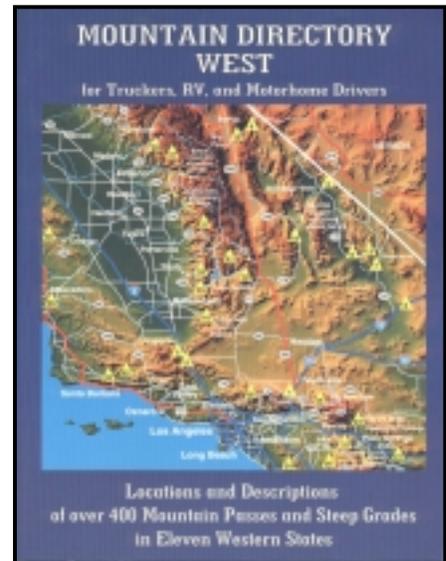


The Mountain Directory



Locations & Descriptions of Mountain Passes & Steep Grades in Eleven Eastern & Eleven Western States



How Richard Miller, truck driver, came to be Richard Miller, publisher, is best described in his own words, "...it was the most helpless feeling I have ever experienced. When you are flying down a mountain and everything is going wrong, it is too late to fix it. There are few, if any, options. There is nothing you can do but ride and hope everything turns out OK. In my case it obviously turned out OK but I wanted to do something to make sure it never happened again, not only to me but to anyone else." Following this frightening episode, Mr. Miller began calling western states to get information about dangerous grades. He was amazed to find that no one had compiled the information. Miller started collecting data and published the first western edition of the *Mountain Directory* in 1994.

Customers kept asking about an eastern edition. At first he was skeptical, but further research revealed much more than he had expected. In the introduction to the eastern edition of the *Mountain Directory*, Mr. Miller explains that even though elevations in the eastern states are not as high as the western states, other factors make the eastern grades just as hazardous. The **change** in elevation and the **length** of the grade are the factors that create dangerous conditions.

The *Mountain Directory* begins with some safety tips and a guide for mountain driving. The publication does not claim that it will teach anyone how to drive or how to get increased braking power-it does offer a warning of where you might encounter dangerous terrain so you can take a different route or at least be more prepared for what you will find. This is extremely important for vehicles that are not equipped with an accessory braking device.

Color-coded maps provide general elevation information. Most passes are named in the western states, but not in the eastern states. Therefore, the data is arranged differ-

ently. The western edition is presented alphabetically by state and the eastern edition is presented geographically by region. Both are well organized and the print is big enough to be easily read.

The descriptions are easy to follow and offer information that is not available from any other source. For example, from looking at my atlas we might consider traveling New Mexico Highway 126, east of Cuba. On the map, it looks like a part of the route if we wanted to go from Durango, CO to Santa Fe, NM. However, the *Mountain Directory* warns, "Hwy 126 is impassable in inclement weather. Since 20 miles of this road are dirt, inclement weather could include rain as well as snow. There are steep grades and lots of curves and switchbacks. **Not recommended for large vehicles.**" We will certainly heed that warning and take another route!

This publication contains unique information and we consider it an important adjunct to trip routing and other navigational aids. For more information, visit the *Mountain Directory* web page at <http://www.mountaindirectory.com>.

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