

Worth Their Weight in Hold

Not Lucky—Just Smart

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One of our AMS2s was driving home after work during rush hour. He got stuck in a traffic backup on the interstate, which is a daily occurrence here in Jacksonville, Fla.

The driver behind the AMS2 didn't notice the stopped traffic ahead and slammed into our Sailor's car. The force pushed our Sailor's car into the lane to the left, where traffic was flowing. The AMS2's car rolled under the trailer of an 18-wheeler rig. The rear trailer tires hit his front door jamb and rolled over the top of his hood.

The car spun a number of times before it stopped, headed south in a north-bound lane.

After he calmed down, the AMS2 pushed open his door and ran to check on the driver who rear-ended him. Other than being a little sore, our Sailor was uninjured.

Compare this crash and its outcome with the one on the preceding page. Study the photos of the two cars. This Sailor didn't survive this crash because he was just "lucky." He had been smart enough to wear his seatbelt. 

