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Road Warriors

The driver's education courses of today should deal with driving challenges of today, right? Like teaching teens how to use cell phones and iPods while they're speeding down the freeway.

That's what Eric Creditor thinks. "Today's kids are going to have these things in their cars," he said, "and it's important from the very beginning that kids know how to use them."

Creditor is co-founder of Drivers Ed Direct, and he wants to revolutionize the industry with his online interactive course. He says his course is among the few in L.A. that offers lessons in driving today's supersize SUVs as well as their fuel-economy antithesis, the hybrid.

Two hundred students have already signed up in the company's first month to go through a series of flash lessons and quizzes. "When you sit in a class, you're not required to ask any questions or respond to anything," Creditor said. "Online, you are."

The training cars are equipped with a video camera system that records training sessions on a DVD. The disc shows the instructor, student and windshield view, giving parents the ability to review the recording with their son or daughter after each lesson.

— *Spencer Kallick*

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