

Commercial Vehicle Pre-Trip Inspection Checklist

The Commercial Vehicle Pre-Trip Inspection Test is designed to test your ability to check a variety of commercial vehicle safety equipment and vehicle components. You are required to check the items listed below that relate to the operation of your vehicle. You will need to point out the item to be checked and explain how you check that item. You may use this checklist during your pre-trip inspection.

All commercial vehicles must display a current inspection sticker to receive a roadtest.

Combination Vehicle Type

Truck

Air & electric connectors

Coupling System
mounting bolts
pintle hook
hitch release lever
safety devices

Trailer

Air & electric connectors
Tongue storage area

Coupling System
tongue or drawbar
mounting bolts
safety devices
sliding pintle

Tractor

Air & electric connectors

Coupling System
mounting bolts
platform
locking jaws or lever
release arm & safety latch
5th wheel skid plate
slide 5th wheel pins

Semi-Trailer

Air & electric connectors

Coupling System
kingpin
apron
gap

All Vehicles

LIGHTS

Front of Vehicle
lights & reflectors
mirrors

Engine Compartment
oil level
coolant level
power steering fluid
water pump
alternator
leaks & hoses
*air compressor
master cylinder
automatic transmission fluid

Steering
steering box & hoses
steering linkage

Front Wheel
tires
rims
lug nuts
hub oil seal

Front Suspension
springs & shocks
u-bolts
spring mounts

Front Brake
brake hoses or lines
*brake chamber
*slack adjuster & push-rod
drum & linings or rotor & disk.

Driver/Fuel Area
door & mirror
fuel tank & cap & leaks
catwalk & steps
battery/box
lights & reflectors

Under Vehicle
drive shaft
exhaust system
frame

Rear Axles
tires
rims
lug nuts
hub oil seal
spacers or budd spacing

Rear Suspension
springs & shocks & airbags
u-bolts
spring/air mounts

Rear Brakes
brake hoses or lines
*brake chamber
*slack adjuster & push-rod
drum & linings or rotor & disk

Rear of Vehicle
doors & lift
splash guards
lights & reflectors

Combination Vehicles

Trailer Front
header board or bulkhead
lights & reflectors

Side of Trailer
landing gear
frame & tandem release
doors & ties & lifts
lights & reflectors

Trailer Wheels
tires
rims
lug nuts
hub oil seal
spacers or budd spacing

Trailer Suspension
springs & shocks & airbags
u-bolts
spring/air mounts

Trailer Brakes
brake hoses or lines
*brake chamber
*slack adjuster & push-rod
drum & linings or rotor & disk

Rear of Trailer
doors & lift
splash guards
lights & reflectors

Passenger Bus Vehicles

Passenger entry & lift

Emergency exits

Seating

Baggage doors secure

School Buses

8-Lamp system

First aid kit

Body fluid kit

Emergency exit types

Inside Vehicle

Safety belt
Emergency equipment
Safe start
Temperature gauge
*Air brake system only

Oil pressure gauge
Ammeter or voltmeter gauge
*Air gauge
Lighting indicators

Horn(s)
Heater & defroster
Windshield & mirrors
Wipers & washers

Parking brake
Service brake
*Air brake check
Hydraulic brake check/elec assist