



Pre-Trip Inspections

The purpose of a pre-trip inspection is to check the working condition of your vehicle. When you conduct a proper inspection, you are reviewing the mechanical and safety parts of your truck. If these parts are not checked or are not operating properly, you could face complications or the most significant consequence - a potentially fatal accident on the road. Also, if the issue is caught by a DOT officer and a violation is handed down, the CSA score of **both the driver and the carrier** are affected. By taking the time to check these parts, you help ensure that your equipment is safe to operate. You ensure your safe return home and you help ensure that the people around your vehicle are safe as well.

Things to remember ~

- ❖ **IT'S THE LAW** - You're required to ensure your vehicle is safe to operate & free from defects. Legally, you need to indicate you performed a pre-trip inspection while "on duty not driving" duty status.
- ❖ Take your time & get into a routine performing your inspection the same way every day – start at one point on the truck or trailer and work your way completely around the truck. Carry a flashlight so you can see in dark places – even in daylight it can be difficult to see inside brake drums and low lighting areas.
- ❖ Do not allow yourself to get overwhelmed. Most people know more than 50% of the pre-trip inspection just by using common sense.
 - 16 of the 18 tires are identical & checked exactly the same way
 - A hose is always the same – securely mounted without cracks, cuts or leaks, and not frayed.
- ❖ The top 3 overlooked issues in most inspections are brake adjustment, air pressure in tires and lights. A \$2.00 light bulb that's not functioning can cost hundreds of dollars if you are put out-of-service and required to pay for a tow and possible fine.
- ❖ Generally, if no problems are discovered, the inspection takes between 15-30 minutes. You need to keep this in mind when planning your day and making sure your deliveries are made on time.



Dennis
Adkins
Congratulations!!
You Won!!

... he is the lucky winner
of the gift certificate
this month for turning
in his signed newsletter.

August means ...
BACK TO SCHOOL

Drivers need to be extra
cautious around school
zones, bus stops and areas
where children walk or
ride bikes to school.



I have read and understand the
above information regarding
"Pre-Trip Inspections".

Signature

Date