

Motor Carrier Checklist*

Inspection of:	Date of Inspection:
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Inspectors:

Corrective Actions:
 Work order/memos were issued: Yes No Date issued:

*The following information is based on the main points of the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration's Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations, Part 396, including all revisions issued on or before July 10, 1997.

Topic Description	Yes	No	N/A	Comments
General				
All motor vehicles subject to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations must be systematically inspected. Are they?				
Are all parts and accessories in safe and proper operating condition at all times?				
Is the frame and frame assembly in safe and proper operating condition?				
Is the suspension system(s) in safe and proper operating condition?				
Are the axles and attaching parts (wheels and rims, and steering systems) in safe and proper operating condition?				
Are the bus push-out windows, emergency doors, and emergency door marking lights inspected at least every 90 days?				
Required Records/Retention				
Each vehicle controlled for 30 consecutive days or more, except for private motor carrier of passengers (non-business), shall have the following records maintained:				
Vehicle identification number				
Company vehicle number				
Vehicle serial number				
Vehicle year				
Vehicle tire size				
If the motor carrier does not own the vehicle, is the name of the person furnishing the vehicle(s) on file?				

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Required Records/Retention <i>(continued)</i>				
Are records kept of the due dates for the various inspection and maintenance operations to be performed?				
Are records kept (including the date and nature of the inspection) for repairs and maintenance performed?				
Are records maintained of the tests conducted on push-out windows, emergency doors, and emergency door marking lights on buses?				
Are records kept indicating where the vehicle is either housed or maintained?				
Are vehicle records maintained for a period of one year?				
Are vehicle records maintained for six months <i>after</i> the motor vehicle leaves the motor carrier's control?				
Lubrication				
Is there a system established to ensure that each motor vehicle is properly lubricated?				
Is there a system established to ensure that each motor vehicle is free of oil and grease leaks?				
Driver Vehicle Inspection Reports				
Are all drivers required to report, and prepare a <i>written</i> report, at the completion of each day's work on the vehicles operated?				
Is a pre-trip and post-trip written inspection list used?				
Is the last Vehicle Inspection Report carried on the unit?				
Inspector Qualifications				
Did the motor carrier ensure that the individual performing an annual inspection under Part 396.17 had the following qualifications?				
The inspector understood the inspection criteria set forth in 49 CFR Part 393 and Appendix G.				
The inspector had knowledge of the methods, procedures, tools, and equipment used to perform the inspection.				

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The inspector has completed a state or federal-sponsored training program, or has certification from a state or Canadian province qualifying the individual to perform commercial motor vehicle safety inspections.				
Has the motor carrier kept records of the inspector's qualifications for the period during which the individual performed the annual motor vehicle inspections?				
Inspection Recordkeeping				
The qualified inspector performing the inspection shall maintain the following records:				
Identity of the individual performing the inspection.				
Identity of the motor carrier operating the vehicle.				
Date of inspection.				
Identity of the vehicle inspected.				
Identity of the vehicle components inspected and the results of the inspection.				
Certification of the accuracy and completeness of the inspection.				
Is the original or copy of the inspection report readily available for an authorized federal, state, or local official?				
Qualifications of the Brake Inspector				
The motor carrier shall ensure that all inspections, maintenance, repairs, or service to the brakes of a commercial motor vehicle are in compliance with Part 396.25.				
Did the brake inspector meet the <i>minimum</i> brake inspector qualifications as stated in Part 396.25(d)?				
Did the inspector understand the inspection criteria for brake service or inspection?				
Did the inspector have knowledge of the methods, procedures, tools, and equipment used to perform the inspection?				
Has the inspector completed an apprenticeship program (or approved training program) sponsored by a state or federal agency, a Canadian province, or a labor union?				
Has the inspector had brake-related training or experience, or a combination thereof, totaling at least one year?				

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Driver Personnel Folder Forms and Information				
The following are suggested types of information that should be kept in a driver's personnel folder:				
Application				
Inquiry to past employers (past three years experience)				
Alcohol and controlled substance form				
DOT physical (date of expiration; valid for two years from date of exam)				
CDL driver's license (date of expiration)				
Drug screen (must read negative)				
Road test results				
Certificate of road and written test				
Violation and review records				
HAZMAT record and certification (if applicable)				
Photocopy of HAZMAT completion card (if applicable)				
Driver's test				
Driver data sheet				
Drug abuse policy receipt				