



Light Vehicle Safety Inspection



For each item check "OK" or "NOT!" Sign if OK to drive. Review instructions on back.

Name of Business		Inspected By		Date
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Vehicle No.	Year	Make	Model	Mileage
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OK	NOT!	ITEMS	OUTSIDE VEHICLE
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		Lights	Check high & low beam headlights, emergency flashers, turn signals (front/rear), tail lights, brake lights, side markers, parking lights, back-up lights (shift to rev.)
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		Tires	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Check for low tire pressure. At least weekly use gauge to verify correct level. 2. Check tread wear (if tread wear indicators show across 2+ grooves, replace) 3. Check both sides of tire for bulges or large cracks on sidewall.
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		Shock Absorbers	Bounce vehicle up and down at each wheel. If vehicle continues bouncing two or more times after you let go, you have weak shocks (<i>which wear down tires and cause handling problems</i>).
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OK	NOT!	ITEMS	UNDER VEHICLE
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		Brake Lines	Check for fluid leaks on brake line and cylinders.
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		Exhaust System	Check completely for leaks, looseness: muffler, tail pipes, exhaust pipe.
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		Oil Leaks	Check for leaks under the transmission, engine, and differential.
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		Water Leaks	Check for leaks under the radiator (BUT clear condensation drops from A/C=OK)
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		Gas Tanks	Check for leaks and make sure gas cap is secured tightly.
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OK	NOT!	ITEMS	INSIDE VEHICLE
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		Dashboard Lights	All warning lights should light up when engine is cranking & parking brake is on.
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		Horn	Check it a few times. Does it work reliably?
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		Windows	No intersecting cracks, cracks over 1/4" wide, or stickers that impair vision.
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		Windshield Wiper	Do washers work? Do wipers clean well? This is a MUST for safe driving!
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		Seat Belts	Are they available? Do buckles work easily? USE THEM!!
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		Rear-View Mirror	Make sure all are firmly attached and properly reflect view behind the vehicle.
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		Brakes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Push pedal down. If it drops more than 1/2-way to floor, brakes need service. 2. Push down hard, hold down, and count to 10. If pedal still goes down, have it serviced immediately (to test with power breaks, engine must be running). 3. While driving, brake vehicle. If you swerve from side-to-side or the vehicle does not feel fully in control, have it checked out.
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		Parking Brake	While stopped set brake firmly and try to move vehicle in "drive." If vehicle moves forward easily the brakes need servicing.
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		Speedometer	Check while vehicle is moving - must register M.P.H.
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		Loose Objects	Should not obstruct vision/movement /exit, or pose risk of injury in sudden stop.
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		Safety Equipment	Fire extinguisher. Spare fuses & bulbs. Warning devices (triangles, flags, flares).
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Vehicle Inspection Instructions:

Professional drivers take vehicle inspections very seriously. No one likes paperwork, but it comes with the territory — and it's crucial to your safety.

The **Driver Vehicle Inspection Report (DVIR)** is a federal safety regulation for vehicles with GVW of over 10,000 lbs., but it's something every professional driver would want to do anyway. The reports cover the same items that you would check **for your own safety**, in any case. By being careful you look out for your welfare and that of others too.

By the way, remember to **conduct your safety inspection SAFELY!** Be sure to put on the emergency brake before getting under a vehicle.

You should begin and end every working day with your DVIR. **Before you move an inch**, you'll review the last report, check the vehicle yourself, and certify with your signature that the vehicle is OK to driver or that defects noted by the driver before you have been repaired or resolved.

Once you note an item, your company is obligated by law to make the repair or indicate in writing why the repair can be delayed without risks.

NOTE: you are expected to note any problem that you think might affect the safe operation of your vehicle, **even if it is not listed** on the DVIR (such as body damage). There is space below for comments.

With experience, you'll develop an ever more efficient and complete **inspection technique**. By following a pattern, you can make sure you cover everything, every time.

Personal Safety Checklist:

- Approach your trip with a healthy mental attitude
- Review the previous vehicle inspection report
- Tune in to weather and road conditions, and prepare what you need to handle your route
- Check that your cargo is securely stored when you begin your trip and after about 25 miles
- On the road, continue to listen, smell, feel, and watch for signs of potential trouble. Stay alert!

Weekly Inspection Items:

Check with your company to find out if you are expected to do these tasks or if other arrangements have been made. A good time to do inspections is at a service station with every other fill-up.

Oil Level. Make certain vehicle is on level ground. Use the type of oil recommended in owners manual.

Coolant Level. Check level in the overflow reservoir or in the radiator itself (if no overflow reservoir). Remove radiator cap only when the engine is cool.

Under the Hood. Look around in there. Is anything loose, cracked, or leaking.

Fuel Consumption. Keep track of your miles per gallon. If mileage goes down significantly, it's time for a tune-up or repairs.

Tire Pressure. For safety and better gas mileage use a gauge to inflate tires to the pressure that you owners manual recommends. Fill your spare too.

Clean up. Clean up the inside and wash the outside

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ADDITIONAL COMMENTS from VEHICLE INSPECTION: