

VEHICLE INSPECTIONS



The main reason why you should always inspect your equipment is Safety. Finding a vehicle defect can save you time and money. Everyone knows how expensive it is to have a break down on the road, so inspect your vehicle in order to avoid costly break downs or even worse, a collision.

There are three different inspections you need to perform:

1. PRE-TRIP INSPECTION: It's the inspection you should do before each trip. Remember, you are the one responsible for the safe operation of the vehicle, not your mechanic! Among the things you need to check every day are your brakes and your tires, which are the most common violations with the DOT. Look for leaks under the vehicle, if you see grease, fresh oil or fuel you must fix it immediately. Check all the fluid levels inside the engine compartment and your belts.

2. EN ROUTE INSPECTION: you need to look for signs of trouble during your trip. If something doesn't feel right, stop and check it out. Whenever you stop for brakes, inspect critical items such as your tires, brakes, lights, brake connections and gauges.

3. POST-TRIP INSPECTION: It's the inspection you should do after you're done driving. Drivers need to complete a written inspection report listing any problems found and solved. Please log this time as well, since all inspections count as on duty not driving time and should be accounted for in your logbook.

