

THE FLEET BEAT

MAY 2019

ROADCHECK 2019

LOOK SHARP, ACT SHARP, BE SHARP!

Roadcheck, the annual 72-hour inspection event first launched in 1988, will occur between Tuesday, June 4th and Thursday, June 6th in Canada, the United States and Mexico. Roughly 17 trucks and buses will be inspected each minute by CVSA officers to ensure drivers and vehicles meet safety and security requirements. The focus for Roadcheck 2019 will be steering and suspension systems. Maintaining these systems in good order is essential to ensure control and stability while operating on roadways. Additionally, this reduces the chance of breakdowns due to tire failure. Download a one-page handout on the North American Standard Level One Inspection process from the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) [here](#).

PRE-TRIP / POST-TRIP INSPECTION OVERVIEW

§392.7 Equipment, inspection and use

No commercial motor vehicle shall be driven unless the driver is satisfied that the following parts and accessories are in good working order, nor shall any driver fail to use or make use of such parts and accessories when and as needed.

§396.13 Driver inspection

Before driving a motor vehicle, the driver shall:

- a. Be satisfied that the motor vehicle is in safe operating condition;
- b. Review the last driver vehicle inspection report; and
- c. Sign the report, only if defects or deficiencies were noted by the driver who prepared the report, to acknowledge that the driver has reviewed it and that there is a certification that the required repairs have been performed. The signature requirement does not apply to listed defects on a towed unit which is no longer part of the vehicle combination.

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FIVE TIPS TO PREPARE FOR ROADCHECK

1. Operate clean and well-maintained vehicles. Poorly maintained and dirty equipment attracts the attention of law enforcement and gives the impression of sloppiness.
2. Be sure annual inspection records for all equipment – tractors, trailers and straight trucks – are on board and VALID.
3. Do a good job with pre-trip and post-trip inspections – drivers need to open the hood before and after duty to identify any concerns.
4. Be sure those records are in order. Drivers must have a VALID Medical Examiner's Certificate, a VALID operator's license with the proper endorsement from the state of residence on their person, and they must be utilizing Electronic Logging Devices unless using exemptions. For those drivers required to have a CDL, be sure they have self-certified to the State Driver Licensing Agency (SDLA), otherwise they may face license suspension.
5. Drive safely. Common violations that result in law enforcement vehicle stops include speeding, following too closely, running a stop sign or traffic control device, failure to use turn signal, improper lane change and handheld cellphone use.

Post-Inspection Roadside Inspection Documentation

Drivers are required to submit the inspection report to the motor carrier within 24 hours. If they are not going to return to the terminal they must mail in the inspection. Any violations must be corrected, and then the inspection form must be signed to certify that repairs were completed. It must be sent back to the state of inspection within 15 days, and copies of all roadside inspections must be retained by the motor carrier for twelve months.

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