INSPECTIONS

DOT pre-trip inspection checklist and driver vehicle inspection report

The driver's check before a commercial motor vehicle moves and the end-of-day driver vehicle inspection report (DVIR) the FMCSA rules require, built on the parts and accessories listed in 49 CFR 392.7 and 396.11.

How often: **Before driving; report at the completion of each day's work** Who: **Driver** **About 10 min** **26 items**

Site or area _____ Asset or line _____

Date and time _____ Completed by _____

Before you use it

- Under 49 CFR 392.7(a), no commercial motor vehicle may be driven unless the driver is satisfied that the service brakes including trailer brake connections, parking brake, steering mechanism, lighting devices and reflectors, tires, horn, windshield wipers, rear-vision mirrors, coupling devices, wheels and rims, and emergency equipment are in good working order.
- 49 CFR 396.11(a) requires every driver to prepare a written report at the completion of each day's work on each vehicle operated, covering at least those same parts and accessories. The report identifies the vehicle and lists any defect or deficiency that would affect the safety of operation or result in a mechanical breakdown, and the driver signs it; no report is needed when no defect was discovered or reported. Before the vehicle is driven again, the motor carrier repairs any listed defect likely to affect safety and certifies on the report that it was repaired or that repair is unnecessary. The report, the certification of repairs and the driver's review certification are kept for three months.
- Before driving, 49 CFR 396.13 requires the driver to be satisfied that the vehicle is in safe operating condition, to review the last driver vehicle inspection report, and to sign it to acknowledge the review and the certification of repairs. Both reports may be created and kept electronically under 49 CFR 390.32.
- The emergency equipment in 49 CFR 393.95 is a fire extinguisher rated 5 B:C or more, or two rated 4 B:C or more (10 B:C or more on a power unit carrying placarded hazardous materials), filled, securely mounted and readily accessible, plus three bidirectional emergency reflective triangles or at least six fusees. The 396.11 report rules do not apply to a carrier operating only one commercial motor vehicle. Add your own items, such as the permit book, the electronic logging device and load securement.

Vehicle

NO.	ITEM	RESULT	NOTES
1	**Scan the vehicle tag**	☐ Visited	
2	**Unit number**	_____	
3	**Trailer number, if any**	_____	
4	**Odometer**	_____ mi or km Limit _____	
5	**Last driver vehicle inspection report reviewed and signed; listed repairs certified**	☐ Pass ☐ Fail ☐ N/A	

Parts and accessories (49 CFR 392.7)

NO.	ITEM	RESULT	NOTES
6	Service brakes, including trailer brake connections	☐ Pass ☐ Fail ☐ N/A	
7	Parking brake	☐ Pass ☐ Fail ☐ N/A	
8	Steering mechanism	☐ Pass ☐ Fail ☐ N/A	
9	Lighting devices and reflectors	☐ Pass ☐ Fail ☐ N/A	
10	Tires: tread, inflation, no cuts or bulges	☐ Pass ☐ Fail ☐ N/A	
11	Horn	☐ Pass ☐ Fail ☐ N/A	
12	Windshield wipers	☐ Pass ☐ Fail ☐ N/A	
13	Rear-vision mirrors	☐ Pass ☐ Fail ☐ N/A	
14	Coupling devices: fifth wheel, kingpin, safety chains, air and electrical lines	☐ Pass ☐ Fail ☐ N/A	
15	Wheels and rims: lug nuts tight, no cracks	☐ Pass ☐ Fail ☐ N/A	

Emergency equipment (49 CFR 393.95)

NO.	ITEM	RESULT	NOTES
16	Fire extinguisher charged on its indicator, labeled with its rating, mounted and accessible	☐ Pass ☐ Fail ☐ N/A	
17	Three bidirectional reflective triangles or at least six fusees on board	☐ Pass ☐ Fail ☐ N/A	

Cab and engine

NO.	ITEM	RESULT	NOTES
18	Fluid levels, belts and hoses	☐ Pass ☐ Fail ☐ N/A	
19	Gauges and warning lights normal after start	☐ Pass ☐ Fail ☐ N/A	
20	Seat belt, windshield and glass	☐ Pass ☐ Fail ☐ N/A	

Driver vehicle inspection report (49 CFR 396.11)

NO.	ITEM	RESULT	NOTES
21	Defects or deficiencies found	☐ None ☐ Listed below	
22	Defects that would affect safe operation or result in a breakdown	_____ _____	
23	Photo of any defect	☐ Photo taken	

NO.	ITEM	RESULT	NOTES
24	**Driver**	Name _____ Signature _____ Date _____	
25	**Carrier certification**	☐ Repaired ☐ Repair unnecessary ☐ Pending	
26	**Mechanic or carrier agent**	Name _____ Signature _____ Date _____	

Follow-up

For each failed check or reading out of limit: what was found, what was done, and the work order raised for it.

NO.	WHAT WAS FOUND	ACTION OR WORK ORDER	OWNER	DUE

References

- 49 CFR 392.7, equipment, inspection and use
  https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-49/section-392.7
- 49 CFR 396.11, driver vehicle inspection report(s)
  https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-49/section-396.11
- 49 CFR 396.13, driver inspection
  https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-49/section-396.13

Free to use and adapt. To run it on mobile, with checkpoint scans, readings checked against their limits as they are entered, and photos and signatures attached to the check, see vardian.io/templates/dot-pre-trip-inspection-checklist.