



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
DRIVER AND MOTOR VEHICLE SERVICES
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CDL PRE-TRIP INSPECTION CRITERIA

This is a list of item that must be inspected as part of the pre-trip inspection. You need only inspect those items with which your vehicle is equipped. The pre-trip inspection tests your familiarity with your vehicle and your ability to identify unsafe or illegal vehicle components. It is not representative of the complete inspection that you would perform daily.

Use this list along with the Pre-trip Vehicle Inspection section of the Oregon CMV Manual to help prepare for the test. While doing the pre-trip inspection test, use this list (without alterations) to identify items you need to inspect. Inspect the items on your vehicle in the order they are listed below. You must point at or touch the item on your vehicle and explain to the examiner how your are inspecting it. Specifically describe conditions that would lead you to believe an item or component is illegal or unsafe. If your vehicle does not have an item listed, skip it and go to the next item.

● TRACTOR TRAILER ●

LIGHTS, REFLECTORS

- Front of Vehicle
- Rear of Vehicle
- Clearance & Reflectors

ENGINE COMPARTMENT

- Fluid Levels
- Belts
- Air Compressor
- Fluid Leaks

FRONT OF TRACTOR

- Steering Box
- Steering Linkage

FRONT SUSPENSION

- Spring
- Spring Mount
- Shock Absorber

DRIVER/FUEL AREA

- Driver Door
- Fuel Tank

REAR OF TRACTOR

- Drive Shaft
- Exhaust System
- Frame
- Air/Electric Lines
- Catwalk
- Header Board

COUPLING SYSTEM

Fifth Wheel Type

- Mounting Bolts
- Platform
- Release Arm
- Kingpin
- Apron
- Sliding Fifth Wheel
- Locking-Pins

Pintle Hook / Ball Hitch Type

- Mounting Bolts/Welds
- Pintle Hook/Ball
- Safety Latch/Locking Device
- Safety Chain/Cables
- Eye/Coupler
- Drawbar/Tongue

Tow Truck – Underlift Type

- Underlift Reach
- Pivot Pin
- Crossbar
- Receiver Retaining & Safety Pins
- Tie-Down Chains or Straps
- Safety Chains/Cables

SIDE OF TRAILER

- Landing Gear
- Doors or Ties
- Frame

TRAILER WHEELS

- Rims
- Tires
- Lug Nuts
- Hub/Axle Seal

TRAILER BRAKES

- Slack Adjusters
- Chambers
- Hoses
- Drums & Lining

TRAILER SUSPENSION

- Springs
- Air Bags
- Spring Mounts
- Torque or Radius Arm

REAR OF TRAILER

- Doors or Ties
- Mud Flaps

ENGINE START

- Oil Pressure Gauge
- Ammeter/Voltmeter Gauge
- Steering Wheel Play
- Mirrors
- Windshield
- Wipers
- Horn(s)
- Heater/Defroster
- Safety/Emergency Equipment
- Parking Brake

Air Brake Checks

- Leaks
- Low Air Warning
- TPV/Breakaway Module

● **COACH / TRANSIT BUS AND CLASS "C" PASSENGER BUS** ●
(EXCEPT SCHOOL BUSES)

LIGHTS, REFLECTORS

Front of Vehicle
Rear of Vehicle
Clearance & Reflectors

ENGINE COMPARTMENT

Fluid Levels
Belts
Air Compressor
Fluid Leaks

BAGGAGE COMPARTMENT

Compartment Doors

FUEL TANK AREA

Fuel Tank

REAR WHEELS

Rims
Tires
Hub/Axle Seal
Lug Nuts
Mud Flaps

**REAR BRAKES,
SUSPENSION (Coach/Transit)**

Air Leaks

REAR BRAKES (Class "C")

Fluid Leaks

PASSENGER ITEMS

Passenger Entry
Emergency Exits
Seating

ENGINE START

Oil Pressure Gauge
Ammeter/Voltmeter Gauge
Steering Wheel Play
Mirrors
Windshield
Wipers
Horn
Heater/Defroster
Safety/Emergency Equipment
Parking Brake

Air Brake Checks

Leaks
Low Air Warning

● **TRUCK / BUS** ●
(INCLUDING ALL SCHOOL BUSES)

LIGHTS, REFLECTORS

Front of Vehicle
Rear of Vehicle
Clearance & Reflectors

***(SCHOOL BUS ONLY)**

* Student Safety Lights
* Safety Light Indicators

ENGINE COMPARTMENT

Fluid Levels
Belts
Air Compressor
Fluid Leaks

FRONT OF TRUCK

Steering Box
Steering Linkage

FRONT SUSPENSION

Spring
Spring Mount
Shock Absorber

DRIVER/FUEL AREA

Driver Door
Fuel Tank

REAR WHEELS

Rims
Tires
Hub/Axle Seals
Lug Nuts
Mud Flaps

REAR SUSPENSION

Springs
Air Bags
Mounts
Torque or Radius Arm

REAR BRAKES

Slack Adjuster
Chamber
Hoses
Drums & Lining

***(ALL BUSES ONLY)**

* Passenger Entry
* Emergency Exit
* Seating

***(SCHOOL BUS ONLY)**

* Stop Arm(s)

ENGINE START

Oil Pressure Gauge
Ammeter/Voltmeter Gauge
Steering Wheel Play
Mirrors
Windshield
Wipers
Horn
Heater/Defroster
Safety/Emergency Equipment
Parking Brake

Air Brake Checks

Leaks
Low Air Warning