Cargo Securement Trip Inspection Checklist

Trip and load

Driver / unit / trailer / date

Cargo / origin / destination

Before departure

- ☐ Confirm cargo is distributed and secured for the load and equipment; apply commodity-specific requirements.
- ☐ Inspect tiedowns, anchor points, blocking, and edge protection for condition and suitability.
- ☐ Secure doors, tailgates, tarps, spare equipment, and other loose items. Keep the driver’s view, controls, emergency equipment, and exits clear.

When to recheck

For covered truck and truck-tractor operations, inspect within the first 50 miles. Reexamine when duty status changes, after 3 driving hours, or after 150 miles, whichever occurs first, and make needed adjustments.

Trip inspection record

Date / time / miles	Location / reason for check	Adjustment / initials

Exception or unresolved concern

Seal / order not to open / other basis

Concern / person notified / resolution

The en-route provisions in 392.9(b) have an exception for a sealed vehicle ordered not to be opened for inspection, or a load whose manner of loading makes inspection impracticable. This is not a blanket exemption from safe loading and securement.

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Working resource. Confirm applicability and current requirements for your operation.