Truck & Trailer Pre-Trip Inspection Checklist

Inspection details

Carrier / driver / date / time

Truck unit / trailer unit / odometer

Before moving

- ☐ Review the last required DVIR and required repair certification; acknowledge review where required.
- ☐ Check for visible damage, leaks, unsafe loading, and obstructions around the vehicle.
- ☐ Check seat belt, mirrors, horn, wipers, visibility, instruments, steering, and warning indicators.

Walk-around and connections

- ☐ Check lights, reflectors, tires, wheels, fasteners, suspension, and accessible frame components.
- ☐ Check service and parking brakes, air / electrical connections, and brake-system condition using trained procedures for this equipment.
- ☐ Inspect the coupling, locking mechanism, safety devices, trailer supports, doors, and cargo securement.
- ☐ Check required emergency equipment and accessible current vehicle / inspection documentation.

Before release

- ☐ Report defects promptly and verify needed repairs before operation.
- ☐ Stop and contact the responsible person when safety is uncertain. Do not crawl under unsupported equipment or attempt untrained repairs.

Defects and disposition

Defect / location	Reported to / time	Repair / follow-up reference

Inspection completed

Driver signature / date

This is a pre-trip aid, not an annual inspection report or a complete DVIR form. Follow the applicable end-of-day defect-reporting requirements separately.

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