

CDL PRE-TRIP VEHICLE INSPECTION MEMORY AID

You may use this list of vehicle components during the test to help remember components you must inspect as described in the Oregon Commercial Driver Manual. You need only inspect those components with which your vehicle is equipped.

As much as possible, you should inspect the components on your vehicle in the order they are listed below. This will help you conduct a methodical inspection without missing required components.

When visible or accessible, you must point at or touch the component you are inspecting. If your vehicle has the component but it is not visible or accessible, describe its location. Explain to the examiner how you are or would inspect the component. Specifically describe conditions that would lead you to believe an item or component is illegal or unsafe. If your vehicle does not have listed components, skip them and go to the next component/area.

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.

| ● CLASS A VEHICLES ● | | | |
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| Engine Compartment | Coupling Systems (Cont) | Trailer Suspension | |
| Fluid Levels | Pintle Hook/Ball Hitch Types | Springs and/or Air Bags | |
| Belts | Mounting Bolts/Welds | Spring/Air Mounts and U-bolts | |
| Air Compressor | Pintle Hook/Ball | Torque Arm/Radius Rod | |
| Alternator | Safety Latch/Locking Device | Rear of Trailer | |
| Fluid Leaks and Hoses | Safety Chains/Cables | Doors or Ties | |
| Front of Tractor/Truck | Eye/Coupler | Mud Flaps | |
| Steering Box and Hoses | Drawbar/Tongue | Lights and Reflectors | |
| Steering Linkage | Tow Truck – Underlift Type | Front Lights | |
| Front Suspension | Underlift Reach | Rear Lights | |
| Springs &/or Air Bags | Pivot Pin | Clearance and Reflectors | |
| Spring/Air Mounts and U-Bolts | Crossbar | Engine Start – In Cab | |
| Shock Absorber | Receiver Retaining & Safety Pins | Safety Belt | |
| Driver/Fuel Area | Tie-Down Chains or Straps | Lighting Indicators | |
| Driver Door and Mirror | Safety Chains/Cables | Oil Pressure Indicator | |
| Fuel Tank and Cap | Side of Trailer | Air Pressure Gauge | |
| Rear of Tractor/Truck | Landing Gear | Ammeter/Voltmeter | |
| Drive Shaft | Doors or Ties | Mirrors | |
| Exhaust System | Frame & Crossmembers | Windshield | |
| Frame | Tandem Release | Wipers and Washers | |
| Air Connectors and Lines | Trailer Wheels | Horn(s) | |
| Electric Connectors and Lines | Rims | Heater/Defroster | |
| Catwalk | Tires | Safety/Emergency Equipment | |
| Headerboard | Lug Nuts | Hydraulic Brake Check | |
| Coupling Systems | Hub/Axle Seal | Breakaway Module | |
| Fifth Wheel Type | Spacer or Bud Spacing | Air Brake Checks | |
| Mounting Bolts | Brakes | Parking Brake | |
| Platform | Slack Adjusters and Pushrods | Service Brakes | |
| 5 th Wheel Skid Plate | Chambers | | |
| Release Arm | Hoses/Lines | | |
| Kingpin | Drums and Linings or Rotors and Pads | | |
| Apron | | | |
| Sliding 5 th Wheel Locking Pins | | | |
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| Engine Compartment | Rear Wheels | Lights and Reflectors |
| Fluid Levels | Rims | Front of Vehicle |
| Belts | Tires | Rear of Vehicle |
| Air Compressor | Lug Nuts | Clearance and Reflectors |
| Alternator | Hub/Axle Seal | In-Cab Inspection |
| Fluid Leaks and Hoses | Spacer or Bud Spacing | Safety Belt |
| Front of Vehicle | Rear Suspension | Lighting Indicators |
| Steering Box and Hoses | Springs &/or Air Bags | Oil Pressure Indicator |
| Steering Linkage | Spring/Air Mounts and U-bolts | Air Pressure Gauge |
| Front Suspension | Torque Arm/Radius Rod | Ammeter/Voltmeter |
| Springs &/or Air Bags | Brakes | Mirrors |
| Spring/Air Mounts and U-Bolts | Slack Adjusters and Pushrods | Windshield |
| Shock Absorber | Chambers | Wipers and Washers |
| Driver Door/Fuel Area | Hoses/Lines | Horn(s) |
| Driver Door and Mirror | Drums and Linings or Rotors and Pads | Heater/Defroster |
| Fuel Tank and Cap | Rear of Vehicle | Safety/Emergency Equipment |
| Catwalk | Doors or Ties | Hydraulic Brake Check |
| Under Vehicle | Mud Flaps | Air Brake Checks |
| Drive Shaft | | Parking Brake |
| Exhaust | | Service Brakes |
| Frame | | |

| ● CLASS B and C PASSENGER VEHICLES ● | | | | |
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| Engine Compartment | Rear Wheels | Lights and Reflectors | | |
| Fluid Levels | Rims | Front of Vehicle | | |
| Belts | Tires | Rear of Vehicle | | |
| Air Compressor | Lug Nuts | Clearance and Reflectors | | |
| Alternator | Hub/Axle Seal | School Bus Items | | |
| Fluid Leaks and Hoses | Spacer or Bud Spacing | Student Loading Lights | | |
| Front of Vehicle | Rear Suspension | Stop/Safety Arm | | |
| Steering Box and Hoses | Springs &/or Air Bags | Student Mirror | | |
| Steering Linkage | Spring/Air Mounts and U-bolts | First Aid Kit & Body Fluid Kit | | |
| Front Suspension | Torque Arm/Radius Rod | In-Cab Inspection | | |
| Springs &/or Air Bags | Brakes | Safety Belt | | |
| Spring/Air Mounts and U-Bolts | Slack Adjusters and Pushrods | Lighting Indicators | | |
| Shock Absorber | Chambers | Oil Pressure Indicator | | |
| Driver Door/Fuel Area | Hoses/Lines | Air Pressure Gauge | | |
| Driver Door/Mirror | Drums and Linings or Rotors and Pads | Ammeter/Voltmeter | | |
| Fuel Tank & Cap | Rear of Vehicle | Mirrors | | |
| Under Vehicle | Mud Flaps | Windshield | | |
| Drive Shaft | Passenger Items | Wipers and Washers | | |
| Exhaust | Passenger Entry | Horn(s) | | |
| Frame | Wheelchair Lift | Heater/Defroster | | |
| Baggage Compartment | Handrails and Step Light | Safety/Emergency Equipment | | |
| Doors | Emergency Exits | Hydraulic Brake Check | | |
| | Seating | Air Brake Checks | | |
| | | Parking Brake | | |
| | | Service Brakes | | |