



CDL pre-trip inspection checklist.

Front of the Truck

Lights must be clean, secure, and functional.
The truck should not lean.
No leaks should be visible under the engine compartment.

Engine Compartment

Fluid levels, including power steering, coolant, windshield washer fluid, and engine oil, should be at proper levels.
Hoses, belts, and reservoirs must be securely connected and free from damage.
The air compressor and alternator should be inspected for proper mounting.

Brakes

Hoses, chambers, drums, and pads need to be secure and free from signs of wear.
Slack adjusters should have no more than 1" of play.
Brake pads must have at least 1/4" thickness.

Wheels and Tires

Tires should be inspected for cuts, bulges, or abrasions and must be properly inflated.
Lug nuts must be tight, valve stems capped, and tire tread depth within acceptable limits.
Wheel rims must have no unauthorized welds, and hub seals must be free from leaks.

Trailer and Coupling Area

The trailer should have no holes, and all hardware and cross members must be intact.
The fifth wheel platform, apron, and kingpin must be secure and undamaged.
Landing gear and air lines must be properly mounted and fully operational.

Cab Check

Seat belts must function properly.
The parking brake should be engaged.
Gauges, windshield wipers, and heating systems need to be operational.
Emergency equipment, including fire extinguishers and reflective triangles, must be present and in good condition.