

ROADCHECK 2018

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Level I DOT Inspections

A commercial motor vehicle (CMV) or bus will be stopped for an inspection every three and a half seconds for the duration of the 72-hour time period. While the focus may be hours of service, the majority of the inspections conducted will be of the Level 1 variety, which consists of an examination of both the driver and the vehicle.



Do you have your IFTA license, Registrations, Copy of Lease, and Registration and Annual Inspection for ALL vehicles?

ELD card, Extra Log Book (at least 8 days)?

Are you wearing your seatbelt? Do not take it off until the inspector has seen it.

Roadcheck will take place from June 5-7, 2018. According to the CVSA, inspectors will mainly conduct the North American Standard Level 1 Inspection, with a focus on hours of service violations. "The top reason drivers were placed out of service during 2017 International Roadcheck was for hours-of-service violations," said CVSA President Capt. Christopher Turner of the Kansas Highway Patrol. "Thirty-two percent of drivers who were placed out of service during last year's three-day International Roadcheck were removed from our roadways due to violations related to hours-of-service regulations. It's definitely an area we need to call attention to this year."

In addition to hours of service compliance, the inspection will include a thorough look at both the driver's paperwork and the vehicle's mechanical condition.

The Driver

Be prepared to present your operating credentials: driver license, registration and permits, along with a review of your Hours of Service documentation. Inspectors will also be looking for evidence of drug or alcohol impairment. Basically during a Level 1 inspection, everything is on the table. It is the most in-depth of the various inspection types, so you want to make sure that you and your vehicle are in tip-top shape and your documentation is in proper order.



Remember never to take your seat belt off until the inspector approaches the cab and can see that you were wearing it!

A – Driver's license, Medical card, LOGS



Personally you need to make sure that you:

- have your **license** with you,
- it is **valid**, and
- that your **med card** is electronically linked to your license.

B – Registration truck and trailer, copy of lease, insurance card, IFTA license



Make sure that your permit book is up to date, your logs are current to your last change of duty status, and your shipping papers are in order and close at hand.

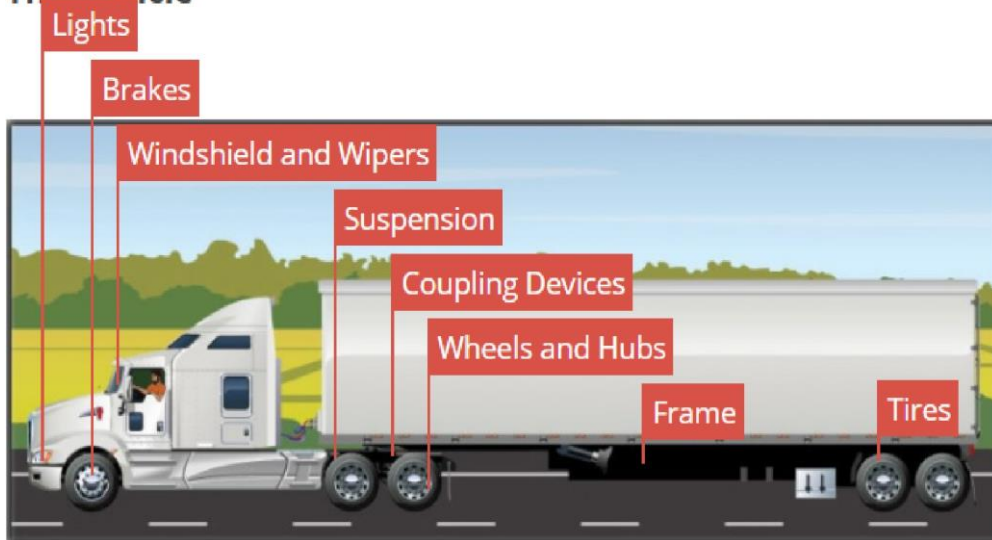
During the Level 1 inspection process inspectors will look at:

- Driver's Documents
- Check for Presence of Hazardous Materials/Dangerous Goods
- Identify the Carrier
- **Examine Driver's License or CDL**
- **Check Medical Examiner's Certificate** and Skill Performance Evaluation (SPE) Certificate (if applicable)
- **Check Record of Duty Status**
- **Review Driver's Daily Vehicle Inspection Report** (if applicable)
- Review Periodic Inspection Report(s)
- Prepare Driver for Vehicle Inspection
- Inspect Front of Tractor
- Inspect Left Front side of Tractor
- Inspect Left Saddle Tank Area
- Inspect Trailer Front
- Inspect Left Rear Tractor Area
- Inspect Left Side of Trailer
- Inspect Left Rear Trailer Wheels
- Inspect Rear of Trailer
- Inspect Double, Triple and Full Trailers
- Inspect Right Rear Trailer Wheels
- Inspect Right Side of Trailer
- Inspect Right Rear Tractor Area
- Inspect Right Saddle Tank Area
- Inspect Right Front Side of Tractor
- Inspect Steering Axle(s)
- Inspect Axle(s) 2 and/or 3
- Inspect Axle(s) 4 and/or 5
- Prepare the Vehicle and Check Brake Adjustment
- Inspect Tractor Protection System (this procedure tests both the tractor protection system and the emergency brakes)
- Inspect Required Brake System Warning Devices
- Test Air Loss Rate
- Check Steering Wheel Lash
- Check Fifth Wheel Movement
- Brake systems
- Cargo securement
- Exhaust systems
- Lighting devices
- Tires
- Driveline/driveshaft components
- Windshield wipers – this includes wiper fluid
- **Driver's seatbelt usage**
- Evidence of drug/alcohol usage by the driver

If violations are found, drivers could be placed out of service. Those who pass will have a CVSA decal applied to their vehicle.

“Although the electronic logging device (ELD) rule that went into effect on Dec. 18, 2017 does not change any of the underlying hours-of-service rules or exceptions, the ELD mandate placed a spotlight on hours-of-service compliance,” said Capt. Turner. “We thought this year would be a perfect opportunity to focus on the importance of the hours-of-service regulations.”

The Vehicle



Vehicle items subject to inspection include brake systems, cargo securement, coupling devices, driveline components, exhaust systems, frames, fuel systems, lights, steering mechanisms, suspensions, tires, wheels, hubs, windshields and wipers.

Performing a full and complete pre- and post-trip inspection of your vehicle, and correcting any defects found during those inspections, is one way to help make sure your vehicle is ready.

Pass



If you pass your Level 1 without a critical violation, you should be awarded a CVSA decal for the truck indicating you passed a decal eligible inspection conducted by a CVSA certified inspector.

Don't pass? You may find yourself placed out of service (OOS) until repairs are completed or driver qualification issues are corrected. Nothing like being put OOS to ruin an otherwise fine June day!

The HOS Recording Device

This will be the first International Roadcheck since the electronic logging device (ELD) mandate went into effect in December of 2017 and the soft enforcement period ended on April 1st, 2018, so Hours of Service was a logical choice for the area of enhanced focus.

With very few exceptions, as of April 1, 2018 all commercial motor vehicles in the United States must be equipped with some type of HOS recording device, either an ELD or an Automatic On Board Recording Device (AOBRD) that collects and displays information regarding your Record of Duty Status (RODS). For the most part paper logs are gone by the wayside as a means of recording your daily activities. Any errors or HOS violations will be displayed on your logging device for the inspector to easily discover, however with human recording errors and form and manner violations virtually eliminated with the use of a logging device, if you are following the HOS regulations, remember the introductions of ELDs brought no changes to the HOS rules, you should have no issues with the hours of service part of the inspection.

So what are the inspectors looking for if HOS shouldn't be an issue?

1. You have a logging device
2. You have the instruction card – Put it in your permit book.
3. At least 8 days' worth of blank logs

DO YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO DURING AN INSPECTION?

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