



Roadside Inspections: Knowing What to Expect

Approximately 3.5 million commercial motor vehicle (CMV) inspections are performed each year, of those inspected 21% of the vehicles, and 5% of the drivers are placed out-of-service. The inspections are generally performed by state troopers or motor carrier enforcement officers who work for the states. Roadside inspections are the primary tool of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) and their state partners, and the inspections are used to verify compliance of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations for drivers and vehicles.

Why are vehicles inspected?

- Failed the "sight and sound" test (most common) fatigue driver, lights, tires, etc.
- Existing violation – speeding, following to close, overweight, etc.
- Inspection Selection System (ISS) – scoring system which provides guidance to inspectors in selecting vehicles.
- Accidents
- Random selection (least common)

Ways to avoid an inspection or an out-of-service violation:

- Train drivers to perform a thorough vehicle inspection.
- Drivers should perform daily pre and post-trip vehicle inspections as required by the FMCSA.
- Repair and maintain vehicles.
- Avoid driving when you are not up to the task.
- Drive safely (avoid speeding and following to close).
- Ensure drivers have a current driver's license and medical card

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