

## FREE LOGISTICS &amp; WAREHOUSING VEHICLE INSPECTION TEMPLATE

# Vehicle Inspection Checklist

Use this 60-point checklist to inspect cab controls, brakes, steering, tires and wheels, lights, engine and fluids, chassis and coupling, trailer condition, cargo securement, emergency equipment, defect reporting, corrective maintenance, repair verification, and final vehicle release.

Fleet / site

Inspection date

Vehicle / trailer ID

Driver / inspector

Internal Logistics & Warehousing template. Apply manufacturer instructions, the fleet maintenance and roadworthiness programme, commercial-motor-vehicle requirements where applicable, cargo-securement rules, local transport requirements, inspection schedules, and qualified technician judgment as controlling references.

## 1. Vehicle identity, inspection scope, driver or inspector details, mileage, service status, and previous defects

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**Confirm fleet or site, vehicle registration or unit number, VIN or chassis identifier where used, vehicle type, inspection date, and inspection type are recorded.**

CRITICAL

VEHICLE

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**Execution tip:** Start with the exact vehicle and its open defects. A safe inspection is more useful when the current mileage, route duty, trailer combination, recent repairs, and unresolved...

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**Record odometer or mileage, engine hours where applicable, current route or duty, driver or inspector, fleet owner, and maintenance owner.**

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**Confirm whether the inspection covers the power unit only, trailer only, vehicle-and-trailer combination, or another fleet configuration.**

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**Review previous inspection findings, driver-reported defects, maintenance work orders, breakdowns, roadside findings, and unresolved repair items before release.**

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**Check vehicle documents, permits, registration, inspection or certification records, insurance, and other fleet documents required by the operator or applicable law are current where relevant.**

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**Record final vehicle status categories used by the fleet, such as serviceable, repair before dispatch, restricted use, or out of service.**

CRITICAL

VEHICLE

FINAL STATUS | Enter

FLEET OWNER | Enter

MAINTENANCE APPROVAL | Enter

RELEASE APPROVAL | Enter

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## 2. Cab, driver controls, seat and restraints, horn, mirrors, windshield, wipers, washers, gauges, and warning indicators

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Inspect driver seat, seat adjustment, seat belt or restraint, door latch, cab steps, grab handles, floor area, and driver access for secure and serviceable condition.

CRITICAL

VEHICLE

Serviceable

Repair

Out of service

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**Execution tip:** The driver must be able to see, control, and understand the vehicle before movement. Visibility, restraint, warning indicators, horn, and wiper defects should not be treated as...

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Check horn, mirrors, rear-view or camera systems, windshield, side windows, sun visor, and visibility zones for damage, obstruction, or poor adjustment.

CRITICAL

VEHICLE

Serviceable

Repair

Out of service

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Inspect windshield wipers, washer system, blades, arms, controls, and defogging or demisting function where equipped and applicable.

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VEHICLE

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Repair

Out of service

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Check dashboard warning lights, gauges, tell-tales, speedometer, fuel level, temperature, oil-pressure indicators, air-pressure indicators, and other critical driver displays for obvious fault.

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Verify steering-wheel condition, steering free play clues, column condition, turn-signal control, hazard-warning control, parking-brake control, and primary driver switches are serviceable.

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Escalate damaged restraints, impaired visibility, failed horn, nonfunctional wipers in conditions requiring them, critical warning indicators, or other cab defects that affect safe control.

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**Execution tip:** The driver must be able to see, control, and understand the vehicle before movement. Visibility, restraint, warning indicators, horn, and wiper defects should not be treated as...

### 3. Service brakes, parking brake, brake connections, air or hydraulic systems, warning devices, and brake condition

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Check service-brake operation through the fleet's approved pre-use method and identify pulling, delayed response, abnormal pedal travel, warning lights, or other braking concerns.

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**Execution tip:** For FMCSA-regulated commercial motor vehicles, 49 CFR 392.7 identifies service brakes, trailer brake connections, and parking brake among the parts a driver should be...

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Verify parking brake holds and releases correctly under the approved inspection method and shows no obvious control or mechanical defect.

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Inspect visible brake hoses, lines, chambers, hydraulic connections, air lines, couplers, glad hands, trailer connections, and related components for leakage, damage, abrasion, or loose fittings.

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Where applicable, review air-pressure build-up, low-air warning, air leakage, hydraulic warning, ABS warning indicators, and brake-system alerts under the fleet's procedure.

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Inspect accessible brake drums, discs, calipers, slack-adjuster areas, backing plates, or other visible brake components only within the inspector's authorization.

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Escalate ineffective braking, major air or hydraulic leaks, brake warning faults, damaged brake lines, failed parking brake, or other defects that may make the vehicle unsafe to operate.

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## 4. Tires, wheels, rims, hubs, wheel fasteners, suspension, steering linkage, axle condition, and mudguards

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Inspect all tires for inflation condition, cuts, bulges, exposed cords, punctures, sidewall damage, embedded objects, severe uneven wear, and other visible defects.

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VEHICLE

Serviceable

Repair

Out of service

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**Execution tip:** Tire and wheel defects can develop quickly under heavy loads and curb or dock impacts. Inspect both sides of the vehicle and look for evidence of heat, looseness,...

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Check tread condition and depth against the fleet's approved limits and applicable requirements for the vehicle type and axle position.

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Inspect wheels and rims for cracks, bends, corrosion, elongated holes, missing pieces, impact damage, or other structural concerns.

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VEHICLE

Serviceable

Repair

Out of service

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Check wheel nuts, studs, indicators, hub areas, seals, and visible fasteners for missing hardware, looseness clues, oil leakage, heat discoloration, or movement.

CRITICAL

VEHICLE

Serviceable

Repair

Out of service

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**Execution tip:** Tire and wheel defects can develop quickly under heavy loads and curb or dock impacts. Inspect both sides of the vehicle and look for evidence of heat, looseness,...

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Inspect visible springs, air bags, shackles, U-bolts, suspension arms, steering linkage, tie rods, drag links, and axle components for damage, looseness, or leakage.

CRITICAL

VEHICLE

Serviceable

Repair

Out of service

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**Execution tip:** Tire and wheel defects can develop quickly under heavy loads and curb or dock impacts. Inspect both sides of the vehicle and look for evidence of heat, looseness,...

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Escalate tire cord exposure, severe tire damage, cracked rims, loose or missing wheel fasteners, major suspension damage, steering-linkage defects, or other conditions that may cause loss of control.

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## 5. Lights, reflectors, markers, brake lights, turn signals, hazard lights, license lights, and conspicuity

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Check headlights, high and low beam where equipped, daytime running lamps where used, front position lamps, and other forward lighting for correct operation.

CRITICAL

VEHICLE

Serviceable

Repair

Out of service

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**Execution tip:** Visibility equipment is part of safe operation. Inspect the vehicle with lights switched through each required function rather than relying only on a dashboard indicator.

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Check tail lights, brake lights, turn signals, hazard-warning lamps, reverse lamps, side markers, clearance lamps, and trailer lighting where applicable.

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Repair

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**Execution tip:** Visibility equipment is part of safe operation. Inspect the vehicle with lights switched through each required function rather than relying only on a dashboard indicator.

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Inspect reflectors, conspicuity markings, reflective tape, license or registration illumination, and required vehicle markings for visibility and damage.

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Serviceable

Repair

Out of service

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**Execution tip:** Visibility equipment is part of safe operation. Inspect the vehicle with lights switched through each required function rather than relying only on a dashboard indicator.

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Check lamp lenses, housings, mounts, wiring, connectors, plugs, trailer-light connections, and protective covers for cracks, water entry, looseness, or exposed wiring.

CRITICAL

VEHICLE

Serviceable

Repair

Out of service

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**Execution tip:** Visibility equipment is part of safe operation. Inspect the vehicle with lights switched through each required function rather than relying only on a dashboard indicator.

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Verify turn indicators and hazard warnings operate on the vehicle and trailer combination after coupling when applicable.

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**Execution tip:** Visibility equipment is part of safe operation. Inspect the vehicle with lights switched through each required function rather than relying only on a dashboard indicator.

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Escalate failed critical lighting, brake-light failure, missing trailer lighting, damaged electrical connectors, or poor conspicuity that makes safe road operation unsuitable.

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## 6. Engine compartment, fluids, battery, belts, hoses, cooling, exhaust, leaks, and visible mechanical condition

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Inspect engine oil, coolant, brake or clutch fluid where applicable, power-steering fluid, windshield-washer fluid, and other operator-checkable levels under the fleet procedure.

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**Execution tip:** Use the engine-bay check to detect developing failures before dispatch. Fluid loss, damaged belts or hoses, battery issues, fuel leakage, or exhaust defects may require...

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Check under the vehicle and within the engine compartment for fuel, oil, coolant, hydraulic, brake, transmission, differential, or other active leakage.

CRITICAL

VEHICLE

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Repair

Out of service

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Inspect belts, hoses, clamps, reservoirs, radiators, coolant connections, visible wiring, battery mounts, battery terminals, and protective covers for damage or looseness.

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VEHICLE

Serviceable

Repair

Out of service

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Check battery condition, terminals, hold-downs, cables, corrosion, charging warning, and accessible battery enclosure or isolation controls where applicable.

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**Execution tip:** Use the engine-bay check to detect developing failures before dispatch. Fluid loss, damaged belts or hoses, battery issues, fuel leakage, or exhaust defects may require...

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Inspect visible exhaust components, heat shields, mounts, after-treatment housings, and exhaust routing for damage, leakage clues, loose parts, or excessive soot.

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Serviceable

Repair

Out of service

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**Execution tip:** Use the engine-bay check to detect developing failures before dispatch. Fluid loss, damaged belts or hoses, battery issues, fuel leakage, or exhaust defects may require...

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Escalate fuel leaks, major fluid loss, damaged critical hoses or belts, insecure battery, severe overheating clues, exhaust leakage into occupied areas, or other defects that threaten safe operation.

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**Execution tip:** Use the engine-bay check to detect developing failures before dispatch. Fluid loss, damaged belts or hoses, battery issues, fuel leakage, or exhaust defects may require...

## 7. Body, chassis, frame, doors, bumpers, guards, steps, coupling devices, fifth wheel, hitch, and trailer connection

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Inspect vehicle frame, chassis, body panels, bumpers, guards, underride protection where fitted, steps, mudguards, doors, hinges, locks, and exterior mounts for damage or looseness.

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VEHICLE

Serviceable

Repair

Out of service

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**Execution tip:** For vehicle-and-trailer combinations, inspect the connection as one safety system: coupling, locking, electrical, brake lines, safety devices, clearances, and trailer support.

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Check cab, cargo doors, tailgates, liftgates, side doors, shutters, latches, locks, hinges, restraints, and door seals for secure operation.

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VEHICLE

Serviceable

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**Execution tip:** For vehicle-and-trailer combinations, inspect the connection as one safety system: coupling, locking, electrical, brake lines, safety devices, clearances, and trailer support.

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Inspect fifth wheel, kingpin connection, drawbar, pintle hook, tow hitch, coupling jaws, locking handle, safety pin, and other coupling devices applicable to the vehicle.

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**Execution tip:** For vehicle-and-trailer combinations, inspect the connection as one safety system: coupling, locking, electrical, brake lines, safety devices, clearances, and trailer support.

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Check trailer brake hoses, electrical lines, air lines, safety chains or cables where applicable, support legs, landing gear, and line routing for correct connection and clearance.

CRITICAL

VEHICLE

Serviceable

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**Execution tip:** For vehicle-and-trailer combinations, inspect the connection as one safety system: coupling, locking, electrical, brake lines, safety devices, clearances, and trailer support.

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Verify coupled equipment has no obvious gap, incomplete lock, interference, damaged connection, or route that could pull, chafe, crush, or disconnect during movement.

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**Execution tip:** For vehicle-and-trailer combinations, inspect the connection as one safety system: coupling, locking, electrical, brake lines, safety devices, clearances, and trailer support.

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Escalate cracked frames, insecure body components, failed cargo doors, defective coupling devices, incomplete trailer lock, damaged air or electrical lines, or other defects that could cause separation or loss of load.

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**Execution tip:** For vehicle-and-trailer combinations, inspect the connection as one safety system: coupling, locking, electrical, brake lines, safety devices, clearances, and trailer support.

## 8. Trailer, cargo body, load area, liftgate, floor, roof, doors, load securement, and cargo condition

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Inspect trailer or cargo-body floor, walls, roof, bulkhead, internal rails, curtains, doors, seals, roof bows, and load-area structure for damage that could affect cargo or safe operation.

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VEHICLE

Serviceable

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Out of service

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**Execution tip:** FMCSA cargo-securement rules apply to cargo-carrying commercial motor vehicles in interstate commerce. Even when those rules do not apply, the fleet should verify the load...

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Check liftgate, tail lift, ramps, loading bridges, rollers, winches, curtainside hardware, door restraints, and related cargo-handling equipment for visible condition where fitted.

CRITICAL

VEHICLE

Serviceable

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Out of service

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**Execution tip:** FMCSA cargo-securement rules apply to cargo-carrying commercial motor vehicles in interstate commerce. Even when those rules do not apply, the fleet should verify the load...

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Verify cargo is distributed and secured under the operator's approved loading and securement procedure and applicable legal requirements for the vehicle and commodity.

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Inspect straps, chains, binders, bars, nets, locks, anchor points, dunnage, blocking, bracing, and other securement equipment for damage, correct placement, and suitable condition.

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VEHICLE

Serviceable

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Out of service

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Check no cargo, pallet, container, material, tool, loose item, or internal equipment can shift into the driver area, damage the vehicle, open a door, or fall from the vehicle.

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Escalate damaged trailer floors, failed doors, defective liftgates, unstable cargo, failed anchor points, broken securement devices, or any load condition that is not safe for movement.

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## 9. Emergency equipment, fire extinguisher, warning devices, first-response items, safety kit, and vehicle security

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Confirm required emergency equipment is present for the vehicle type and route, including items required by the fleet programme or applicable regulations.

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**Execution tip:** For FMCSA-regulated commercial motor vehicles, 49 CFR 393.95 specifies emergency-equipment requirements including fire extinguishers and warning devices. Apply the...

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Inspect fire extinguisher where required for correct mounting, access, physical condition, charge indication where provided, and visible service status.

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Check warning triangles, flares or fusees where permitted and required, reflective warning devices, cones, or other breakdown-warning equipment for completeness and condition.

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Verify first-aid kit, spill kit, wheel chocks, high-visibility vest, flashlight, gloves, escape tool, seasonal equipment, or other fleet safety items are present where required by the operator.

VEHICLE

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**Execution tip:** For FMCSA-regulated commercial motor vehicles, 49 CFR 393.95 specifies emergency-equipment requirements including fire extinguishers and warning devices. Apply the...

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Check spare wheel or tire where provided, jack, wheel tools, recovery points, towing equipment, and roadside-support items for secure storage and serviceable condition.

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Repair

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Escalate missing required emergency equipment, discharged or damaged extinguisher, unavailable warning devices, unsecured heavy tools, or other deficiencies that leave the driver without required emergency protection.

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## 10. Defect reporting, serviceability decision, repair authorization, post-repair verification, recurring trends, and final sign-off

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Classify each defect by cab or controls, brakes, tires or wheels, steering or suspension, lights, engine or fluids, body or chassis, coupling, trailer, cargo securement, emergency equipment, documentation, or other approved category.

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**Execution tip:** A vehicle inspection is not complete until the serviceability decision is explicit. Report safety-related defects, restrict or remove unsafe vehicles, verify repairs, and preserve a...

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Prioritize defects by likelihood of failure, potential loss of control, brake or steering effect, tire or wheel risk, lighting or visibility impact, cargo risk, fire risk, roadworthiness, and urgency.

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For FMCSA-regulated commercial motor vehicles, confirm the driver is satisfied the vehicle is in safe operating condition before operation and reviews relevant prior defect reports as applicable.

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Report defects or deficiencies that would affect safe operation or risk breakdown; place the vehicle, trailer, or combination out of service or under restriction when the fleet's criteria require it.

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Verify reported defects are repaired or otherwise dispositioned under the controlling fleet and regulatory process, and confirm significant repairs through reinspection before release.

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Record final vehicle status, critical open defects, operating restrictions, maintenance work order, repair verification, next inspection or service date, inspector, driver where applicable, fleet owner, and management or maintenance approval.

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