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TOW TRUCK INSPECTION GUIDE

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AREA NUMBER	COMPANY			CA NUMBER	DOT NUMBER	LEGEND
						P = Pass F = Fail
YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	LICENSE NUMBER	VIN		
GVWR	EQUIPMENT TYPE *(CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX)*					
	☐ CONVENTIONAL ☐ UNDERLIFT ☐ TRUCK HITCH ☐ WHEEL LIFT ☐ CAR CARRIER					

REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL CLASSES

CALIFORNIA VEHICLE CODE REQUIREMENTS

P	F			P	F		
		Current Registration	4000 CVC			Parking Brake	26451 CVC
		Headlights	24400 CVC			Windshield	26700 CVC
		Beam Indicator	24408 CVC			Windshield Wipers	26706 CVC
		Tail Lamps	24600 CVC			Mirrors	26709 CVC
		License Plate Lamp	24601 CVC			Horn	27000 CVC
		Stop Lamps	24603 CVC			Exhaust System	27150 CVC
		Extension Lights	24605 CVC			Fuel Cap	27155 CVC
		Backup Lamps (1969+)	24606 CVC			Tire Tread	27465 CVC
		Reflectors, Rear	24607 CVC			Fenders/Mud Guards	27600 CVC
		Reflectors, Front and Side (1968+)	24608 CVC			Broom	27700 CVC
		Turn Signals	24951 CVC			Shovel	27700 CVC
		Clearance Lamps (>80" Wide)	25100 CVC			Fire Extinguisher 4B, C Rating	27700 CVC
		Amber Warning Lights	25253 CVC			Safety Chains	29004 CVC
		Warning Devices (Reflectors)	25300 CVC			Signs	27907 CVC
		Service Brakes	26311 CVC				

SERVICE AND OTHER EQUIPMENT

		Flashlight			Hydraulic Jack
		Wrecking Bar (Large Pry Bar)			Tire Changing Equipment
		Six (6) 30-Minute Flares or 6 Reflectorized Cones, Min. 12" Ht.			Rubber Mallet / Hub Cap Tool (Classes A and B)
		Trash Cans & Absorbent (4 Gallon Minimum)			Lockout Tools (Classes A and B)
		Shop Rags or Paper Towels			Motorcycle Straps (Class A)
		Shop to Truck Communications (Cell phones / 2-way radio)			Sledge Hammer (Classes B, C, and D)
		Approved Fuel Containers (Classes A and B) if carried			Tool Kit
		Booster Battery or Hot Box			Reflective Safety Attire

TOWING EQUIPMENT

		Manufacturer Rating Plates			Wrecker Controls
		Controls Labeled			Throttle Control (if Equipped)
		Wrecker Boom Assembly			Hydraulic Rams, Hoses, Valves
		Wheel Lift Assembly			Cable Sheaves
		Body and Towing Equipment Mounting Bolts			Recovery Chain
		Winch Rating:	Boom Capacity:		

WHEEL LIFT

		Pivot Pin			"L" Arms
		Wheel Lift Tie Down Safety Straps or Chains			Claw

CONVENTIONAL

		Tow Sling Assembly (Check for bent inner tubes)			Sling Pads

CAR CARRIER

		Carrier Bed Frame			Bed Safety Lock
		Bed Hinges			Slide Pads
		Loading Bridle			

COMMENTS

INSPECTED BY *(NAME & I.D. NUMBER)*	DATE	TOW OPERATOR'S SIGNATURE

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TOW TRUCK EQUIPMENT SPECIFICATIONS *(By Class)*

CLASS A

P	F		P	F	
		Minimum 14,000 Pound GVWR Chassis			Tow Sling "Minimum" 3,000 Pounds (if equipped)
		4-Ton Boom Rating			Tow Chains "Minimum" 5/16" Grade 70 with J/T Hooks
		One 4-Ton Snatch Block			Two (2) Safety Chains 5/16" Alloy or OEM Specifications
		Tow Dolly (with wheel tie down straps)			Wheel Lift Rating - Extended 3,000 Pounds
		Steering Wheel Securement Device			Two (2) Crossbeams, (1) 4"X4"X60" and (1) 4"X4"X48"(Minimum)
		100' 3/8" 6 x 19 Wire Rope or OEM Specifications			

CLASS A CAR CARRIER

		Minimum 19,000 Pound GVWR Chassis			4 Safety Chains 5/16" Grade 70 or Rated Nylon Straps w/Ratchets
		50' 3/8" 6 x 19 Wire Rope or OEM Specifications			Adequate Crossbeams or Ramping Material
		Loading Bridle with J/T Hooks			

CLASS A CAR CARRIER TWO VEHICLE

		Minimum 23,500 Pound GVWR Chassis			4 Safety Chains 5/16" Grade 70 or Rated Nylon Straps w/Ratchets
		Loading Bridle with J/T Hooks			2 Safety Chains 5/16" Alloy/OEM Spec & Wheel Straps - Towed Veh
		50' 3/8" 6 x 19 Wire Rope or OEM Specifications			Adequate Crossbeams or Ramping Material
		Alloy/OEM Spec & Wheel Straps - Towed Vehicle			

CLASS B

		Minimum 33,000 Pound GVWR Chassis			Axle Covers/Caps
		16-Ton Boom Rating			Truck Hitch/Tow Bar with 7,000 Pound Rating (if equipped)
		150' 7/16" 6 x 19 Wire Rope or OEM Specifications			Two (2) - 4"x6"x48" Crossbeams (minimum)
		Safety Chains 1/2" Alloy or OEM Specifications			Tow Chains "Minimum" 1/2" Grade 70 with JT Hooks
		Two 8-Ton Snatch Blocks			Wheel Lift Rating - 10,000 Pounds Retracted / 8,000 Pounds Extended
		Air Brakes or Hydraulic W/Air Hookup Package			Under Lift/Fork Adapters w/Tie-Down Straps or Chains
		Air Hoses and Fittings			Safety Tie-Down Chains and Binders
		Steering Wheel Securement Device			Aluminum Tow Angles (Minimum 2)

CLASS B CAR CARRIER

		Minimum 33,000 Pound GVWR Chassis			4 Safety Chains 5/16" Grade 70 or OEM Specifications
		50' 3/8" 6 x 19 Wire Rope or OEM Specifications			2 Safety Chains = 5/16" Alloy/OEM Spec & Wheel Straps for Towed Vehicle
		Loading Bridle with J/T Hooks			Adequate Cross Beams or Ramping Material
		Steering Wheel Securement Device			

CLASS C

		Minimum 52,000 Pound GVWR Chassis			Tow Chains 5/8" Grade 70 or OEM Specifications
		25-Ton Boom Rating			Two (2) 4"x6"x48" Crossbeams (Minimum)
		200' 5/8" 6x19 Wire Rope or OEM Specifications			Pintle Hook
		Two (2) Safety Chains 5/8" Alloy or OEM Specifications			Under Lift Rating - 25,000 Pounds / 12,000 Pounds Extended
		Two 12-Ton Snatch Blocks			Under Lift/Fork Adapters w/Tie-Down Straps or Chains
		Air Brakes W/Air Hookup Package			Aluminum Tow Angles (Minimum 2)
		Air Hoses and Fittings			Safety Tie-Down Chains and Binders
		Steering Wheel Securement Device			Truck Hitch/Tow Bar 12,000 Pound Rating (if equipped)
		Axle Covers/Caps			Tow Sling 12,000 Pound Rating (if equipped)

CLASS D

		Minimum 54,000 Pound GVWR Chassis			Tow Chains 5/8" Grade 70 or OEM Specifications
		35-Ton Boom Rating			Two (2) 4"x6"x48" Crossbeams (Minimum)
		250' 3/4" 6x19 Wire Rope or OEM Specifications			Pintle Hook
		Two (2) Safety Chains 5/8" Alloy or OEM Specifications			Under Lift Rating - 32,000 Pounds / 16,000 Pounds Extended
		Two 12-Ton Snatch Blocks			Truck Hitch/Tow Bar 20,000 Pound Rating (if equipped)
		Air Brakes W/Air Hookup Package			Aluminum Tow Angles (Minimum 2)
		Air Hoses and Fittings			Safety Tie-Down Chains and Binders
		Steering Wheel Securement Device			Tow Sling with 20,000 Pound Rating (if equipped)
		Axle Cover/Caps			Under Lift / Fork Adapters w/Tie-Down Straps or Chains

MAXIMUM LIFTING CAPACITY (MLC) CALCULATIONS *(Refer to HPM 81.2, Chapter 7, Annex B)*

FRONT AXLE WEIGHT (FAW), UNLADEN	WHEEL BASE (WB), IN INCHES	OVER HANG (OH), IN INCHES

FORMULA

1/2 FAW: x WB: ÷ BY OH: = MLC:

CLASS OF VEHICLE BASED ON THE MLC

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