

Roadside Inspection Overview

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Do I Need to Stop??



Section 2813 of the California Vehicle Code (CVC) states every driver of a commercial vehicle shall stop and submit the vehicle to an inspection of the size, weight, equipment, and smoke emissions of the vehicle at any location where members of the California Highway Patrol are conducting tests and inspections of commercial vehicles and when signs are displayed requiring the stop.

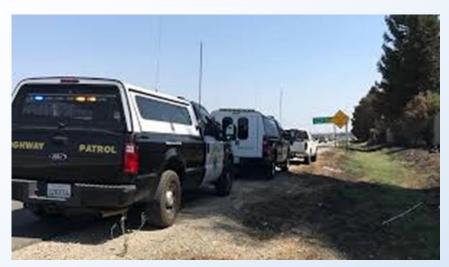


What is a Commercial Motor Vehicle?

- Section 2813 CVC Every driver of a commercial vehicle is subject to inspection...
- Section 260 CVC Commercial vehicle is a motor vehicle of a type required to be registered under this code used or maintained for the transportation of persons for hire, compensation, or profit or designed, used, or maintained primarily for the transportation of property.



Where Are Inspections Done?



On the side of the road.



At an inspection facility.



Roadside Vehicle Inspections





What if I Don't Stop?

 Section 2813 CVC – Discussed previously, is a misdemeanor.

 Section 21461(a) CVC – It is unlawful for a driver of a vehicle to fail to obey a sign or signal..., infraction.



Why Are They Done?

- Safety!
- Compliance with laws and regulations, which lead to...SAFETY!





How Are Inspections Conducted?

North American Standard (NAS) inspection procedures.

Level I – 32 Step Process

 Violations evaluated against the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) Out-of-Service Criteria.



Types of Inspections

Levell	North American Standard Driver/Vehicle Inspection	All driver documentation and complete vehicle inspection
Level II	Walk-Around Driver/ Vehicle Inspection	Same as Level I, but not checking under the vehicle
Level III	Driver Only Inspection	Driver documentation only
Level IV	Special Inspection	Any aspect of the safety inspection, usually done for data gathering purposes
Level V	Vehicle Only Inspection	Inspection includes each of the vehicle inspection items specified under the NAS Level I, without a driver present, conducted at any location.
Level VI	Enhanced Radioactive Inspection	For specific radioactive shipments that are route controlled.
Level VII	Jurisdiction Mandated	non regulated commercial vehicle



- Step 1 Choose the Inspection Site
 - Level
 - Paved
 - Away from traffic
 - Visible to traffic
 - Avoid
 - Hills
 - Curves
 - Soft shoulders
 - Construction



- Step 2 Approach the Vehicle
 - Observe the driver
 - Adhere to inspector safety policies
 - Be alert for leaks and unsecured cargo





- Step 3 Greet and Prepare Driver
 - Inspector identifies themselves and chocks tires
 - Ensure driver understands and responds to directions
 - Check driver's condition (illness, fatigue, impairment)
 - Check for seatbelt, drugs, alcohol, weapons, contraband



- Step 4 Interview Driver
 - Starting Location
 - Destination
 - Load
 - Stops
 - Problems





- Step 5 Collect the Driver's Documents
 - Medical Certificate
 - Skills Performance Evaluation Certificate
 - Driver's License
 - Shipping Paperwork
 - Periodic Inspection Certificates
 - Bills of Lading
 - Receipts
 - Fuel Permits
 - Trip Permits



Apportioned Registration Cab Card



- Step 6 Check for Hazardous Materials
 - Shipping Paperwork
 - Placards
 - Labels
 - Markings
 - Containers





- Step 7 Identify the Carrier
 - Vehicle Markings
 - Registration
 - Fuel Permits
 - Hours-of-Service
 - Insurance
 - Shipping Paperwork



- Step 8 Examine Driver License
 - Class
 - Endorsements
 - Restrictions
 - Status Valid, Expired, Suspended, Withdrawn, Revoked



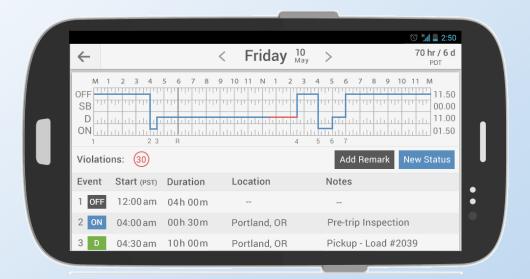
 Step 9 – Check Medical Examiner's Certificate and Skills Performance Evaluation Certificate (if applicable)

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- Step 10 Check Record of Duty Status
 - Check for hours-of-service compliance
 - Check for exemptions if claimed
 - Check for proper documentation





 Step 11 – Review Driver's Daily Vehicle Inspection Report (if applicable)

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- Step 13 Prepare Driver for Vehicle Inspection
 - Explain inspection procedures
 - Advise the driver of the use of hand signals
 - Instruct driver to remain at the controls



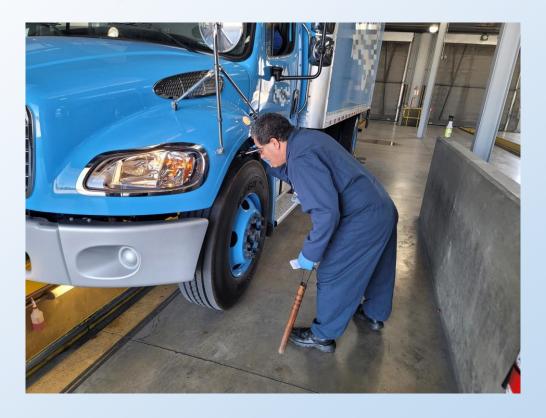


Step 14 – Inspect Front of Tractor





Step 15 – Inspect Left Front Side of Tractor





Step 16 – Inspect Left Saddle Tank Area



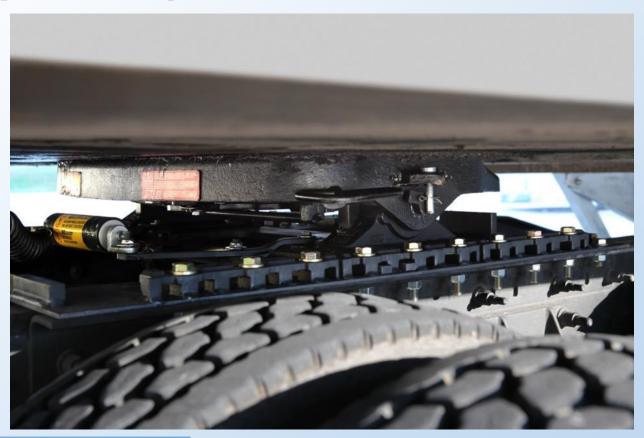


Step 17 – Inspect Trailer Front





Step 18 – Inspect Left Rear Tractor Area





Step 19 – Inspect Left Side of Trailer







Step 20 – Inspect Left Rear Trailer Wheels





Step 21 – Inspect Rear of Trailer





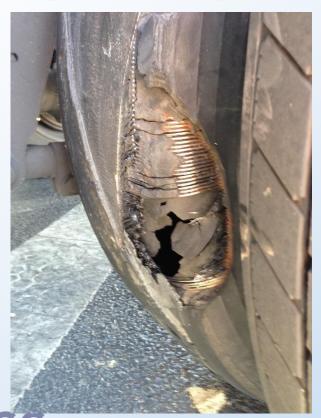


Step 22 – Inspect Double, Triple, Full Trailers





Step 23 – Inspect Right Rear Trailer Wheels





Step 24 – Inspect Right Side of Trailer





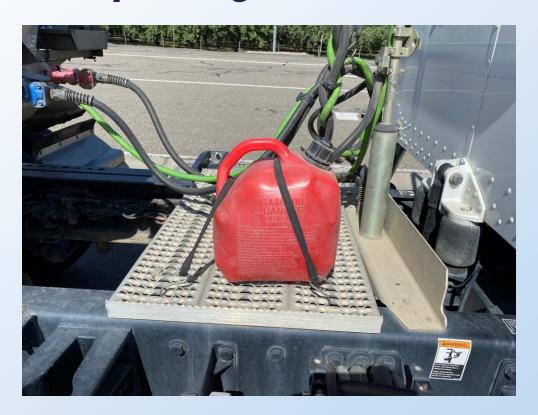
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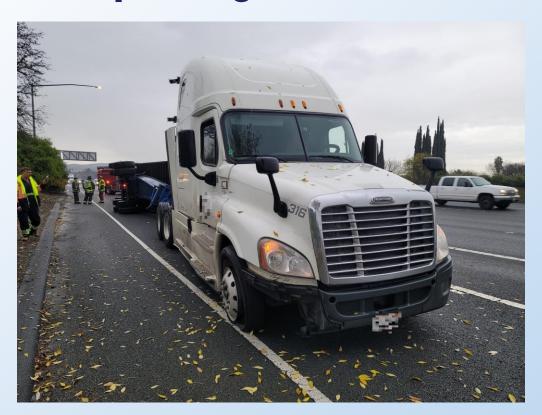


Step 26 – Inspect Right Saddle Tank Area





Step 27 – Inspect Right Front Side of Tractor





Step 28 – Inspect Steering Axle





Step 29 – Inspect Axles 2 and 3



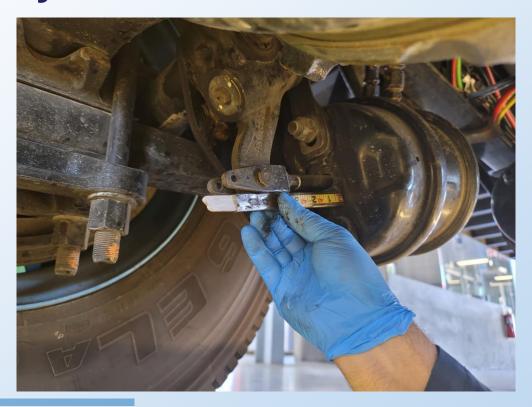


Step 30 – Inspect Axles 4 and 5





 Step 31 – Prepare the Vehicle and Check Brake Adjustment





Step 32 – Inspect Tractor Protection System





 Step 33 – Inspect Required Brake System Warning Lights





Step 34 – Test Air Loss Rate





Step 35 – Check Steering Wheel Lash

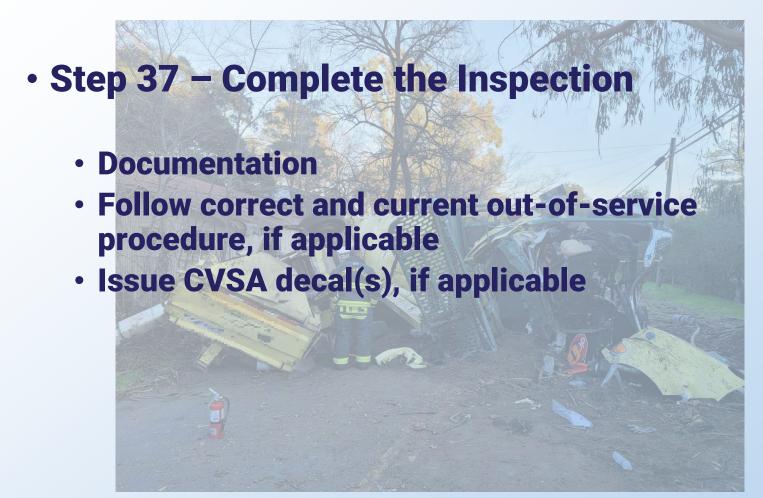




Step 36 – Check Fifth Wheel Movement









References

- Information relating to North American Standard inspection guidelines:
 - https://www.cvsa.org/inspections/
- California Highway Patrol, Commercial Vehicle Section
 - https://www.chp.ca.gov/Programs Services/Programs/Commercial-Vehicle-Section



Questions?



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