

CDL Inspection Checklist: Skills-Test Vehicle Inspection

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Applicant, examiner, and test vehicle

TEST DATE

APPLICANT NAME

CLP / CDL NUMBER

EXAMINER NAME

TEST SITE / STATE

CDL CLASS SOUGHT

TEST VEHICLE TYPE

AIR BRAKES ON THE TEST VEHICLE

AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION

POWER UNIT NUMBER

TRAILER NUMBER

In cab and engine start

Item	Pass	Fail	N/A	Notes
Safe entry and parking brake set	☐	☐	☐	
Lighting indicators	☐	☐	☐	
ABS indicator	☐	☐	☐	
DEF / DPF indicator	☐	☐	☐	
Emergency equipment	☐	☐	☐	
Windshield and traffic monitoring devices	☐	☐	☐	
Wipers and washers	☐	☐	☐	
Heater and defroster	☐	☐	☐	
Horn(s)	☐	☐	☐	
Air brake controls and gauges	☐	☐	☐	
Air gauge and governor cut-out	☐	☐	☐	
Governor cut-in	☐	☐	☐	
Air pressure build-up time	☐	☐	☐	
Low-air warning deactivates when charged	☐	☐	☐	
Applied air leakage rate	☐	☐	☐	
Unapplied (static) leakage	☐	☐	☐	
Low-pressure warning device	☐	☐	☐	
Emergency / spring brake pop-out	☐	☐	☐	

Tractor protection / trailer emergency valve	☐	☐	☐	_____
Parking brake check	☐	☐	☐	_____
Trailer parking brake check	☐	☐	☐	_____
Service brake check	☐	☐	☐	_____
Hydraulic brake check	☐	☐	☐	_____

Engine compartment

Item	Pass	Fail	N/A	Notes
Hood or cab-tilt latches	☐	☐	☐	_____
Engine oil	☐	☐	☐	_____
Coolant	☐	☐	☐	_____
Power steering fluid	☐	☐	☐	_____
Brake fluid (hydraulic only)	☐	☐	☐	_____
Fluid and air leaks	☐	☐	☐	_____
Hoses and air lines (engine bay)	☐	☐	☐	_____
Air compressor and drive belt	☐	☐	☐	_____
Steering box	☐	☐	☐	_____
Steering hoses and connections	☐	☐	☐	_____
Steering linkage (visible)	☐	☐	☐	_____

Front, steering axle, and lights

Item	Pass	Fail	N/A	Notes
Front lenses	☐	☐	☐	_____
Lights operations check	☐	☐	☐	_____
Steering axle tires: inflation	☐	☐	☐	_____
Steering axle tires: condition	☐	☐	☐	_____
Steering axle tread depth	☐	☐	☐	_____
Steering axle rims	☐	☐	☐	_____
Steering axle lug nuts	☐	☐	☐	_____
Steering axle springs, U-bolts, air bags, shocks	☐	☐	☐	_____
Steering axle brake lines / hoses	☐	☐	☐	_____
Steering axle brake contaminates	☐	☐	☐	_____

Side, wheels, and external brakes

Item	Pass	Fail	N/A	Notes
Side lenses and reflectors	☐	☐	☐	
Side traffic monitoring devices	☐	☐	☐	
Battery	☐	☐	☐	
Fuel tank and DEF tank	☐	☐	☐	
Frame and cargo floor	☐	☐	☐	
Drive (or other) axle tires	☐	☐	☐	
Drive axle rims and lug nuts	☐	☐	☐	
Drive axle springs, air bags, shocks	☐	☐	☐	
Drive axle brake lines and contaminates	☐	☐	☐	

Coupling (Class A)

Item	Pass	Fail	N/A	Notes
Air and electric connectors	☐	☐	☐	
Air hoses and electrical lines	☐	☐	☐	
Fifth wheel skid plate	☐	☐	☐	
Kingpin, apron, and gap	☐	☐	☐	
Fifth wheel locking and safety devices	☐	☐	☐	
Pintle hook	☐	☐	☐	
Drawbar ring and tongue	☐	☐	☐	
Other hitch, coupler, and tongue	☐	☐	☐	
Locking and safety devices (non-fifth-wheel)	☐	☐	☐	

Trailer or cargo body

Item	Pass	Fail	N/A	Notes
Landing gear	☐	☐	☐	
Landing gear clearance	☐	☐	☐	
Reflective tape	☐	☐	☐	
Trailer or cargo-body frame and floor	☐	☐	☐	
Doors, ties, or cargo lift	☐	☐	☐	
Trailer axle tires, wheels, brakes	☐	☐	☐	
Trailer tandem release and pins	☐	☐	☐	

Rear

Item	Pass	Fail	N/A	Notes
Rear lenses and reflectors	☐	☐	☐	
Rear lamp operation	☐	☐	☐	
Rear clearance, ID, and markers	☐	☐	☐	
Rear doors or tailgate latched	☐	☐	☐	
Tag, pusher, or remaining rear axle	☐	☐	☐	

Passenger and school bus extras

Item	Pass	Fail	N/A	Notes
Passenger entry and lift	☐	☐	☐	
Emergency exits	☐	☐	☐	
Passenger seating	☐	☐	☐	
Passenger monitoring devices	☐	☐	☐	
Student lights (school bus)	☐	☐	☐	
Stop arm and safety arm	☐	☐	☐	
First aid and body-fluid kits	☐	☐	☐	

Result and sign-off

NOTES / ITEMS MISSED

INSPECTION RESULT

APPLICANT SIGNATURE

EXAMINER SIGNATURE

TIME SIGNED

Reference only. Verify against the vehicle OEM procedure and applicable regulations.