



Daily Pre-Trip Inspection Checklist

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☐ Driver Information

- Driver Name: _____
 - Date: _____
 - Vehicle Unit #: _____
 - Trailer Unit #: _____
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Exterior Inspection

Front of Vehicle

- [] Headlights, high beams, turn signals
- [] Windshield wipers/washers
- [] Windshield condition (no cracks or chips)
- [] Hood secure, no damage

Engine Compartment (under hood)

- [] Fluid levels: oil, coolant, power steering, washer
- [] Belts and hoses (no fraying, cracking, leaks)
- [] No visible leaks or loose components
- [] Battery connections tight, no corrosion

Both Sides of Tractor

- ☐ Mirrors clean and secure
 - ☐ Doors open/close properly
 - ☐ Fuel tank secure, no leaks
 - ☐ Steps & handholds secure
 - ☐ Exhaust system secure, no leaks
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Tires, Wheels, Suspension

- ☐ Tires: Proper inflation, tread depth, no damage
 - ☐ Wheels: No cracks, rust, or loose lugs
 - ☐ Hubs/seals: No leaking grease or oil
 - ☐ Suspension: Leaf springs, airbags, shocks intact
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Lights and Reflectors

- ☐ Turn signals (front, side, rear)
 - ☐ Brake lights
 - ☐ Clearance and marker lights
 - ☐ Reflectors and DOT tape clean and intact
 - ☐ 4-way flashers working
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Coupling System (Tractor/Trailer)

- ☐ 5th wheel properly greased and locked
 - ☐ Kingpin not worn or damaged
 - ☐ Air/electric lines connected & secure
 - ☐ Safety latch & release arm in proper position
 - ☐ Glad hands and seals not leaking
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Brakes

- ☐ Brake hoses not cracked or leaking
 - ☐ Air pressure builds to proper PSI (usually 100–125)
 - ☐ No audible air leaks
 - ☐ Air tanks drained (if required)
 - ☐ Parking brake holds
 - ☐ Service brake check (pull forward test)
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Emergency Equipment

- ☐ Fire extinguisher (charged & mounted)
 - ☐ 3 reflective triangles
 - ☐ Spare fuses (if applicable)
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Cab Interior

- ☐ Horn works

- [] Seatbelt functions & not frayed
- [] Gauges operate normally
- [] Heater/defroster working
- [] ELD is functioning and up to date
- [] All required documents on board:
 - CDL
 - Medical card
 - Cab card
 - IFTA license
 - DVIR book or electronic system
 - ELD instructions and malfunction sheet

 **Driver Signature:** _____ **Date:** _____

I certify this vehicle has been inspected and is in safe operating condition.