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	STANDARD: **FMCSA 49 CFR Part 396 / OSHA 1910.178**	AUDIT FREQUENCY: **Daily Pre-Shift**

Free Commercial Vehicle Pre Trip Inspection Checklist

Operational Scope: This free commercial vehicle pre trip inspection checklist establishes mandatory daily verification protocols for fleet operators to mitigate mechanical failure risks. Compliance with this directive ensures adherence to federal transportation safety mandates and prevents unauthorized operation of defective equipment.

MANDATORY PPE:	High-Visibility Safety Vest (ANSI/ISEA 107), Steel-Toe Safety Footwear (ASTM F2413), Heavy-Duty Leather Gloves, Impact-Resistant Safety Glasses (ANSI Z87.1)
PREREQUISITES:	Vehicle parked on level ground with the parking brake fully engaged and transmission in neutral/park. | Engine turned off and ignition key secured or Lockout/Tagout (LOTO) applied if active maintenance is underway. | Review of the previous day's post-trip inspection report to ensure all noted defects were resolved.

CAB & EXTERIOR WALKAROUND INSPECTION

#	COMPONENT / ITEM	VERIFICATION CRITERIA & ACCEPTANCE STANDARD	SEVERITY	STATUS
1	**Windshield and Glass**	Free of cracks, severe pitting, or obstructions exceeding regulatory limits; wipers operational with intact blades.	Warning	[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A
2	**Fluid Leaks Under Vehicle**	No active pooling or excessive dripping of engine oil, transmission fluid, coolant, or power steering fluid on the ground.	Critical (Immediate Out of Service)	[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A
3	**Tires and Wheels**	Minimum tread depth (4/32" front, 2/32" rear), proper inflation pressure, no bulges, cuts, exposed cords, or missing/loose lug nuts.	Critical (Immediate Out of Service)	[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A
4	**Lighting and Reflectors**	All headlights, tail lights, turn signals, brake lights, and marker reflectors clean, secure, and fully operational.	Warning	[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A

UNDER-THE-HOOD & MECHANICAL SYSTEMS

#	COMPONENT / ITEM	VERIFICATION CRITERIA & ACCEPTANCE STANDARD	SEVERITY	STATUS
5	**Fluid Levels (Oil & Coolant)**	Engine oil and coolant levels within operating ranges on dipstick and reservoir indicators; caps tightly secured.	Warning	[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A
6	**Belts and Hoses**	Drive belts free of excessive fraying, cracking, or severe glazing; hoses free of bulges, soft spots, or secure clamp leaks.	Critical (Immediate Out of Service)	[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A
7	**Steering Mechanism**	Steering linkage components secure with no excessive play (>10 degrees or 2 inches on steering wheel) or loose mounting bolts.	Critical (Immediate Out of Service)	[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A

SAFETY EQUIPMENT & BRAKE PERFORMANCE

#	COMPONENT / ITEM	VERIFICATION CRITERIA & ACCEPTANCE STANDARD	SEVERITY	STATUS
8	**Brake System & Air/Hydraulic Pressure**	Brake pedal firm with no excessive travel; air pressure builds correctly (90-120 psi) with low-pressure warning operational; parking brake holds vehicle.	Critical (Immediate Out of Service)	[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A
9	**Emergency Equipment**	Fire extinguisher fully charged and inspected, reflective warning triangles (3) present, and spare fuses stored securely.	Standard	[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A
10	**Seat Belts and Horn**	Driver and passenger seat belts latch securely with no webbing fraying; electric/air horn fully functional.	Warning	[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A

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