



Class A Checklist

Tractor Semi-Trailer or Truck & Trailer or Bus & Trailer

In-Vehicle/Engine Start

- *AIR OR *HYDRAULIC BRAKE CHECK
- *Automatic failure if not performed correctly
- PARKING & TRAILER BRAKE CHECK
- SERVICE BRAKE CHECK
- LIGHTING INDICATORS
- EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT
- WINDSHIELD & TRAFFIC MONITORING DEVICES
- WIPERS & WASHERS
- HEATER & DEFROSTER
- HORN(S)

Lights Operations Check

ALL EXTERNAL LIGHTS (Not Including Reverse Lights)

Front of Vehicle/Engine Area

- LENSES
- FLUID LEVELS
- FLUID & AIR LEAKS
- STEERING SYSTEMS

Steering Axle

- TIRES
- RIMS
- LUG NUTS
- SPRINGS/MOUNTS & AIR BAGS & SHOCKS
- BRAKE LINES OR HOSES & LEAKS
- BRAKE CONTAMINATES

Side of Vehicle

- LENSES & REFLECTORS
- TRAFFIC MONITORING DEVICES
- BATTERY
- FUEL TANK(S)/DEF TANK
- FRAME(S)

Combination Vehicles Only

- AIR & ELECTRIC LINES & CONNECTORS
- FIFTH WHEEL SKID PLATE OR PINTLE HOOK OR TOW HITCH
- KINGPIN & APRON & GAP OR DRAWBAR RING & TONGUE OR COUPLER & TONGUE
- LOCKING & SAFETY DEVICES

Trailer Only

- LANDING GEAR & CLEARANCE
- REFLECTIVE TAPE REAR OF TRAILER
- LENSES & REFLECTORS



You are only required to inspect the items on the **CDL Vehicle Inspection checklist**. You may use this checklist for your test and check off items as you have completed them, **NO** additional markings or writing may be placed on this list. You **MUST** name, point to and/or touch and fully explain what you are inspecting each safety critical item for. If you do not do so, you will not get credit for the item(s).

THINGS TO KNOW FOR THE CDL TEST



4 THINGS TO DO FOR EVERY ITEM

- NAME THE ITEM
- SAY "PMS"
- THEN MENTION "NO BBC'S OR ABS (DEPENDING ON WHICH ONE IT IS)"
- SAY ONE UNIQUE THING ABOUT THE ITEM!

IT'S AS SIMPLE AS 1,2,3,4!

ACRONYMS THAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:



Properly mounted and secured. (say this for all items that you mention!)

PMS

ABC'S

Abrasions, Bulges, & Cuts. This applies to anything soft like a rubber hose, it can also apply to plastics. (the proper way to say this is "No ABC's")

Bends, Breaks, and Cracks. This applies to anything that is hard. Like metal or hard plastics. (the proper way to say this is "No BBC's")

BBC'S

5 C'S

Clean, Clear, (Not) Cracked, (No) Condensation, (The Right) Color. This applies to all lights and reflectors on the vehicle (the proper way to say this is "I'm' looking for the 5 C's")

Anything that has or could have a fluid in it, like hoses or the water pump, look for "No Leaks"

NO LEAKS

NON-FACTORY WELDS

For all suspension and steering components check to see that there are "No Non-Factory Welds."

Every fluid that is required for proper operation, like the Engine Oil, Coolant, Power steering, Hydraulic, Windshield washer, etc... check to see that is "At proper operational levels, between add and full."

OPERATION LEVEL