

Vehicle Pre-start Checklist



This checklist provides a list of items drivers must inspect and items they should also be aware of during a pre-start check each day. Drivers should record that they've completed the check and any issues found.

In cab check

- Is your seat adjusted correctly
- Turn the key to the on (or test if applicable) position
- Did all warning lights and audible indicators function?
- Does the horn work?
- Start the engine
- Are all gauges working?
- Did the air system recharge in a timely manner?
- Do the windscreen washers and wipers work?
- Are all windows and mirrors clean and unbroken?
- Are all mirrors adjusted correctly?
- Are any loose items in cab appropriately restrained?
- Do you have any required paperwork/documentation?
- Turn headlights and hazard lights on

Truck walk around

Take a careful walk around the truck and trailer(s), look for anything out of the ordinary

Things to check every time

- Look at every wheel/tyre:
 - Do they have sufficient tread?
 - Is there any damage or unusual wear?
 - Are they flat?
 - Are all wheel nuts present?
 - Are wheel nut indicators still lined up?
- Check the load (restraint, shifted)?
- Drain all air tanks
 - Was the amount of water excessive?
 - Was it excessively oily (compressor failure)?
- Check all couplings
 - Are they securely coupled?
 - Any visible damage/loose fasteners?
 - Are they appropriately lubricated?
 - Any signs of fretting (iron oxide dust and/or areas rubbed bare) or corrosion?
 - Are any fitted safety chains connected and in good condition?
 - Are trailer electrical and air lines connected and undamaged?
- Check lights
 - Are they all functional, secure and undamaged?

Things to look for while you're there

- Are there any fluid leaks (engine, gearbox, axles, steering, fuel tanks, radiator, hubs)?
- Are there any air leaks?
- Is there any damage to the vehicle/trailers?
- Is the vehicle sitting normally on its suspension?

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If you find any issues during the inspection, you need to record them in the fault log below and report them to the appropriate person depending on the severity of the issue:

For non-critical faults:

Maintenance contact:	Phone number

For critical/roadworthiness faults:

Manager:	Phone number

Date	Issue	Non-critical	Critical / Roadworthiness	Resolution date
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