

International Roadcheck will focus on tires and false records of duty status (RODS).

The importance of proper tire maintenance cannot be overstated. Tire failure while in transit is a hazard to all motorists. It causes significant delays and is far more expensive for motor carriers to repair.

During the tire inspection of a commercial motor vehicle, the inspector will look for:

- Low tread depth
- Audible air leaks
- 📀 Flat tires
- Selt material or casing ply exposed in the tread or sidewall
- Tread or sidewall separation
- Bulges in the sidewall
- Improper repairs, such as rubber-coated plugs in the sidewall
- Items lodged between dual tires





Hours-of-service regulations are in place to limit driving hours and mandate rest breaks to prevent commercial motor vehicle drivers from operating vehicles while fatigued. However, those regulations are only useful when drivers accurately reflect their times and duty statuses in their RODS.

While checking a driver's RODS for hours-of-service compliance, inspectors will also check for:

- Electronic logging device tampering, including driving while not logged in, disconnected devices and improper edits
- Ghost drivers (claiming a co-driver when there is no codriver present)
- Improper use of the personal conveyance special driving category
- Improper use of other exceptions, including adverse driving conditions
- Recording off-duty time while performing work for a motor carrier or non-motor carrier

Inspectors are available to answer questions about tire maintenance and violations, and to help drivers and motor carriers navigate the hours-of-service regulations in their jurisdictions.



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