



# North American Standard Driver Inspection Cheat Sheet

Before beginning a trip, the driver should be familiar with the location of all required documents. Most documents are permitted to be maintained in an electronic format; however, the driver must be able to display them without delay during a roadside inspection. All required documents should be saved to an electronic device prior to beginning the trip.

When interviewed by an inspector, the driver must be able to provide the trip's starting point and final destination, load description, time traveled, most recent stop and fueling location(s), and other jobs they have worked in the past week.

The driver is expected to assist with the activation of various systems on the vehicle during the inspection (lights, brakes, etc.).

- ✔ The inspector will check the condition of the seat belt and ensure the driver is wearing their seat belt properly and it's fastened. *Note: Everyone in the commercial motor vehicle, including passengers and co-drivers, must be wearing a fastened seat belt.*
- ✔ The driver's overall condition will be observed for illness, fatigue or other signs of impairment.
- ✔ The inspector will look for any unauthorized passengers.
- ✔ The inspector will check for the illegal presence of alcohol, drugs or other contraband.
- ✔ Inspectors will check the driver's medical examiner's certificate and skill performance evaluation certificate (if applicable) and verify their validity. The inspector will also check for corrective lens, hearing aids and any other physical limitations indicated on the driver's license.
- ✔ Drivers should have their record of duty status and supporting documents ready. If the driver has an electronic logging device, they must be knowledgeable in its use and able to perform the tasks asked by the inspector. The driver is required to transmit the records upon request. The inspector will verify the driver's hours of service and check the accuracy of the record.
- ✔ If the driver is utilizing an exemption, the driver should indicate that to the inspector. The inspector will ensure the driver meets all criteria for the exemption(s). To avoid delays, it is recommended that drivers print any exemptions they are utilizing and provide them to the inspector.
- ✔ The inspector will collect the driver's license or commercial driver's license (CDL), and check the expiration date, class, endorsements, restrictions and status. The inspector will also query the license for any suspensions, cancellations or disqualifications. *Note: If a commercial motor vehicle is being operated by a commercial learner's permit holder accompanied by the holder of a valid CDL (see Code of Federal Regulations 383.25), the CDL holder must have their CDL available and be fully qualified to operate the vehicle.*
- ✔ U.S. Only – The inspector will query the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse to ensure the driver is not prohibited.



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