

ROADSIDE DOT INSPECTION PREP CHECKLIST



Be ready
at any time.

1 DRIVER, TRUCK, AND LOAD PAPERWORK



- ☐ Valid CDL or appropriate driver's license, with required endorsements
- ☐ Current medical certification or applicable CDL medical status
- ☐ Vehicle registration available
- ☐ Required proof of insurance available
- ☐ Current shipping papers or bill of lading available
- ☐ Hazmat endorsement and shipping documents, if applicable

2 VEHICLE INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE



- ☐ Current annual DOT inspection documentation available
- ☐ Required company name, USDOT markings, and vehicle identification displayed
- ☐ Required decals and placards in good condition
- ☐ Known safety defects corrected before operating
- ☐ Previous DVIR defects properly addressed
- ☐ Required roadside inspection reports handled
- ☐ Maintenance and repair records organized at the office

3 HOURS OF SERVICE AND ELD



- ☐ ELD operating properly, if required
- ☐ Current duty status recorded accurately
- ☐ Today's and previous seven days' required HOS records available
- ☐ Required supporting documents available
- ☐ ELD instructions and malfunction procedures accessible
- ☐ Blank paper logs or permitted alternatives available for ELD malfunctions
- ☐ Know how to display or transfer ELD records
- ☐ No outstanding HOS violations

4 BRAKES, TIRES, AND WHEELS



- ☐ Service and parking brakes working properly
- ☐ Air lines and hoses free of damage and leaks
- ☐ Brake components free of obvious defects
- ☐ Tire tread depth adequate
- ☐ No exposed tire cords, dangerous cuts, or bulges
- ☐ Tires properly inflated
- ☐ Wheels and rims free of cracks and damage
- ☐ Lug nuts present and secure

5 LIGHTS, STEERING, AND SAFETY EQUIPMENT



- ☐ Headlights, brake lights, turn signals, and marker lights working
- ☐ Steering components in safe condition
- ☐ Suspension components in safe condition
- ☐ Windshield and mirrors provide adequate visibility
- ☐ Windshield wipers working
- ☐ Horn working
- ☐ Required emergency warning triangles available
- ☐ Fire extinguisher properly rated, secured, and charged
- ☐ Seat belt functioning correctly
- ☐ No significant exhaust or fuel system leaks

6 TRAILER AND CARGO SECUREMENT



- ☐ Cargo secured against movement
- ☐ Straps, chains, and binders in good condition
- ☐ Required number and working load limits of tiedowns met
- ☐ Trailer coupling and locking mechanisms secure
- ☐ Safety chains or cables attached where required
- ☐ Trailer brakes and lights working
- ☐ Landing gear properly secured
- ☐ Cargo weight and axle loads within applicable limits
- ☐ Required cargo signs and placards properly displayed