



## Pre-Trip Inspection Guidelines

**Items to Bring:** Please bring items you regularly use for Pre-Trip Inspections

- Gloves
- Flashlight
- Way to check tire pressure (tire billy or hammer)

**All Contestants:** Familiarize yourself with these guidelines!

- Do not open the hood
- Do not start the engine
- Do not turn on the lights or wipers
- Do not honk the horn
- Do not fix the defects
- Time will start when you tell the judge that you are ready
- The paperwork in the cab is all OK
- The box is empty
- The tank is empty

### Time Limits by Class:

Twin Trailer – 10 minutes

Flatbed, Tank Truck, and Sleeper Berth – 9 minutes

Four-Axle and Five-Axle – 8 minutes

Three- Axle – 7 minutes

Straight Truck & Step Van – 6 minutes

Timing will begin when you say ready or approach the unit. Do not start the engine, open hood, or blow horns. Consider all units to be empty of cargo. Do not turn on lights. When the time is down to one minute you will be advised.

**Defects:** There are **five** major defects and **five** minor defects. All majors and minors found will be counted towards the final score. You will receive 10 points for every major defect found and 5 points for every minor defect found.

**IMPORTANT:** Drivers must say **DEFECT** when they find one—or they will receive no points!

**Quality of Inspection:** You can receive up to 25 points based on your quality of inspection. To receive the full 25 points, you must conduct a highly efficient inspection indicated by having an organized inspection procedure which involves a minimum of backtracking.