

# PRE & POST-TRIP INSPECTIONS

Maintenance Campaign

Conducting thorough pre and posttrip inspections will identify the tractor-trailer systems and parts are working, failing, and/or missing.

A regimen of a complete pre-trip at the beginning of the day, a walk-around inspection every time the vehicle is parked, and a post-trip at the end of the day is the best practice. This will help maintain your equipment and help avoid over-the-road breakdowns, ultimately keeping you safe.

#### **CSA SCORE:**

Violations impact our CSA score for two years. In regards to maintenance, these are the top violations affecting our CSA Scores due to improper inspections:

- 1. Tires
- 2. Inoperative Lights
- 3. Wheels, Studs, Clamps

## BENEFITS OF TRIP INSPECTIONS:

- Minimizing OTR breakdowns
- Preventing out-of-service violations
- Ensures a safe trip
- Fulfills the legal requirements
- Helps meet delivery deadlines

### **ADVICE FROM FRANK:**

Frank Rich, 17-year MK driver, shares his tips on conducting thorough inspections:

**Create a routine:** find a pattern that works for you and stick to it.

"Anytime I get out of the truck, I do the same routine in checking my equipment. If you're not doing the same thing every time, you could potentially miss something."

### Inspect & report when necessary.

"I've found that communicating with both the DM and shop is more efficient."

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