

# Typical Pre-trip Inspection - Trailer

These are minimum standards for information purposes only; please refer to US DOT inspection guidelines.

- 1. Landing Gear**
  - a. Fully raised
  - b. No missing parts
  - c. Support frame not cracked, broken, or damaged
  
- 2. Frame**
  - a. No cracks, bends, or damaged
  - b. No missing or damaged cross members
  - c. No signs of holes or damage to trailer floor
  
- 3. Tandem Release**
  - a. Locking pins secure and locked in place
  - b. Release handle is secure
  
- 4. Lights & Reflectors**
  - a. Working and proper color
    - i. Front and side are amber
    - ii. Rear edge is red
  - b. Not broken, cracked, or missing
  - c. Conspicuously tape in place
  
- 5. Leaf Springs**
  - a. Not shifted or out of place
  - b. Not cracked, broken or missing
  
- 6. Spring Mounts**
  - a. Mounted Securely – front, back and U-bolts
  - b. Not cracked or broken
  
- 7. Torque Rod**
  - a. Mounted Securely
  - b. Not bent, broken or damaged
  
- 8. Shock Absorber (if equipped)**
  - a. Mounted Securely
  - b. Not bent, dented or leaking
  
- 9. Air Bags**
  - a. Mounted Securely
  - b. Not leaking

10. **Hoses and Lines**
  - a. Mounted securely
  - b. Not leaking
  - c. Not cracked or frayed
  
11. **Brake Chamber**
  - a. Mounted securely
  - b. Not dented or damaged
  - c. Not leaking
  
12. **Slack Adjuster**
  - a. 90 degrees with brakes applied.
  - b. No more than 1 inch of free play at the push rod with the brakes released
  - c. No bent, broken, loose, or missing parts
  
13. **Drums**
  - a. Not cracked, broken or dented
  - b. No oil leaking from inner oil seal, free of debris
  
14. **Linings**
  - a. No cracked, broken or missing parts
  - b. Not less than 1/4 inch in thickness
  
15. **Tires**
  - a. No bulges or cuts, can have retreads
  - b. Minimum tread depth of 2/32"
  
16. **Rims**
  - a. Not bent or cracked
  - b. No welding repairs
  
17. **Lug Nuts**
  - a. None missing
  - b. Tight – no shinny threads, or rust trails
  
18. **Outer hub oil seal**
  - a. Not leaking, no missing bolts
  - b. Fluid level OK
  
19. **Space or Spacer**
  - a. Check for objects between wheels
  - b. Check for proper spacing
  
20. **Doors**
  - a. Not bent, broken, or damaged
  - b. Close and latch securely
  - c. Hinges secure, no damage

- 21. Door ties**
  - a. Not missing, broken, and securely mounted
  
- 22. Splash guards**
  - a. Mounted properly
  - b. Not missing, ripped or torn
  
- 23. DOT bumper**
  - a. Not bent or damaged
  
- 24. Lights & Reflectors**
  - a. Working and proper color
  - b. Not broken, cracked, or missing

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