



Daily Pre-Trip Vehicle Inspection

Driver Name:	Date:
Unit Number:	Engine Hours:

X= Satisfactory R= Repairs Needed

While Your Truck Is Off

Check fluid levels of oil, coolant, and windshield wiper fluid	
Look for oil, fuel, coolant, and power steering fluid leaks	
Look at the hoses: check for wear, cracking, or fraying	
Check the engine fan: make sure there are no pieces out of any of the blades	
Look for any exposed or bare wires, or wires which appear out of place	
Look at the shock absorbers, ball joints, and kingpins for wear and proper lubrication	
Visually inspect the airlines and electrical cord to ensure they're properly connected	
Observe at the engine block: check for leaks or fluid running down the side of the engine	
Make sure caps are tight for the rad, oil filler, and power steering fluid	
Check brake pads for good thickness	
Observe all tires on your rig as well as the trailer	
Scan steering axle tires for uneven wear, nails, etc.	
Inspect fan belts for proper tension and signs of wear	
Look over the entire unit thoroughly for any body damage	
Inspect brake adjustment indicators for proper positioning	

Start the Vehicle and Check

Depress the clutch and start the engine (while in neutral)	
Observe gauges to be sure oil pressure is good and electrical system is charging	
Gently ease the clutch out slowly and carefully (if you do this too quickly, you could launch yourself across parking lot)	
Do not high idle the truck right away, let it idle at ~ 650 RPM	
Glance at the gauges again to ensure all is okay and air pressure is building	
Turn on all dashboard lights to make sure they work	
Do a visual check of the motor: look for leaks	
Observe belts for proper tension and that they are turning properly	

Close the hood and lock it down

Be certain all lights and flashers work on truck and trailer	
Use a piece of wood or a brick to depress the brake pedal, to check the operation of the exterior lights	
Listen for air leaks as you walk around the unit	
Remove the block of wood or brick from the pedal, pull forward about 6 feet	
Pull the trailer brake, to ensure it's working properly and to make sure the fifth wheel is correctly coupled to the trailer	
Pull ahead another 6 feet and stop the truck to test the foot brake	