

## Vehicle inspections

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### Introduction

Parts 392 and 396 of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSR) address the subject of vehicle inspection. All motor carriers and drivers who operate commercial motor vehicles fall under these regulations.

Part 396 of the FMCSR requires pre-trip and post-trip inspections on each vehicle a driver is assigned to drive. The idea behind the requirement is to put safer vehicles on the road as a way to help prevent accidents. A thorough inspection can also help a driver avoid mechanical breakdowns and unwanted "downtime."

This training program will address the basics of pre-trip and post-trip inspections as well as on the road inspection rules.

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### Objectives

1. Drivers must understand pre-trip inspection requirements.
2. Drivers must be able to perform the seven step method used for conducting a pre-trip inspection.
3. Drivers must understand and be able to perform on-the-road inspections.
4. Drivers must understand and be able to perform post-trip inspections.

### Post-training documentation

Make sure:

- each employee signs a statement that they have received this training. You can use the quiz provided with this topic as a vehicle for doing this.
- you keep in your files the drivers' signed receipt of educational materials/training.