

ELDT Types of Inspections

Pre-Trip Inspection

A pre-trip inspection is completed before operating your vehicle at the beginning of your route. This inspection is done so you can find problems or defects that may cause your vehicle to break down or have an accident before you start your run.

During the pre-trip inspection you should inspect the vehicle as outlined in the CDL Driver's Handbook as well as the following:

1. Previous Inspection Report
 - a. Look for defects notated on the report
 - b. Ensure all defects were corrected or not required to be repaired for safe operation of the vehicle and was signed by a mechanic or company representative
2. Vehicle Registration is current (power unit and towed units)
3. Vehicle Proof of Insurance
4. Bill of Lading or Manifest is correct

Enroute Inspection

An en-route inspection helps you to spot possible problems during your run that may cause your vehicle to break down or have an accident.

During your run you should stop and inspect your vehicle and load securement:

1. Within the first 50 miles of your trip
2. When you make a change of duty status
3. After the vehicle has been driven for 3 hours or 150 miles whichever comes first
4. Repeat this process until you complete your trip or driving for the day

Post-Trip Inspection

A post-trip inspection is completed at the end of your work day. This inspection helps you to find defects or deficiencies that occurred or developed during your run.

During the post-trip inspection you should inspect the vehicle as outlined in the CDL Driver's Handbook as well as the following:

1. Fill out and sign an Inspection Report for each unit or vehicle you operated
2. Notate all concerns and deficiencies found during your inspection
3. Make sure you turn in the report so any problems or deficiencies can be repaired while you are off-duty