

Pre-Trip Inspection Checklist

Checklist · 24 items · 8 sections

A pre-trip inspection is a systematic check of your vehicle before driving to identify any safety issues. Whether you drive a personal vehicle, commercial truck, or company van, this checklist helps you verify everything is road-safe before departure.

Open the editable version online:

<https://genechecklist.com/checklist/pre-trip-inspection-checklist>

ENGINE & FLUIDS

- Check engine oil level
HIGH
- Check coolant/antifreeze level
HIGH
- Check windshield washer fluid
- Check brake fluid level
HIGH
- Look under vehicle for oil, coolant, or fuel leaks
HIGH
- Inspect belts and hoses for cracks or fraying

TIRES & WHEELS

- Check tire pressure on all tires including spare
HIGH
- Inspect tires for cuts, bulges, or embedded objects
HIGH
- Check wheel lug nuts are all present and tight
HIGH

LIGHTS & SIGNALS

- Test headlights: low beam and high beam
HIGH
- Test brake lights: have a helper confirm from the rear
HIGH
- Test turn signals: all four corners

HIGH

- Test hazard warning lights

HIGH

- Test reverse lights

- Test horn

HIGH

VISIBILITY

- Check windshield wipers work on all settings

HIGH

- Check windshield is clean and free of cracks obscuring vision

HIGH

- Adjust all mirrors before starting: rear view and both sides

HIGH

BRAKES

- Test service brakes: firm pedal, no pull when braking

HIGH

- Test parking brake: holds vehicle on incline

HIGH

CAB & INTERIOR

- Check no warning lights illuminate on dashboard

HIGH

- Verify seatbelts function correctly

HIGH

EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT

- Check emergency equipment is present: fire extinguisher, first aid, triangles/flares

HIGH

DOCUMENTS

- Verify required documents are on board: license, registration, insurance

HIGH