

Sample pre-trip inspections— Take a walk before you drive

Complete and document your pre-trip inspections before each trip, and be sure to correct all unsafe conditions prior to starting out. Don't take chances, no matter how short you expect the trip to be.

Inspection guidelines

STEP 1: ENGINE COMPARTMENT

- Fluids
- Belts and hoses
- Components

STEP 2: LEFT SIDE OF CAB

- Left front wheel
- Left front suspension
- Left front brake

STEP 3: FRONT OF CAB

- Front axle
- Condition of steering system
- Windshield
- Lights and reflectors

STEP 4: RIGHT SIDE OF CAB

- Right front wheel
- Right front suspension
- Right front brake

STEP 5: RIGHT FUEL TANK(S)

- Visible parts

STEP 6: TRAILER FRONT

- Air and electrical lines and connections
- Lights and reflectors

STEP 7: RIGHT REAR TRACTOR WHEELS

- Dual wheels
- Suspension
- Tandem axles
- Brakes

STEP 8: REAR OF TRACTOR

- Frame and cross members
- Lights and reflectors
- Air and electrical lines and connections

STEP 9: COUPLING SYSTEM

- Fifth-wheel (lower)
- Fifth-wheel (upper)
- Sliding fifth-wheel
- Air and electrical lines and connections

STEP 10: RIGHT SIDE OF TRAILER

- Front trailer support (landing gear or dollies)
- Spare tire(s), lights, and reflectors
- Frame and body

STEP 11: RIGHT REAR TRAILER WHEELS

- Dual tires
- Suspension
- Tandem axles
- Brakes

STEP 12: REAR OF TRAILER

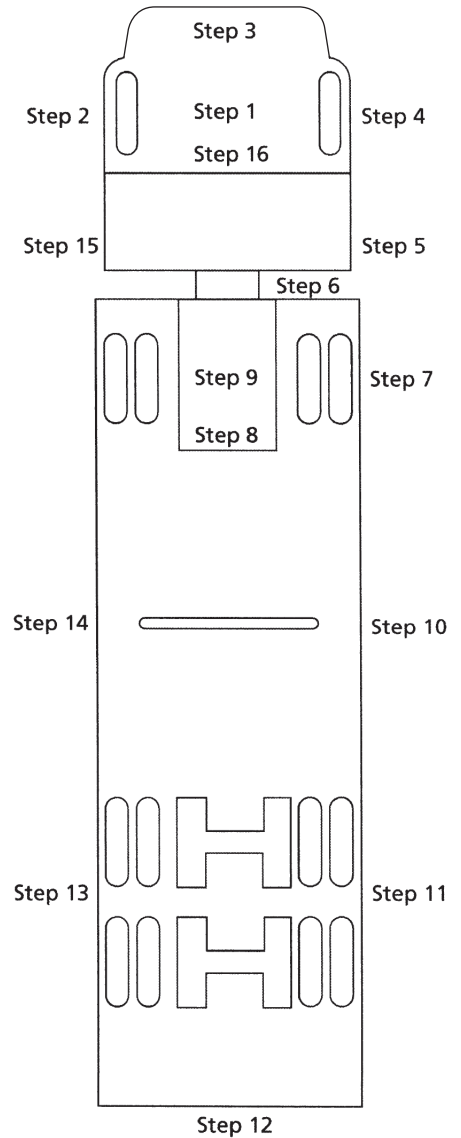
- Lights and reflectors
- Cargo securement

STEP 13: LEFT REAR TRAILER WHEELS

- Dual tires
- Suspension
- Tandem axles
- Brakes

STEP 14: LEFT SIDE OF TRAILER

- Front trailer support (landing gear or dollies)
- Spare tire(s), lights, and reflectors
- Frame and body



STEP 15: LEFT FUEL TANK(S)

- Visible parts

STEP 16: INSIDE CAB

- Windshield and windows
- Seatbelt
- Gauges and display
- Safety equipment (flashlight, fire extinguisher, reflective triangles, and spare fuses, flares, and bulbs)

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