

DOT Vehicle Inspection Items

1. BRAKE SYSTEM

- a. Service Brakes
- b. Parking Brake System
- c. Brake Drums Or Rotors
- d. Brake Hose
- e. Brake Tubing
- f. Low-Pressure Warning Device
- g. Tractor Protection Valve
- h. Air Compressor
- i. Electric Brakes
- j. Hydraulic Brakes
- k. Vacuum Systems

2. COUPLING DEVICES

- a. Fifth Wheels
- b. Pintle Hooks
- c. Drawbar/Towbar Eye
- d. Drawbar/Towbar Tongue
- e. Safety Devices
- f. Saddle-Mounts

3. FUEL SYSTEM

- a. Visible Leak
- b. Fuel Tank Filler Missing
- c. Fuel Tank Securely Attached

4. LIGHTING DEVICES

- a. All lighting devices and reflectors required by Section 393 shall be operable

5. SAFE LOADING

- a. Part(s) of a vehicle or condition of loading such that the spare tire or any part of the load or dunnage can fall onto the roadway.
- b. Protection against shifting cargo

6. STEERING MECHANISM

- a. Steering Wheel Free Play
- b. Steering Column
- c. Front Axle Beam And All Stern Components Other Than Steering Column
- d. Steering Gear Box
- e. Pitman Arm
- f. Power Steering
- g. Ball And Socket Joints
- h. Tie Rods And Drag Links
- i. Nuts
- j. Steering System

7. EXHAUST SYSTEM

- a. Any exhaust system determined to be leaking at a white forward or directly below driver/sleeper compartment
- b. A bus exhaust system leaking or discharging to the atmosphere in violation of standards (1), (2), or (3)
- c. No part of the exhaust system of any motor vehicle shall be so located as would be likely to result in burning, charring, or damaging the electrical wiring, the fuel supply, or any combustible part of the motor vehicle.

8. SUSPENSION

- a. Any U-bolt(s), spring hanger(s), or other axle positioning part(s) cracked, broken, loose or missing resulting in shifting out and axle from its normal position
- b. Spring assembly
- c. Torque, radius or tracking components

9. FRAME

- a. Frame Members
- b. Tire And Wheel Clearance
- c. Adjustable Axle Assemblies (Sliding Subframes)

10. TIRES

- a. Tires on any steering axle of a power unit
- b. All other tires

11. WHEELS AND RIMS

- a. Lock Or Side During
- b. Wheels And Rims
- c. Fasteners
- d. Welds

12. WINDSHIELD GLAZING

Requirements and exceptions as stated pertaining to any crack, discoloration or version reducing matter (reference 393.60 for exceptions)

13. WINDSHIELD WIPERS

Any power unit that has an inoperative wiper, or missing or damaged parts that render it ineffective