



Terminal Transport

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Inspectors To Focus on Steering and Suspension Systems During -----June Inspection Blitz-----

The annual International Roadcheck 72-hour inspection blitz will be held June 4-6 with a focus on steering and suspension systems.

The [Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance](#), which conducts the event each year, says steering and suspension are critical for all commercial vehicles.

“Not only do they support the heavy loads carried by trucks and buses, but they also help maintain stability and control under acceleration and braking, keeping the vehicle safely on the road,” says CVSA President Chief Jay Thompson with the Arkansas Highway Police. “Furthermore, they keep tires in alignment, reducing chances of uneven tire wear and possible tire failure, and they maximize the contact between the tires and the road to provide steering stability and good handling.”

Inspectors sideline 12,000 trucks during annual Road check inspection spree

Inspectors will primarily conduct Level I inspections on most rigs checked during the three-day blitz. Level I inspections are the most thorough, including examination of both driver compliance and vehicle-related violations.

Inspections will include checks of brakes, [cargo securement](#), lights, steering, suspension, tires and more. Drivers will also be required to provide their CDLs, Medical Examiner’s Certificates, logs and more. If no violations are found, inspectors will issue a CVSA decal that indicates the vehicle has passed an inspection.

“International Roadcheck is a high visibility, three-day commercial motor vehicle and driver inspection and enforcement event,” Thompson adds. “However, aside from the increased inspections, we are not doing anything differently than any other day. The inspections performed during International Roadcheck are the same inspections that are conducted the day before International Roadcheck starts and the day after it concludes, as well as any other day of the year.”

CVSA says approximately 17 trucks and buses are inspected, on average, every minute during the Roadcheck blitz.

Last year’s event [sidelined nearly 12,000 trucks and buses and more than 2,600 drivers](#) with out-of-service orders. Brakes, tires and wheels, and brake adjustment were the top three vehicle out-of-service violations issued during 2018’s Roadcheck. The top driver out-of-service violations were hours of service, wrong class license, and false logs.

Be Prepared for these Inspections!

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Reminders!

- ❖ Turn in completed trips ASAP
- ❖ Penske Drivers call Brent before calling road service ALWAYS!
- ❖ Never break a customer’s seal until told to. *Every load must have a seal.*
- ❖ Every load needs to be secure; *use your straps to secure your freight.*
- ❖ Sign all Bills of Lading and make sure they say Terminal Transport.
- ❖ GOAL – Get Out And Look before backing up! ALWAYS!
- ❖ Please advise service date on trailer after empty call.
- ❖ Your load is not empty until trailer is swept out!

New Pilot Location:**Pilot #1180**41112 West Indian School Road
Tonopah, AZ 85354**CSA**

Unsafe Driving	3.10
Crash Indicator	.38
Hours of Service	.16
Maintenance	2.63
Controlled Substance	0
Hazmat	0
Driver fitness	.12

Incidents of damage in the past month:

Stuck on ice broken drive shaft
\$2041

Non-preventable Mirror bolts
\$28

Ran over sign - \$TBD

Ice fell off trailer damaged vehicle
\$2500

Non-preventable Terminal trailer
hit in yard - \$TBD

Terminal's out of pocket cost
\$4541

Not including the TBD \$.
(2 non-preventable and 3 preventable accidents)

Remember safety is no accident!

Safety Highlights – Truck Inspections**Cleanliness**

All trucks should be clean at all times, get a small box for garbage, keep it in your cab and dump it every time you fuel.

- All paper bags, wrappers, cans and assorted garbage are to be placed in a garbage receptacle throughout the day, when stopped, the contents of that receptacle are to be removed from the cab at least daily, this is the responsibility of each individual driver.
- Loose items on and around the passenger's seat are prohibited at all times.
- When the tractor is parked for home time, all garbage must be removed before the driver leaves.
- The interior should be cleaned, wiped down and washed as needed.
- Personal body waste and containers containing body waste (including but not limited to tobacco spit, urine, feces and used bandages) are not permitted in Terminal Transport vehicles. This is considered to be hazardous material. Dispose of properly.
- At no time is anything to be on top of your dashboard, ever, at all. That is a banner asking every officer to pull you over and give you a ticket!
- The buckle on the fire extinguisher is to be latched at all times.

Tractor exteriors should be washed once a month, the driver is to keep track of the last date washed and inform dispatch when it is due again.

Safety will be conducting inspections to ensure that you are doing your part to ensure you represent the company and yourself with pride and a good presence.



Spring Driving Tips

The snow has finally melted and the nice weather is rolling in – that means spring is in the air! As the season’s first warm sunlight begins to peek through the gloomy winter clouds, it’s safe to say that everyone is at least a little reinvigorated with happiness. The relief of the new season is a great feeling, but it’s important to keep in mind that the safety hazards of the winter aren’t gone – in fact new ones just take their place. Here are six safety tips you’ll need to safely navigate the roads while driving in the spring.

1. Prepare for the Spring Rains

The hazards of rain are obvious, rain presents issues of visibility for drivers on the road. Rainy days and early, foggy mornings easily restrict your windshield vision, making it easier for you to find yourself in an accident. To ensure safe visibility, always have working windshield wipers and headlights so other drivers on the road can see you and you can see them.

2. Avoid Hydroplaning

With rain comes the risk of hydroplaning. Some roads do not drain as well as others, leaving fairly large puddles in the road. With the increased weight of freight trucks, this makes hydroplaning all the more dangerous. Hydroplaning occurs when the tires of your truck lose their grip with the pavement, gliding and skidding atop the water – making it hard to brake. If a driver brakes *too* hard, the truck can even jackknife and lose total control. To avoid this entirely, be patient, maintain a safe speed and brake gradually when the conditions aren’t driver-friendly.

3. Watch for the Aftermath of Winter

The winter just never seems to officially leave no matter what time of the year it is. Spring is when potholes become a serious problem. Between the plows, salting and harsh weather, potholes can grow to pretty hazardous sizes. The best you can do is to avoid them at all costs before they’re patched up. Driving over serious potholes can cause much unwanted damage underneath the vehicle.

4. Expect Temperature Drops – Black Ice Dangers

Just when you thought you wouldn’t see ice again for at least another 6 months, unexpected freezing can occur during the spring season. The temperature can still drop to just the perfect freezing conditions at nighttime in early spring. The seasonal spike in rainfall doesn’t help, but just because it’s warm during the day doesn’t mean black ice can’t form at night.

5. Give Pedestrians Their Space

Closer to the middle of spring, you’ll see more and more people outside enjoying the sunshine. While driving through residential areas make sure to be mindful of bikers and children playing outside. Drive slowly and give them space to avoid any unfortunate accidents from occurring.

6. Watch for Animals Crossing the Road

Even though animals are active at all times of the year, it’s wise to have an eye out for any crossing the road no matter what. You should always be prepared to brake and not swerve out of the way. It’s best to *be* ready to react instead of reacting off last second impulse, which will only cause an additional potential road hazard.

Roadside Inspection

Congratulations to the following drivers for clean inspections. They received extra \$\$\$!

February:

Mark Neumeister
Jodi Schippert
Brad Wittwer

March:

Chris Ramirez
Andy Wells

Do a thorough pre/post trip including checking your dates of service and annual inspections. Follow the rules of the road, scale your loads, and follow the rules for hours of service.

Long Idle Cost

So much unnecessary fuel is burned every day from long idling times. To put this in perspective, we will show how many gallons are wasted each month, and how that translates into actual \$\$\$!

March:

of Gallons Burned:

3,031

Average Fuel Cost:

\$3.00

\$\$ Wasted:

\$9,093

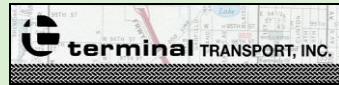
Watch your idle times! Since it counts toward your monthly bonus, cutting your idling means more money in your pocket!

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Note: TLC – Driver Referrals

Refer your friends and acquaintances, to TLC.

Every qualified new driver hire your refer earns you \$200. Terminal Transport – referral earns \$500. Put \$\$\$ in your pocket today. Refer a good driver.

Spring Driving Kit Essentials:

Keep your Spring Driving Kit close by and stock it with:



- Safety Vest
- Good, comfy, durable work gloves
- Tire Pressure Gage
- Expanding File Folder for paperwork
- Water
- A **First Aid kit** and any required - prescription medication
- A durable LED flash light & batteries
- Healthy Snacks
- Extra **windshield washer fluid**
- Up-to-date Atlas
- **Jumper cables**
- Cell phone and charger
- Road Flares and Cones
- Handheld Vacuum
- Cleaning Wet Wipes
- Protective eye wear - sunglasses



New/ Recent Hires

Keith Jadwinski

Please welcome them aboard!

Remember there is a \$500 Driver Referral Bonus.



Dave McWilliams - Mar. 1
Jennifer Harvey- April 13
Joe Littleton-April 14
Robert Lentsch- April 18
Steve Sjodahl- April 26

April 23
Gary Fox
David Lewandowski

Anniversaries

Thank You for Being a Part of Our Team!

Jennifer Harvey – 1 yr.
 Russ Johnson – 7 yrs.
 Ben Mike – 2 yrs.
 George Spivey – 2 Yrs.
 Aggie Wilcox – 2 yrs.
 Brad Wittwer – 11 yrs.

Safety Bonus Program – Complete details were mailed with January paycheck

10,500 miles threshold	10,500 miles or more	\$200	
Moving MPG	Determined threshold	\$50	
Long idle	Under 20%	\$50	
HOS compliance	0 violations	\$50	
No citations, accidents,	0 incidents	\$50	