

NSC Standard 13: Trip Inspections

Part 1 – General Requirements

(1) Vehicles to be inspected

No motor carrier shall permit a person and no person shall drive or operate a commercial vehicle on a highway unless the vehicle is inspected as required.

(2) Carrier to issue inspection schedules

Motor carriers shall provide the applicable schedule(s) of inspection items in a written or an equivalent electronic format and all vehicles shall be inspected in accordance with the schedule(s)¹.

(3) Driver to carry and surrender schedules

Drivers of a commercial vehicle shall have in their possession the applicable schedule(s) of inspection items and shall provide the schedules on demand of an inspector. (Schedule 4 need not be carried.)

(4) Required inspections (when operated)

- (a) Trucks, tractors and trailers shall be inspected in accordance with Schedule 1 every 24 hours.
- (b) Buses and any attached trailer² shall be inspected in accordance with Schedule 2 every 24 hours, or alternatively in the case of motor coaches equipped with air brakes, air ride suspension and automatic brake adjusters, in accordance with Schedule 3 every 24 hours and at least every 30 days or 12,000 km (whichever comes first) in accordance with:
 - i. Schedule 4, or
 - ii. an equivalent maintenance program approved by the jurisdiction that complies with Schedule 4 requirements.

(5) Report to be completed

- (a) A person conducting an inspection in accordance with Schedule 1 or 2 or 3 shall prepare a report in a written or an equivalent electronic format that contains the following information:
 - i. licence plate or unit number(s) of the vehicle(s);
 - ii. motor carrier's name;
 - iii. date and time of inspection;
 - iv. city, town, village or highway location where the inspection was performed;
 - v. a statement signed by the person conducting the inspection and by the person driving the vehicle (if different than the person inspecting the vehicle) that the vehicle(s) identified on the report has(have) been inspected in accordance with applicable requirements;
 - vi. the legible printed name of the person conducting the inspection; and
 - vii. odometer reading (if equipped).
- (b) A person conducting an inspection in accordance with subsection 4 (b) i or ii shall prepare a report in a written or an equivalent electronic format that contains the following information:
 - i. licence plate, VIN or unit number(s) of the vehicle(s);
 - ii. motor carrier's name;
 - iii. date(s) of inspection;
 - iv. location(s) where the inspection was performed;
 - v. a statement that the vehicle(s) identified on the report has(have) been inspected in accordance with applicable Schedule 4 requirements;
 - vi. the legible printed name of the person(s) conducting the inspection;
 - vii. the signature of the person(s) conducting the inspection;
 - viii. odometer reading(s).

¹ Schedules must contain at a minimum all inspection items listed, with the exception of items not present on the vehicle being operated. Schedule format and layout may vary.

² A trailer towed by a bus shall always be inspected in accordance with Schedule 2.