Trailer Inspection Checklist

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A walk-around check for a semitrailer or trailer, covering the trailer parts named in 49 CFR 392.7.

Carrier name		Date	Time
Inspected by	Trailer unit no.	License plate or VIN	Truck / tractor unit no.

Item	OK	Defect
COUPLING		
Kingpin and upper coupler plate	☐	☐
Fifth wheel locked on the kingpin; release handle in	☐	☐
Pintle hook, drawbar eye and safety chains (if used)	☐	☐
Air lines, glad hands and seals	☐	☐
Electrical cable and plug	☐	☐
Landing gear raised, crank secured	☐	☐
BRAKES		
Brake hoses and tubing: no leaks, chafing or kinks	☐	☐
Brake chambers and slack adjusters	☐	☐
Drums or rotors and linings	☐	☐
Parking (spring) brakes apply and release	☐	☐
ABS malfunction lamp	☐	☐
LIGHTS AND REFLECTORS		
Tail, stop and turn lamps	☐	☐
Clearance and marker lamps	☐	☐
Reflectors and conspicuity tape	☐	☐
License plate lamp	☐	☐

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TIRES AND WHEELS		
Tires: tread, inflation, sidewalls	☐	☐
Wheels and rims: no cracks; lug nuts tight	☐	☐
Hub oil seals: no leaks	☐	☐
Mud flaps	☐	☐
SUSPENSION AND FRAME		
Springs, air bags, hangers and U-bolts	☐	☐
Frame, crossmembers and floor	☐	☐
Sliding axle locking pins engaged	☐	☐
BODY AND CARGO		
Doors, hinges and latches	☐	☐
Roof, sides and floor: no holes or damage	☐	☐
Rear impact guard	☐	☐
Cargo secured; tie-downs, straps and load bars	☐	☐
Annual inspection report or decal on the trailer	☐	☐
Registration and license plate	☐	☐

DEFECTS FOUND

Signature	Trailer safe to operate ☐ Yes ☐ No

Before driving, the driver must be satisfied that service brakes and trailer brake connections, the parking brake, lighting devices and reflectors, tires, coupling devices, and wheels and rims are in good working order (49 CFR 392.7(a)), and that cargo is properly distributed and adequately secured (392.9). A trailer is inspected every 12 months like any commercial motor vehicle, and proof of that inspection is carried on it (396.17(a), (c)). A defect found on this check is reported on the driver vehicle inspection report (396.11).