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Driver Vehicle Inspection Reports / Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How should a driver log an inspection?

A: All time spent inspecting or maintaining a commercial motor vehicle is considered "on-duty time" and must be recorded as such.

Q: How much time has to be logged for each inspection?

A: As long as it takes. The federal regulations do not specify a minimum amount of time that has to be spent performing a pre or post-trip inspection.

Q: Does the post-trip inspection report always have to be signed by the next driver of the vehicle?

A: No, the Driver Vehicle Inspection Report (DVIR) only has to be signed by the next driver if defects were noted on the report by the person who completed it.

Q: If a driver operates multiple vehicles over the course of a day, does the driver have to complete more than one daily inspection report?

A: Yes, a post-trip inspection report is required for each vehicle or combination of vehicles operated, especially when one or more power units is involved. A single report can be used for any tractor/trailer combination. If several drivers operate the same vehicle over the course of a day, then several inspection reports are required for that vehicle, one from each driver.

Q: Can one post-trip report cover several trailers?

A: Yes, each report must include only one power unit but it can include multiple trailers.



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