COLORADO
Department of Education
School Finance and Operations Division

Mandatory
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CDE Annual Inspection/Preventative Maintenance Checklist 2026-2027

ALL ITEMS ON THIS CHECKLIST ARE MANDATORY. THE USE OF THIS SPECIFIC CHECKLIST IS NOT MANDATORY.

Inspection Site:			Inspector Number:
Inspector Name:		Inspector Signature:	

Vehicle Information

Body:	Unit #:	Chassis:	Current Insp. Odometer:
Model Year:	License Plate:		Previous Insp. Odometer:
Date Inspection Started:	Date Inspection Completed:		Inspection Type: ☐ Annual Inspection ☐ PM

*Codes: * Not required for PM ** Not required for EV*

Inspector initials required only for multiple inspectors. Use Notes/Findings as needed.

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Section A: Road Test Inspection				
	1	Check the driver seat and seat belt for proper operation and condition.		
	2	Check for steering play and binding. Steering column components.		
	3	Check the operation of instruments/gauges, indicator lights, warning systems, horns		
	4	Check windshield, mirrors, driver visor and hardware		
	5	Check windshield wiper and washer for proper operations		
	6	Check air system build time (depleted to fully charged) MAXIMUM OF 4 MINUTES		
	**7	Check retarder/secondary brake indicator lights and proper functions		
	8	Air Check: Governor cut in ____ PSI // cut out ____ PSI		
	9	Air Check: With a fully charged system (full brake application) Observe gauge loss ____ PSI		
	10	Check service brake: pedal-free travel, adequate pedal height, and reserve, ABS, booster operation (hydraulic) and brake action/operation, wear indicators. (Hydraulic and air)		
	11	Perform brake valve check to include parking brake operation.		
	12	Low-pressure warning light and buzzer actuate at ____ PSI Park brake sets at ____ PSI		
	13	Check the information on the registration form: Vin # and License Plate # for consistency		
	14	Pre-inspection Road Test		
Section B: Under Hood Inspection				
	**1	Cable operation: e-brake, choke, throttle, kill cable, accelerator linkage and return spring		

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	2	Inspect all brake, **fuel**, cooling and lubrication lines, fittings, electrical wiring for proper routing, clamping, signs of chafing, kinking, deteriorations, or leaks		
	**3	Inspect the exhaust system components, leakage, mounting, shields		
	4	Inspect the compressor, inspect/replace the air filter and/or air compressor filter element as needed		
	5	Check windshield washer fluid reservoir for leaks, mounting		
	6	Inspect radiator mounting, core, cap, water pump, fan, clamps, hoses, and shutters test		
	7	Record coolant freeze point ____ (-30F minimum)		
	8	Inspect the alternator, tensioner, all drive belts, and pulleys for condition and adjust as required		
	9	Check fluid levels, condition and inspect for leaks		
	10	Inspect the steering column, shaft, clamp bolts, and universal joints		
	11	Inspect the power steering system and components, proper mounting, condition		
	12	Check brake master cylinder, fluid for condition, clarity and proper level (hydraulic)		
Section C: Interior Inspection				
	1	Check all heaters, defrosters, interior lighting, and electrical accessories for operation		
	2	Check all glass (windshield, windows, and dash) inspect window guides and latches		
	3	Emergency exits: operation, warning devices (buzzer), interlock, operation decals		
	4	Emergency equipment: fire extinguisher, first aid kit, belt cutter, body fluid cleanup kit		
	5	Check triangle reflectors, box mounting, and seal		
	6	Check video system, PA system, 2-way radio for operation, no child left behind system		
	7	Inspect seats, cushions, barriers, step well, handrails, and flip seats		
	8	Check for and inspect special needs equipment, securements, and accessories		
	9	Inspect floor covering and trim, bulkhead, service door		
	10	Inspect interior for sharp projections, and securement of accessories		
	11	Inspect interior for Colorado Rack and Load and Kentucky Pole Test certification plate or decal		
Section D: Under Vehicle Inspection				
	1	Inspect steering system: shaft, lock bolts, nuts, stops-looseness, damage, play, binding, clamping, signs of chafing, kinking, deterioration, or leaks		
	2	Inspect front and rear suspension, springs, cross members, shackles, shocks, and frame brackets for looseness and damage		

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	3	Inspect air ride suspension systems and components, if applicable		
	4	Inspect axle pinion and transmission flange for looseness, inspect propeller shaft for damage		
	5	Inspect u-joints, carrier bearings and guards for excessive wear or damage and visually inspect differential for leakage, mounting, fluid level, and pinion cage bolts		
	6	Check air tanks and reservoirs, drier for mounting, moisture release valve and heater operation		
	7	Inspect transmission: linkage, **excessive leakage, change fluid and filters as needed**		
	8	Inspect auxillary fuel system, fuel tank, mounting, cage components, lines, and leaks		
	9	Inspect body to frame clamps, insulators, and cowl hold-down bolts for looseness		
	10	Inspect engine and transmission mounts for looseness or deterioration		
	11	Inspect all brake, fuel, cooling and lubricant lines, fitting, electrical wiring for proper routing, clamping, signs of chafing, kinking, deterioration, or leaks		
	12	Operational equipment: auto-chains, sanders, coolant heaters (adjustment, leaks and operation)		
	**13	Inspect exhaust system for leakage or looseness and proper supports, shields if required		
	**14	Clutch condition and components		
	**15	Driveline retarder components, mounting, wiring		
	16	Inspect air brake chambers, mounting, caging bolt, dust cover/cap		
Section E: Around Vehicle Inspection				
	1	Body condition, bumpers, tow hooks, numbering, lettering (damage)		
	2	Check exit door operation, adjustment and seals		
	3	Check compartment doors, hinges, and latches		
	4	Check all exterior lights, mirrors, and reflectors (operation/visibility)		
	5	Inspect batteries and tie downs, test batteries		
	6	Check operation and condition of stop arm		
	7	Inspect the lift door, lift operation, warning system (if applicable) and symbols		
	8	Inspect slack adjusters and Record Brake Stroke (air brakes/applied method) Before Dissasembly | LF: RF: LR: RR: After Assembly | LF: RF: LR: RR:		
	9	Tires: condition, tread depth (minimum reading), matching		

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	10	Tire PSI Before | LF: LRO: LRI: | RF: RRO: RRI: After | LF: LRO: LRI: | RF: RRO: RRI:		
	11	Tread Depth LF: LRO: LRI: RF: RRO: RRI:		
	12	Wheels: size, width, type, valve stems, studs, and lug nuts		
	*13	Remove wheels, inspect linings, and brake components		
	14	Inspect front and rear wheel seal areas for any leakage (oil or brake fluid)		
	15	Check hydraulic: wheel cylinders, calipers, valves, lines, drums/rotors		
	*16	Record brake shoe/pad lining readings (minimum) LF: RF: | LF: RF: LR: RR: | LR: RR:		
	*17	Brake drum/rotor reading | Manufacturer spec: Front Rear: Previous Inspection Reading | LF: RF: LR: RR: Current Reading | LF: RF: LR: RR:		
	*18	Air disc brake pad to rotor clearance | LF: RF: LR: RR:		
	19	Post inspection road test		

Additional Comments

STU-26 — To be maintained with annual inspection/preventive maintenance records.

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