

Do you need a Periodic Annual Inspection?

Every vehicle that meets the definition of a ¹Commercial Motor Vehicle must have a periodic annual vehicle inspection.

- ◆ This inspection is to be done annually on all interstate vehicles with a GVWR or GCWR exceeding 10,000 lbs. This inspection must also be done on all intrastate vehicles with a GVWR over 26,000 lbs.

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Intrastate commercial motor vehicles with a gross vehicle weight of 26,000 pounds [11793.52 kilograms] or less are exempt from all federal motor carrier safety regulations.



- ◆ A copy of the periodic annual vehicle inspection must be kept in the vehicle to be produced at roadside inspections. This can either be a sticker on the vehicle or a copy of the actual inspection form. A copy of the periodic annual vehicle inspection report must also be kept at the carrier's principal place of business in the maintenance file for a period of 14 months from the date of inspection. This means that the old and new inspection reports will overlap by 2 months.



"Inspections must be done by a qualified inspector."

- ◆ Each power unit is considered a vehicle, as well as each trailer is considered a vehicle separately.
- ◆ This inspection must be done by a ²qualified inspector.
- ◆ Penalty is a \$50.00 fine.

¹Commercial Motor Vehicle

Commercial Motor Vehicle means any self-propelled or towed motor vehicle used on a highway in interstate commerce to transport passengers or property when the vehicle—

1. Has a gross vehicle weight rating or gross combination weight rating, or gross vehicle weight or gross combination weight, of 4,536 kg (10,001 pounds) or more, whichever is greater; or
2. Is designed or used to transport more than 8 passengers (including the driver) for compensation; or

3. Is designed or used to transport more than 15 passengers, including the driver, and is not used to transport passengers for compensation; or
4. Is used in transporting material found by the Secretary of Transportation to be hazardous under 49 U.S.C. 5103 and transported in a quantity requiring placarding under regulations prescribed by the Secretary under 49 CFR, subtitle B, chapter I, subchapter C.

²Inspector Qualification

Motor Carriers must ensure that persons performing annual inspections are qualified.

Inspectors must:

- ◆ understand the inspection standards of Part 393 and Appendix G
- ◆ be able to identify defective components
- ◆ have knowledge and proficiency in methods, procedures, and tools.

Inspectors may have gained experience or training by:

- ◆ completing a State or Federal training program, or earning a State or Canadian Province qualifying certificate in commercial motor vehicle safety inspections
- ◆ a combination of other training or experience totaling at least a year.

The North Dakota Highway Patrol symbol is a profile of Red Tomahawk, a Teton Dakotah (Sioux) Indian who lived on his land near the Cannonball River on the Standing Rock Indian Reservation near Mandan, North Dakota. Red Tomahawk, a subchief, served as a government policeman helping to create order in a time of turbulence. He was considered a champion of his people, a noble American, and a just man. Today his profile reminds travelers of the first people to roam the plains.

The North Dakota Highway Patrol officially adopted the profile of Red Tomahawk as the patrol vehicle door emblem and department symbol in 1951.



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