

ITEM 19: VEHICLE INSPECTIONS

The Shipper is responsible for performing a complete inspection of the vehicle prior to tendering to BNSF and providing the inspection record to BNSF.

Motor vehicles that enter or are stored at a BNSF Automotive facility must be for movement on BNSF. (See Item 23: Truck In / Truck Out and Items in the Haul-away Specifications Chapter.)

Motor vehicles may be inspected at origin or destination facilities. However, BNSF is not responsible if such inspections do not occur.

BNSF retains the right, without obligation, to inspect motor vehicles tendered to BNSF or while the vehicle is in BNSF's possession. This inspection also applies if the motor vehicles are tendered to BNSF in a railcar. This inspection by BNSF is to ensure the vehicle complies with safety requirements, shipping instructions, and other issues addressed in this *BNSF Automotive Rules and Policies Guide*. Failure of BNSF to inspect a vehicle shall not make BNSF responsible for any loss or damage that might have been discovered by such inspection and does not release the Shipper from complying with all terms in this *BNSF Automotive Rules and Policies Guide*.

The haul-away carrier picking up (obtaining) the vehicle may inspect the motor vehicle prior to departing a BNSF Automotive facility. (See Item 26: Vehicles Departing the Facility.)

Upon inspection, if the haul-away finds vehicle loss or damage, the following conditions must be met. Severity vehicle damage levels are defined in the AAR Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices.

- Severity 1 and 2 damages must be **documented on the load sheet** prior to the vehicle departing the facility.
- Severity 3 damage or greater must be reported by the haul-away carrier prior to moving the vehicle from the bay or load line.
- Damages must be reported to the BNSF Automotive Facility Management and must be documented in BNSF's system before the vehicle departs the facility. The failure of the haul-away carrier to document and report damages prior to departure relieves BNSF of any damage claims. No supplemental or exception reporting will be permitted after the vehicle departs the facility.

In addition, BNSF is not responsible for any non-transportation related damages.

Inspections will be sub-coded to differentiate transportation related from other exception conditions. The Shipper will be liable for exceptions, which are not transportation related.

BNSF may modify the inspection and verification requirements at any facility by providing written notice to the haul-away carrier and Shipper.

(See Item 29: Shipper General Liability and the Liability / Claims Chapter.)

ITEM 26: VEHICLES DEPARTING THE FACILITY

When the haul-away carrier retrieves (picks-up) vehicles from a BNSF facility, the **haul-away carrier must present the bay tags and the load sheet** to the facility personnel when departing the facility.

(See Item 19: Vehicle Inspections for reporting vehicle damage.)