



LIGHT VEHICLE INSPECTION CHECKLIST

For Group 1a and 1b Vehicles

All motor vehicles that have a seating capacity under fifteen passengers, and all motor vehicles and trailers that have a maximum gross weight (MGW) under 18,001 pounds,

EXCEPT FOR:

- all semi-trailers and motorcycles; and
- those motor vehicles and trailers that have an MGW over 10,000 pounds and under 18,001 pounds, for which the motorist requests a Heavy Vehicle Inspection.

- 1st** Obtain vehicle information (registration, title, etc.).
- 2nd** Only remove EXPIRED inspection certificates. Any inspection certificates or temporary certificates that are not yet expired are to be left on the vehicle until the vehicle passes inspection.
- 3rd** **SAFETY** - Inspect the following items:
 - a. Service brake system
 - b. Parking brake
 - c. Tires (*NOTE: tire pressure check is advisory only and not cause for rejection*)
 - d. Steering, suspension, front end and chassis/frame
 - e. Lighting and reflectors
 - f. Windshield and other glass
 - g. Mirrors
 - h. *[reserved]*
 - i. Windshield wipers
 - j. Horn
 - k. Seat belts (*NOTE: airbag readiness light check is advisory only and not cause for rejection*)
 - l. Fuel leaks
- 4th** **EMISSIONS** - When required, perform the applicable emissions test on non-exempt vehicles.
 - a. OBD II emissions (emissions control devices, gas cap, malfunction indicator light)
 - b. Low-enhanced emissions (emissions control devices, gas cap)
 - c. Diesel emissions (emissions control devices, exhaust emissions test*)
- 5th** Issue a new inspection certificate **ONLY** after the vehicle **PASSES** inspection, or issue a rejection notice to the motorist if the vehicle **FAILS**.
- 6th** The full inspection fee is due upon completion of a proper inspection, regardless of whether the vehicle passes or fails that inspection. A reinspection fee may be charged only when the vehicle is removed from the station by the motorist and returned for reinspection. When this occurs within 30 days, a full inspection in whichever category the vehicle failed (safety or emissions) must be performed. Reinspection after 30 days requires a full inspection in **BOTH** categories, regardless of which category the failure occurred in.

*Only diesel-powered vehicles over 8,500 MGW registered in the New York Metropolitan Area (NYMA) are required to have an exhaust emissions test.

Tinted window regulation

Section 375 (12-a) of the NYS Vehicle and Traffic Law does **not allow** a windshield or front side windows that are dark. The windshield and front side windows cannot block more than 30% of the light. Seventy percent or more of the light from the outside must pass through the window.

This law **also** applies to the rear window **unless** the vehicle has outside rear-view mirrors on both sides. The mirrors must give the driver a full and clear view behind the vehicle.

Rear side windows must also allow at least seventy percent of light from the outside to pass through the window if the vehicle is classified as a station wagon, sedan, hardtop, coupe, hatchback, convertible

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