



# The Informed Worker



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## INTERNATIONAL ROADCHECK 2016







*Understand the wear patterns of your truck or trailer before it becomes serious .*

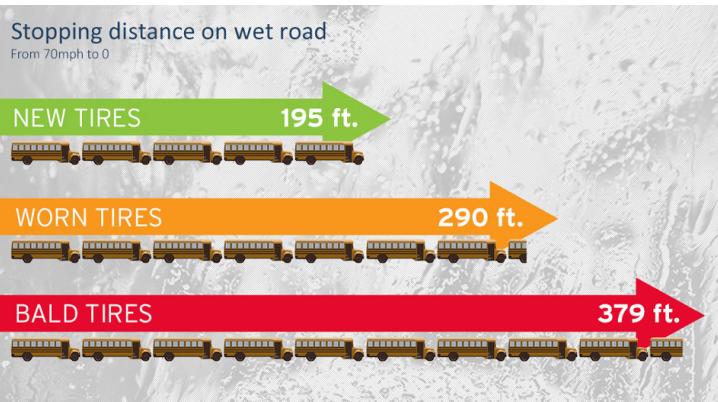
### Special Emphasis on Tire Safety

Tire-related violations are common. During 2016 International Roadcheck, June 7-9, 2016, inspectors will be checking vehicles for all violations, but as part of our International Roadcheck program outreach and awareness campaign, we are highlighting tire safety to remind drivers and motor carriers about the importance of ensuring tires are well maintained, properly inflated for the load being carried, and free of serious wear or damage.

Tires must have at least the minimum required tread depth measured in a major tread groove (4/32 inch for tires on front- axle tires and 2/32 inch for all other tires). More than 4 percent of inspections in 2015 resulted in a tire tread depth violation.



Wear Pattern	Cause	Action	
	Center Wear	Over Inflation	Adjust pressure to particular load per tire catalog
	Edge Wear	Under Inflation	Adjust pressure to particular load per tire catalog
	Side Wear	Loss of camber or overloading	Make sure load doesn't exceed axle rating. Align at alignment shop
	Toe Wear	Incorrect toe-in	Align at alignment shop
	Cupping	Out-of-balance	Check bearing adjustment and balance tires
	Flat Spots	Wheel lockup & tire skidding	Avoid sudden stops when possible and adjust brakes





## In The Inspector's Seat

The Point of the North American Standard  
Level I Inspection Procedure:

- BRAKES
- COUPLING DEVICES
- FUEL & EXHAUST SYSTEMS
- FRAME, VAN & OPEN TOP TRAILERS
- LIGHTING
- SECUREMENT OF CARGO
- STEERING
- SUSPENSION
- TIRES, WHEELS, RIMS +HUBS

From a commercial vehicle safety inspector's perspective, the point of the NAS inspection is to ensure both your safety and those of others traveling on the highways. The costs associated with being put out of service are insignificant when compared to the costs of crashes with innocent people. Be proactive and inspect your vehicle thoroughly before you take your next trip. The keys are in your hand

## International Road check Checklist For Drivers

As a professional driver you face a lot of stress and pressure each day just trying to do your job. Maneuvering through congested highways with aggressive car drivers darting around you can be difficult since all too often everyone is in a rush to get where they are going. It may make you want to gamble a bit by taking unnecessary risks. But your risk goes up exponentially for each violation you receive. The seriousness of violations is more than monetary, unless you're willing to pay with your life. And we're not just talking about your life. When you gamble, you are also gambling your family's future and the future of many other innocent parties. Don't take that gamble, it's just not worth the risk.

**Buckle up** It is your last line of defense!

**Pre-inspect the condition of your vehicle** before and check for load securement. Maximize the vision around your truck with properly adjusted mirrors; Be sure your mirrors are properly set and clean.

**Get in a safe mindset!** Obey speed limits and traffic signs. Excessive speed reduces your ability to avoid a crash, extends your vehicle's stopping distance, and increases the severity of a crash when it occurs. Slow down in bad weather and at construction zones.

**Maintain a safe following distance.** Follow other vehicles at a safe distance. Make sure to constantly check your mirrors.

**Make only safe and necessary lane changes.** Pick a lane and stay in it for as long as possible. Lane changes increase one's risk of an accident.

**Focus on your driving and avoid or minimize in-truck distractions** such as cell phone use, changing CDs, eating, or other activities that can remove your attention from the road.

**Never drive under the influence!** Watch out for other motorists whose driving behavior suggests they may have been drinking.

**Get enough sleep.** Sleep deprivation and fatigue can cause lapses in attention, slowed awareness and impaired judgment.

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