

2019 CVSA's 72-Hour International Roadcheck Inspection Overview

Dates: June 4th thru June 6th

What You Should Know About the 2019 International Roadcheck

The Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) is conducting its annual International Roadcheck for 72 hours between June 4th and June 6th across North America. With the help of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, an average of 17 buses or trucks will be inspected every minute. For 2019, special emphasis will be on steering components and suspension systems as a reminder of their importance to highway safety during their standard North American Standard Level I roadside inspections (a 37-step inspection of both the driver and vehicle).

Valuable Information to Help Prepare for This Year's International Roadcheck:

The inspectors will check the following steering components: steering wheel lash (free play), steering column and shaft, front axle beam (including hub), steering gear box (rack and pinion, if applicable), pitman arm and output shaft, upper and lower steering arms, power steering reservoir, ball and socket joints, tie rods and drag links, and steering nuts.

The inspectors will check the following suspension components: axle parts/members, spring hangers, leaf spring assembly, coil/rubber spring and air suspension, composite springs, torsion bar suspension, suspension connecting rods and bushings, other tracking components, sway bar components, and adjustable axle(s) (locking pins, body rails, slider guides).

Last year, 21.6% of vehicles and 3.9% of drivers inspected were placed out-of-service.

2019's Special Emphasis: Steering Components & Suspension Systems

For 2019, inspectors will pay special attention to steering components and suspension systems. Inspectors normally check the steering components and suspension systems during the annual International Roadcheck events, but are placing special focus on it this year as a strong reminder of its importance to highway safety. They will also be looking for seatbelt usage and alcohol or controlled substance abuse.

Looking for More Information?

More details on the Roadcheck can be found on the CVSA website:
<https://cvsa.org/news-entry/2019-roadcheck-dates-focus/>.

Top Steering & Suspension Violations for 2018

1. Axle Positioning Parts Defective/Missing (287 out-of-service violations)
2. Steering System Components Worn, Welded or Missing (259 out-of-service violations)
3. Air Suspension Pressure Loss (109 out-of-service violations)

