

Trailer Inspection

A trailer walkaround record covering identification, coupling, braking connections, wheels, lights, bodywork, loading and defect reporting.

1. Record details and scope

Project

Filled in from the project in SiteSurvey.

Site or premises address

Client or organisation

Record date *

Person completing the record *

This is a walkaround and defect record. It is not an MOT, a planned workshop safety inspection, a brake-performance test or an approval to tow an unsuitable combination.

DVSA guidance separates driver walkaround checks and defect reporting from planned safety inspections and maintenance. A trailer must not be used in an unroadworthy condition. Use the checks appropriate to the trailer, its operation and the responsible operator arrangements.

2. Trailer and combination

Trailer registration or fleet ID *

Trailer type and configuration *

Towing vehicle registration

Driver or checker *

Responsible operator

Maintenance and safety inspection reference

3. Walkaround

Coupling and security devices checked * (choose one)

☐ Acceptable ☐ Action needed ☐ Not checked ☐ Not applicable

Action, limitation or reason not applicable * (if applicable)

Brake and electrical connections checked where fitted * (choose one)

☐ Acceptable ☐ Action needed ☐ Not checked ☐ Not applicable

Action, limitation or reason not applicable * (if applicable)

Wheels, tyres and visible fixings checked * (choose one)

☐ Acceptable ☐ Action needed ☐ Not checked ☐ Not applicable

Action, limitation or reason not applicable * (if applicable)

Lights, reflectors and number plates checked * (choose one)

☐ Acceptable ☐ Action needed ☐ Not checked ☐ Not applicable

Action, limitation or reason not applicable * (if applicable)

Body, doors and landing legs checked where fitted * (choose one)

☐ Acceptable ☐ Action needed ☐ Not checked ☐ Not applicable

Action, limitation or reason not applicable * (if applicable)

Load restraint, load distribution and visible damage reviewed * (choose one)

☐ Acceptable ☐ Action needed ☐ Not checked ☐ Not applicable

Action, limitation or reason not applicable * (if applicable)

Supporting photos (photos: attach, or note the file names)

4. Defect decision

Were defects found? * (choose one)

☐ Yes ☐ No

Defects and action taken * (if applicable)

Locate each defect precisely and record who received the report. Keep the repair decision separate from the observation.

Person notified

How use was stopped where necessary

Repair and recheck reference

5. Actions and review

Are further actions required? * (choose one)

☐ Yes ☐ No

Further action (copy this block for each one; if applicable)

Action and evidence reference *

Person responsible *

Target date

Action status * (choose one)

☐ Open ☐ In progress ☐ Completed

Completion evidence * (if applicable)

Outstanding limitations and information to pass on

Record status * (choose one)

☐ Ready for review ☐ Further work needed ☐ Work or use stopped

Reviewed by

Review date

Author signature *

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