

# PRE-POST-TRIP INSPECTIONS



Every driver is required to make a thorough and complete pre-trip and post-trip inspection.

## REMINDERS:

**The Approach:** Assess as you approach the vehicle. Determine if it's leaning to one side, check for damage, check exhaust and look for oil or fluid leaks under the carriage.

**Under the Hood:** Check engine fluids (oil, washer fluid, antifreeze, battery, etc.) and components (belts and hoses). See complete list on pages 3 and 4 of the Guide.

**The Walk Around:** Circle the outside of the vehicle. Start the vehicle, make sure it's in park, and set the parking brake. Turn on all the lights, the flashers, and the heater or AC. Honk the horn and turn on the windshield washer and wipers. Start from the front door and walk counter clockwise, checking all the items on the checklist on pages 5 and 6 of the Guide.

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**On Board:** Inspect on-board areas, equipment, and supplies including the passenger seating area, the driver's area, lights, mirrors, brakes, stairwell, lift and lift door, and wheelchair securements. See pages 7 and 8 for a detailed checklist of items to inspect.

## **While driving:**

- Visually monitoring gauges and for smoke, steam and wear.
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- Listening for knocks and other noises that would indicate trouble.
- Being aware of unusual odors like fumes, fuel, burning oil or rubber, brakes and hot electrical wires.
- Feeling excessive vibrations, shimmies, and wandering or hard steering.

