

SNOW PLOW TRUCK PRE-TRIP INSPECTION CHECKLIST

Note: This inspection checklist is a suggested checklist for snow plow operators. It is not intended to replace legally required inspections as governed by your local transportation laws and authorities. Drivers must inspect their vehicles and complete inspection forms according to local laws and regulations.

Vehicle Inspection	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Engine and Fluids <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Check engine oil level<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Confirm color and smell are normal• Check transmission fluid level• Check power steering fluid level• Check brake fluid level• Check coolant fluid level• Inspect belts for cracks or fraying• Inspect hoses and hose connections for cracks or wear• Check windshield washer fluid
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lights and Electrical <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Confirm all warning lights are operational• Ensure brake lights are working• Ensure headlights are working (high + low beam)• Ensure turn signals are working• Ensure clearance lights are working• Ensure reflectors are mounted on snow equipment as required• Truck stocked with extra bulbs, lenses, wiring, and sockets
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wheels and Tires <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Inspect tire pressure• Look for tire damage (wear or cuts)• Ensure wheel lugs are tight• Look for leaks around wheel/axle seals
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hydraulics and Hoses <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Check hoses and fittings for fluid leaks• Raise salter box to inspect hoses. Ensure box safety stops are in place before inspecting.• Ensure hoses are not pinched or rubbing surfaces unnecessarily• Check all hydraulic levels
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tools <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Truck should have toolbox stocked with tools and equipment for minor repairs• Hand shovels (minimum one snow shovel, one square metal shovel)• Towing chains• Booster cables• Extra plow pins, wing pins• Extra safety pin

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Cab <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Truck paperwork binder (insurance, registration, etc)• Clean truck cab – remove all loose items from cab area• Fire extinguisher• Safety triangles/reflectors• Ice scraper• Extra windshield washer fluid• Check safety belts – do not ever operate vehicle without safety belts secured• Flashlight• Lock de-icer• First aid kit• Check heater fan and heater are working and generating sufficient heat• Check defroster(s)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wipers, Windshield, and Mirrors <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clear ice and snow from wiper blades• Ensure wiper blades are in good condition• Check windshield for cracks and damage• Adjust all mirrors for maximum visibility
<input type="checkbox"/>	Salter <p><i>Before loading vehicle with salt..</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Check salter box raises and lowers properly• Test salter auger and/or vibrator<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Never attempt to repair/adjust/dislodge an auger while connected to a power source• Check spinner• Calibrate salter application rate• Ensure tailgate chains are available and can be properly adjusted• Apply dielectric grease to all electrical plugs & connectors• Test brine applicator (where applicable)• Extra bagged salt for spot work
<input type="checkbox"/>	Plow <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Check all pins, chains and brackets to ensure plow is fastened securely• Check plugs and harnesses – connections are secure and not contacting surfaces that may cause them to come loose• Test all hydraulic functions of plow• Apply dielectric grease to all electrical plugs & connectors