

## SUBJECT

## WHY SHOULD YOU COMPLETE A DAILY VEHICLE CHECKLIST

# DAILY VEHICLE CHECKLIST

#### Facilitator:

This toolbox talk will cover the reason a driver should complete a daily vehicle checklist. The main reason is for your safety as the driver of the vehicle plus the safety of the public, whether on a driver on the road or a pedestrian.

Ask participants: General questions to help understand what they know and why they have to do daily vehicle checks.

#### Why is completing a daily vehicle checklist important?

#### Some responses:

- to make sure that your vehicle/s are fully roadworthy and ready for the trip ahead.
- identify defects preventive maintenance.
- it can save lives.
- helps improve vehicle performance.
- it is legally required.

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As a driver you should be able to identify vehicle defects and use the Daily Vehicle Checklist as a guide and to flag potential or problems for maintenance or fix anything prior to leaving the depot.

A daily walkaround only takes 5 minutes and can make a difference in respect to breakdowns, delays and safety. Not undertaking a proper check can often lead to major repair and maintenance costs and the vehicle off the road for a longer period.

#### Check process!

- 1) Undertake the vehicle inspection.
- 2) Submit the results of the inspection.
  - No issue hand checklist to supervisor.
  - Major Issue report it immediately to arrange proper repairs.
  - Confirm repairs have been completed.

#### Things that should be checked on your truck are:

- Lights check internal (eg: dashboard) and external lights (eg: headlights, blinkers, indicators, brake lights and warning lights are working.
- Horn and steering movement.
- Hand and foot brakes are working properly.
- Window wipers are working, blades are not worn and the washer fluid is topped up.

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- Mirrors are properly aligned and not damaged.
- Mirrors and windows are clean.
- Seats are secure and seatbelts are not damaged and are operational.
- Check truck battery look for leaks and they are connected correctly and there are no loose fittings.
- Tyres and wheels have the legal minimum tread 1.6mm depth and are safe, especially to handle wet weather and safe braking. Tyres has the correct pressure and wheel nuts are secure plus have no tears, cuts or damage. Spare tyre is in good condition.
- Fluids, fuel and oil are all checked and there are no leaks under the vehicle. Leaks can also be tested if you run the engine. Make sure you have a full tank of fuel to complete the trip, and fuel cap is securely fitted.
- Check bodywork and doors, making sur there are not damage, doors and body panels are secure.
- Truck fitted with tail lift are working properly and there is no damage.
- Trucks with doors, eg: Pantech, must sure the doors open and close properly and door locks work effectively.
- Exhaust has no visible signs of blockages and does not emit excessive amounts of smoke.
- Emergency equipment, first aid kit, safety sign/triangle and emergency contact numbers list are kept in the vehicle in the event of a breakdown.
- All the equipment required for the removals are loaded in the truck, eg: pads, straps, trolleys, tools etc.

### Personal assessment check

Before you leave the depot, ask yourself:

- Am I alert and in good health.
- I am not under the influence of alcohol.
- I am not under the influence of illegal drugs.
- I am not affected by prescription medications.
- I do not have a backlog of sleep deprivation.
- Trip has been discussed with a supervisor.
- National Work Diary (if applicable) is up to date and accurate.
- I have not had any traffic infringements since my last report.

Finally, the driver and supervisor must sign and date the Daily Vehicle Checklist form.

# **REFERENCE:**

AFRA Daily Vehicle Checklist Form



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Items Raised/Corrective Action	Action By	Action completed			
		Sign off	Date		

DATE:....

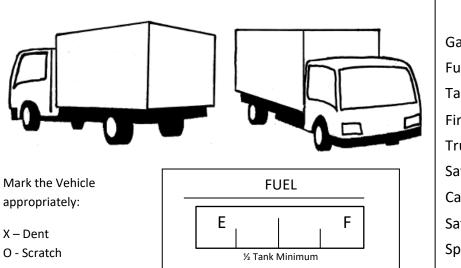
FACILITATOR SIGNATURE.....

# Daily Vehicle Check

Damage check – Driver:		Date:			
Time:	_am/pm	State:			Truck size:
Start Odomet	er:		_KM	Registration:	
Do you have a current licence to drive this vehicle: $\Box$ Yes $\Box$ No					
Note: Drivers Resp	onsibilities				

- 1. To fully complete this form and return it to the office prior to departure.
- 2. To operate this vehicle in a legal, safe and courteous manner.
- 3. To ensure that the vehicle is left clean and tidy.

We urge you to check this form thoroughly before departing to ensure that all damage is indicated as you may be held liable for any damage not indicated.



EQUIPMENT				
Gate Key:	Yes/No			
Fuel Card:	Yes/No			
Tail Lift Key:	Yes/No			
First Aid Kit:	Yes/No			
Truck Folder:	Yes/No			
Safety Vest(s):	Yes/No			
Caution Sign(s):	Yes/No			
Safety Triangle:	Yes/No			
Spill Kit:	Yes/No			

	OK	FAULTY	NA
Tyres/Wheels, including spare tyre/s			
Check tyre pressure			
Check tread depth – minimum 1.5mm			
Wheel nuts secure			
Jack and wheel brace – present and in good condition			
Lights and Reflectors			
Check lights – head lights, indicators, reversing lights, hazard lights			$\boxtimes$
Check reflectors and lenses are in place and not damaged			
Windows, Mirrors and Wipers			
Visibility - clean windscreen			
Wipers and windscreen washers operating correctly			



	ОК	FAULTY	NA	
Check all windows and mirrors clean, adjusted and in a good				
condition				
Vehicle Structure and Bodywork	-			
Panels and structural elements – secure				
Turntable – greased, no obvious faults				
No leaks of any fluids (oil, fuel, air, water, refrigerant coolant, hydraulic fluid, brake fluid etc.)				
Engine	_			
Check oil levels				
Check water/coolant level				
Check drive belts – alternator, air con, water pump				
Check batteries and terminals				
Brakes				
Check brake failure indicators				
Check pressure and vacuum gauges				
Draining air tanks (full air and air-over-hydraulic systems only on				
rigid and articulated combinations – except Buses and Coaches.)				
Ancillary Equipment				
Tools				
Manual handling equipment				
Straps, ropes, etc.				
DGS signs, if required				

	Yes	No
I am alert and in good health		
I am not under the influence of alcohol		
I am not under the influence of illegal drugs		
I am not affected by prescription medications		
I do not have a backlog of sleep deprivation		
Trip has been discussed with a supervisor		
National Work Diary is up to date and accurate		
I have not had any traffic infringements since my last report		
Are you under any form of self-isolation as the result of an order of any government authority or as the result of a recommendation of a health professional?		
Are you waiting for the results of a COVID-19 test?		
Are you suffering from any flu-like symptoms (including a sore throat, fever, tiredness or cough)?		

Operations Notified:  $\hfill\square$  Yes  $\hfill\square$  No

Operational staff notified (name): \_\_\_\_\_

Drivers Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

