

# Decker Truck Line, Inc.

## Flatbed Unit Pre-Trip Inspection

*The purpose of performing a pre-trip inspection is to ensure that your equipment is safe, complies with DOT requirements and is in good working order so as to transport and deliver cargo in a secure and desired condition. If anything affects the ability to accomplish this, contact your Fleet Manager or Maintenance Support immediately.*

### Pre-Trip Checklist:

1. Perform a physical inspection around the vehicle to detect any physical damage and inspect under unit for any fluid leaks.
2. Cabin of truck
  - a. Engine off
  - b. Brakes set
  - c. Lights on – Headlamps, 4-ways, clearance
3. Hood
  - a. Open hood
  - b. Check engine fluids – oil, washer fluid, power steering fluid, coolant
  - c. Physically inspect under hood
    - i. Steering axle
    - ii. Steering system – both sides
    - iii. Suspension - both sides
    - iv. Axle
    - v. Frame & frame assemblies
    - vi. Brake components / chambers
    - vii. Slack adjustments
    - viii. Compressor
    - ix. Wiring – contact & breakage
    - x. Engine leaks
    - xi. Power steering
    - xii. Alternator secure
    - xiii. Belts & hoses
    - xiv. Engine mounts
    - xv. Fan
    - xvi. Radiator and reservoir
    - xvii. Secure hood
4. Exterior – Tractor Positions 1,2,3,4 & 5
  - a. Check all lights functioning properly
  - b. Inspect windshield wipers
  - c. Clean windshield
  - d. Headlamps – low and high beams
  - e. Turn signals
  - f. License plate
  - g. All running & clearance lamps
  - h. Wheels, rims, tires, hubs & tire inflation
  - i. Fuel tanks and fuel cap
  - j. Batteries and battery cover
  - k. Exhaust system
  - l. Tractor license & documents
  - m. 5<sup>th</sup> wheel (make sure it's latched)
  - n. Frame
  - o. Suspension
  - p. Brake components / chambers
  - q. Pigtail / air hoses
5. Exterior - Trailer positions 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 & 14
  - a. Check all Lights
  - b. If MT, check for 2 tarps
  - c. Gladhands and Grommets
  - d. Licenses & documents
  - e. Frame & crossmembers
  - f. Decking
  - g. Landing gear
  - h. Hoses
  - i. Marker lights
  - j. Wheels, rims, tires, hub and tire inflation
  - k. Air bags are inflated
  - l. Mud flaps
  - m. Brakes
  - n. Suspension
  - o. ABS lamp
  - p. Rear lights
  - q. License plate
  - r. Turn signals
  - s. Stop lights
  - t. If loaded, check chains and/or straps for placement and tension for safe & secure transport

- u. Check tarp for coverage, securement and holes
- v. Check for 12 or 16 winches on winch slide

6 Inside the Cab – Positions 1,3,& 4

- a. Air loss test
- b. Air loss with brakes applied
- c. Brake warning system
- d. Tractor protection system
- e. ABS lamp
- f. Paperwork / Authority / Permits / blank logs
- g. Fire extinguisher (charged, secured & accessible)
- h. Triangles – check inside box for 3 reflectors
- i. Secure loose items in cab
- j. Omnitracs Update & status recorded

7 Driver

- a. License
- b. Medical card
- c. Insurance card
- d. 8 days previous logs
- e. Verify load weight and not over weight
- f. Verify trailer number is correct

8 Safe Trip

- a. Release tractor brakes
- b. Test trailer/tractor connection
- c. Trailer brakes off
- d. Secure seatbelt
- e. Roll ahead to check that all wheels are turning

***Have a safe Trip!***

