

UPCOMING NATIONWIDE ROADSIDE INSPECTION AND ENFORCEMENT BLITZ

The Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) selected August 24-30, 2025, as the dates for this year's [Brake Safety Week](#). Brake Safety Week is an annual commercial motor vehicle roadside inspection and enforcement blitz conducted by law enforcement across the United States, Mexico, and Canada. In addition to the scheduled Brake Safety Week, there will be an unannounced one-day brake safety enforcement initiative that could take place any time in 2025.

For this year's Brake Safety Week, inspectors will focus on brake systems and components, with particular emphasis on drums and rotors. This event is important to energy marketers because brake-related violations comprise the largest percentage of all out-of-service (OOS) vehicle violations cited during roadside inspections. During last year's Brake Safety Week, brake-related violations accounted for 12.8% of all vehicle OOS violations. Out of that 12.8% of violations, 63.1% were stand-alone brake violations, 10.1% were steering axle brake violations, and 56.6% were due to defective brakes criterion.

Inspectors will primarily conduct North American Standard Level IV inspections on large trucks and buses to identify brake-system violations. Level IV inspections typically include a one-time examination of a particular item. Some states will implement performance-based brake testers (PBBT) during inspections. Drivers and/or vehicles failing inspection will be immediately removed from service until violations are cured.

Brake Related Inspection

During the brake portion of the vehicle inspection, inspectors may check for:

- Chafing or rubbing air lines against other air lines and/or other components
- Air lines that are worn to the extent that the diameter of the hose has been reduced
- Damaged, broken, or missing components (such as brake chamber bracket, clevis pin, slack adjuster, cam shaft, etc.)
- Brake pads or linings
 - S-Cam drum brake pad: measures at the center, must be at least ¼ inch (6.4 mm)
 - Air disc brake, must be at least 1/8 inch (3.2 mm)
- Pads or linings that are cracked or contaminated
- Excessive up/down and sideways movement on the camshaft (missing bushings)
- Rust on the drum due to inoperative brake or external drum cracks
- Rusted (holes) in the brake chamber
- Audible air leaks in the emergency side of the brake system

Driver Related Inspection

Inspectors may be looking at all driver-related compliance requirements including:

- Driver's license
- Medical Examiner's Certificate
- Skill Performance Evaluation (SPE) Certificate (if applicable)
- Driver's record of duty status
- Hours of service log
- Seat belt usage
- Vehicle inspection report(s) (if applicable)
- Vehicle registration
- Carrier identification and status
- Compliance with DOT drug and alcohol requirements

Equipment Related Inspection

Inspectors may be looking at all vehicle related compliance requirements including:

- Air system integrity
- Brake adjustment
- Brake linings and pads
- Brake systems
- Cargo securement
- Coupling devices
- Driveline/driveshaft
- Electrical cables
- Exhaust systems
- Frames
- Fuel systems
- Lighting devices (headlamps, tail lamps, stop lamps, turn signals, and lamps/flags on projecting loads)
- Specification cargo tank requirements
- Steering mechanisms
- Suspensions
- Systems in engine and battery compartments
- Tires
- Wheel
- Rims and hubs
- Windshield wiper

Energy marketers should make certain that cargo tank vehicle equipment is operating as required and that drivers are informed of the inspection and enforcement blitz so that they will have their required credentials and documents available and in order.

For more information on the S-Cam Brake Inspection, visit: <https://cvsa.org/wp-content/uploads/Brake-Inspection-Check-List.pdf>

For more information on PBBT Inspections, visit: <https://cvsa.org/programs/operation-airbrake/performance-based-brake-testers/>

For more information on Inspection Levels, visit <https://cvsa.org/inspections/all-inspection-levels/>