

# Pre-Trip Inspection Memory Aid—Passenger Vehicle

**Note:** All drivers may use this aid during their pre-trip inspection test. Be prepared to point to or touch the listed items and explain “what” you would look for.

**Note:** Shaded components will not be required on the pre-trip inspection test, but should be checked on a daily basis.

## ENGINE COMPARTMENT

- alternator mounted securely & belt \*
- water pump mounted securely & belt \*
- air compressor mounted securely & belt \*
  - \* if gear driven, mention to the examiner
- coolant, oil and power steering levels
- leaks and hoses

## VEHICLE FRONT

- steering box and steering linkage
- springs and spring mounts
- shock absorber
- brake hose or line
- brake drum or rotor
- tire and rim
- lug nuts and hub oil seal

### If air brake equipped

- brake hose
- slack adjustor
- brake chamber

## VEHICLE SIDE

- door and mirror
- fuel tank mounted securely, leaks and cap
- frame and drive shaft
- exhaust
- battery and/or baggage door for buses
- springs or air bag
- spring mounts or air bag mounts
- shock absorber
- brake hose or line
- brake drum or rotor
- tires and rim
- spacer
- lug nuts and hub oil seal

### If air brake equipped

- brake hose
- slack adjustor
- brake chamber

## VEHICLE REAR

- doors and hinges
- splash guards and reflectors

## VEHICLE LIGHTS

- headlights (high & low beam)
- front signals and 4-way flashers
- front clearance
- side clearance & reflectors
- rear tail
- rear signals and 4-way flashers
- rear brake lights
- rear clearance

## INSIDE VEHICLE

- clutch (depressed) and gearshift (neutral)
- all gauges (oil, voltmeter, air/vacuum, etc.)
- speedometer
- light indicators
- steering wheel play
- horn(s)
- mirrors adjusted and windshield condition
- wipers
- heater and defroster
- safety/emergency equipment
- parking brake
- brake system check
- service brake check