Vehicle Visual Inspection

Vehicles should be inspected before first use on work shifts and properly maintained to ensure they are safe for use. Any defect that might affect worker safety must be corrected before using the vehicle.

Departments may have more specific inspection requirements; however below is a sample visual inspection checklist which can be used prior to any work trip or any personal journey via automobile:

- Wheels, rims, lug nuts, and tires, including the spare tire
- Service brakes, including trailer brake connections and brake adjustment
- Parking brake
- Steering mechanism
- Lighting devices and reflectors, including backup lights
- Turn signals
- Windshield wipers
- Securing of material and tools, including any coupling devices
- Emergency equipment, including first aid equipment
- Rear-vision mirrors
- Horn
- Engine oil, coolant levels, and fan belts

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