

Driver Vehicle Inspection Report

Driver vehicle inspection report, 49 CFR 396.11 | Marked-up specimen

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A three-signature form rewritten so that each signer can tell what they are signing for.

ORIGINAL, WITH EDITS MARKED

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Ridgeline Freight Lines (fictitious) - Form MT-14

EXTRACT FROM THE CARRIER'S MAIN² TENANCE PROCEDURE (reproduced unchanged in both panels)

MP-6.2 Parts and accessories to be reported: service brakes including trailer brake connections; parking brake; steering mechanism; lighting devices and reflectors; tires; horn; windshield wipers; rear vision mirrors; coupling devices; wheels and rims; emergency equipment.

MP-6.4 Retention: reports, repair certifications, and review certifications are held three months from the date the report was prepared.

MP-6.7 Where no defect or deficiency is found, no report is required.

MP-6.8 Every signature on a report is dated by the person signing.

FORM MT-14 - DAILY VEHICLE REPORT

Unit no. _____ Date _____ Driver _____¹

Condition satisfactory? Y² / N²

If no, describe: _____³

Mechanic: _____ Supervisor: _____ Driver: _____⁴

WHAT CHANGED, AND WHY

#	Was	Now	Reason
1	Driver _____	Driver's name (print) _____	The same word appeared as a heading field and again as a signature line at the foot. One asks who prepared the report and the other asks for a signature, and the form did not distinguish them.
2	Condition satisfactory? Y / N	Parts and accessories checked (MP-6.2). Mark each one. / Service brakes including trailer brake connections ____ ... Emergency equipment ____	One yes-or-no box stands in for eleven separate items the procedure at MP-6.2 already lists. A reader cannot tell from a Y which of the eleven were looked at. The eleven names are the eleven names in MP-6.2, unchanged.

#	Was	Now	Reason
3	If no, describe: _____	Each defect or deficiency, one per line: / 1. _____ 2. _____	A single ruled line has room for one entry and no room for a second. Numbering the lines lets the repair certification beneath them refer to what is written above it.
4	Mechanic: _____ Supervisor: _____ Driver: _____	1. Driver preparing this report. Signature _____ Date _____ (MP-6.8) / 2. Repair certification. I certify that each defect or deficiency listed above has been repaired, or that repair is unnecessary, before this vehicle is operated again. Signature _____ Date _____ (MP-6.8) / 3. Review by the next driver. I have reviewed this report, and it carries a certification that the required repairs have been performed. Signature _____ Date _____ (MP-6.8)	The original set three name lines in a row with no statement above any of them, named them by job title, and left no place for a date. MP-6.4 records a repair certification and a review certification, so the revision names the act each person performs, and MP-6.8 supplies the date field. A signature line with no statement above it records that somebody signed and not what was signed for.
5	(no field for a day on which nothing was found)	Defect or deficiency found? No defect or deficiency found ____ Defect or deficiency listed below ____ / [Under MP-6.7 no report is required where nothing is found. Where this form is completed anyway, the first box is the entry for that case.]	MP-6.7 makes a completed form and an absent form mean different things, and the original offered no box for the first of those two answers. A form completed on a day when nothing was found had no entry to make.
6	(no retention note on the form)	Retention: three months from the date this report was prepared (MP-6.4).	The period was in the procedure at MP-6.4 and not on the page anyone files. Printing it where the form is handled saves a reader from looking it up.