

Vehicle Inspection Program Newsletter

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Details, Details, Details

The Vehicle Safety Section frequently receives complaints from vehicle owners who feel their vehicle wrongly failed a vehicle inspection. To appropriately address these complaints, vehicle safety investigators and vehicle specialists ask the vehicle owners about the Record of Inspection (ROI); only to find out an ROI was not completed or it is lacking inspection detail.

ROIs are required for **all** vehicle inspections. Our [May 2008 newsletter](#) also provides information on the amount of detail ROIs require.

Below is an example of an inspection not meeting legislation or program requirements:

Owner of a 2003 Dodge ½ ton 4X4, called to complain the vehicle failed an Out of Province (OOP) inspection. The facility failed the vehicle for worn outer-tie-rod ends, high mount brake light, licence plate lamps, and rear rotors ("hot spots" and rust). However, the ROI contained no information as to why the vehicle needed the tie-rod replaced.

A vehicle safety investigator visited the facility and inquired about the inspection. The technician was also interviewed and the items noted on the ROI were re-inspected with the following results:

- Both outer tie-rod ends within published OEM specification
- Rotor condition determined to be "normal"
- Wheels were not removed during the first inspection

During the interview, the investigator asked about the condition of the emergency brake system; the technician removed the wheels and calipers to inspect the emergency brakes. This is what he found:



Don't do two, when one will do

An Alberta Commercial Vehicle Inspection Certificate should be used to register a commercial out of province vehicle if that vehicle is going to be registered with commercial plates in Alberta.

You should not be doing both an out of province (OOP) and commercial vehicle inspection (CVI) since only one or the other is required to register a commercial vehicle. For example, most commercial trucks must pass a commercial vehicle inspection before they can be operated in Alberta and completing an OOP inspection would be a waste of your clients' time and resources.

If an OOP inspection certificate is issued for a commercial bus, school bus, or motor coach it will be **revoked** as Alberta Transportation has removed these vehicle types from Facilities licensed to perform out of province vehicle inspections. If the Inspection Facility Licence indicates these vehicle types for the Out of Province Vehicle Inspection Program please contact the licensing analyst to have the facility licence re-printed.

The following is an overview of the processes to use an Alberta commercial vehicle inspection to register a commercial out of province vehicle:

Vehicle owner presents an Alberta Commercial Vehicle Inspection Certificate (vehicle copy) within 14 days from the date of issue to any Registry agent. The agent can register the vehicle.

- After 14 days and within 90 days from the date of issue present an Alberta Commercial Vehicle Inspection Certificate (vehicle copy) to a Registry agent who will then forward to Alberta Transportation for review and approval (this process can take anywhere from 2 - 24 hours).

Reporting Requirements for Collision Damage

Effective January 1, 2011, the total dollar damage limit for reporting of property damage only collisions will increase from \$1000.00 to \$2000.00. There is no change to the reporting of fatal and injury collisions.

At a recent Canadian Conference of Motor Transport Administrators Board of Directors meeting, the Board approved that a uniform Property Damage Only (PDO) collision reporting threshold be maintained across Canada and that jurisdictions increase their PDO collision reporting threshold to \$2,000 as soon as they are able to implement. Historically, collision reporting thresholds have been set in cooperation with all Canadian jurisdictions to ensure comparability of statistics across Canada and to allow analysis of trends affecting traffic safety.

The requirements for reporting of traffic collisions in Alberta are set out in Section 147 the *Alberta Traffic Safety Act, Operator Licensing and Vehicle Control Regulation*.

Section 147 has been amended to increase the dollar damage level for property damage collision reporting from \$1000.00 to \$2000.00. Effective January 1, 2011, any collision which results in death, injury or total property damage of \$2000.00 or more, must be reported to a police officer.


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If you have any questions, please contact Marlene Anderson, Alberta Transportation at marlene.anderson@gov.ab.ca

Progressive Discipline

Progressive disciplinary actions may be taken against facilities or technicians found to be inspecting vehicles contrary to the prescribed manuals or not adhering to legislation.

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