



August 2023 Newsletter

CVSA Brake Safety Week Aug 20-26

Inspectors will focus on brake linings and pad violations at this summer's Brake Safety Week, scheduled for Aug. 20-26. Throughout Brake Safety Week, Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance-certified inspectors will conduct their usual inspections. However, in addition, they will be reporting brake-related inspection and violation data to CVSA, which will compile that data and publish the results this fall.

"The focus of this year's Brake Safety Week is on the condition of the brake lining and pads," said CVSA President, Maj. Chris Nordloh with the Texas Department of Public Safety. "Brake lining and pad issues may result in vehicle violations and could affect a motor carrier's safety rating."



When inspectors conduct the brake portion of a Level I or Level V Inspection, they will:

- Check for missing, non-functioning, loose or cracked parts.
- Check for contaminated, worn, cracked and missing linings or pads.

- Check for S-cam flipover. Listen for audible air leaks around brake components and lines.
- Check that slack adjusters are the same length (from center of S-cam to center of clevis pin) and the air chambers on each axle are the same size.
- Ensure the brake system maintains air pressure between 90-100 psi (620-690 kPa) and measure pushrod travel.
- Inspect for non-manufactured holes (e.g., rust holes, holes created by rubbing or friction, etc.) and broken springs in the spring brake housing section of the parking brake.
- Inspect required brake system warning devices, such as anti-lock braking system malfunction lamp(s) and low air-pressure warning devices.
- Inspect the tractor protection system, including the bleedback system on the trailer.
- Ensure the breakaway system is operable on the trailer.



- GLENN B.- TRUCK 579
- BRIAN H.- TRUCK 564
- ABBY A.- RECEPTION/ACCT

Office Spotlight- Lori Clark

Lori is celebrating 34 years at GT this month! She has worn many hats in that time, but her current hat is managing a logistics account. Her dedication and knowledge is impossible to ignore! Lori has also been married for 34 years, has 2 adult children, and an energetic dog! Lori is a crafty person with our office games and also with home renovations with her husband. She loves to cook and try new recipes out. We are proud to have you as part of the GT Family!



Spotlight Driver- Donnie Mayle

Donnie “Buddy” has been a local driver since January 2023, but was also a dedicated crown driver for us from 2019-



2021. He is a go-to guy to cover crown or rescue a trailer. When Buddy isn't behind the wheel, he is an avid outdoorsman and

enjoys working on vehicles. His latest accomplish being my favorite- raising his camera scores almost 150 points. 😊 We are proud to have you as part of the GT Family!

Core Values Call Out

I recently received an email from Erin containing really interesting literature about core values of your company. I would like to say that everyone that I have contact with has been a representative of these values.

Karly, Ben, Ryan, Rick, Sandi, you guys are doing a great job.

You all have been a great help in this short period of time, with a humble attitude, understanding and always willing to help. Looking forward to do my best to fulfill your expectations as well.

-Victor S.

New Clearinghouse Return-To-Work Process Added

We all know that you are subject to FMCSA regulations when it comes to drugs and alcohol. With the clearinghouse added in 2020, it is becoming more and more difficult to conceal a positive drug screen. In a continued effort to take CMV drivers with a substance issue off the road- the clearinghouse has added an additional safe guard to ensure drivers who have tested positive go through the return to work process before driving again. Beginning November 18, 2024 drivers with a “prohibited” (a positive/refusal test on record) status in the clearinghouse will be denied or lose their state-issued CMV privileges. If a driver completes their return to work process, their status will be changed to “not prohibited”.

A driver's clearinghouse report is ran upon hiring and annually to ensure compliance. It has become so efficient that if a driver has a positive and we previously ran an annual inquiry, it will alert me in case that driver is still with us.