

# REAL

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# Torque

## In-Cab Inspection

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This month covers a visual and operational guide to checking the inside of the cab. Drivers can spend up to 60-70 hours a week behind the wheel, so driver comfort is paramount to combat fatigue. We want to provide a great rental experience and ensure our gear is in top condition.

### Seat

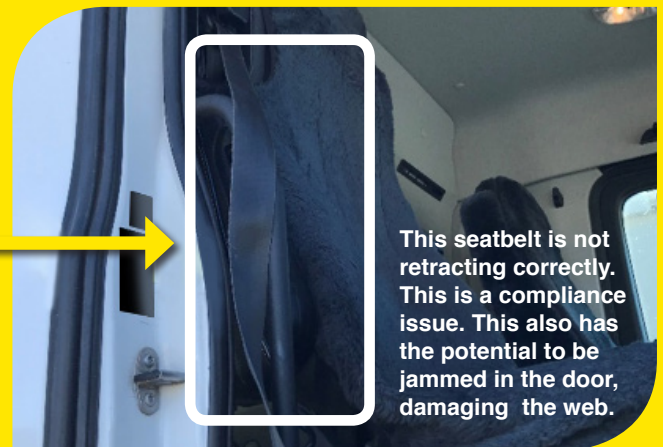
The seat condition and operation is important for driver comfort and limiting fatigue.

- ▶ Make sure there is no damage to the base or back of the seat. Rock the seat to check security.
- ▶ Check that the controls (height, lumbar, etc.) are all in working order and there are no air leaks.
- ▶ When sitting on the seat, make sure it will slide back and forward to accommodate various drivers.

### Seatbelt

The seatbelt is an important safety item that should be checked every service but it is equally as important to be checked during prestart checks.

- ▶ Exposure to dust can have an effect on the recoil mechanism.
- ▶ Exposure to sunlight can break down the integrity of the webbing. Check for fraying or signs of damage. It is not uncommon for a seatbelt to be jammed in the door.
- ▶ Frequent fastening of the seatbelt can wear parts out faster.



### Air-Conditioning & Heater Controls

Something that is often overlooked is the heater operation but this is important to create comfort for the driver.

- ▶ Check the control box for labelling and switch/knob operation.
- ▶ Start the vehicle and check a/c operation. This is a good time to check fan speeds and direction controls eg. demist, feet, face.

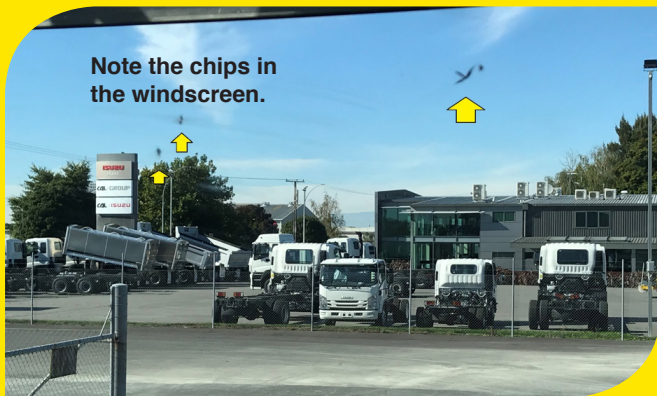




## Dashboard & Switches

With the key in the accessory position, work through the controls eg. wipers, washers, horn, indicators, and lights.

- ▶ Check the dash for corresponding warnings eg. indicator direction, blue full beam light.
- ▶ Check if the battery and oil warning lights are illuminated. Start the vehicle and make sure they go out.
- ▶ Check washer fluid is full and window washers work.



## General Inspection

Have a good look around the cab for any missing or damaged trims and covers.

- ▶ Does the vehicle have a current CoF and when is the next service due? Are the stickers all in place?
- ▶ Check the windscreen for cracks/chips.
- ▶ Ensure that extra switches and controls are clearly labelled and operational eg. PTO, tipper controls, beacon, nightlight.
- ▶ Ensure there is a PTO engagement procedure for AMT vehicles.
- ▶ Check condition of pedal rubbers.
- ▶ Check for any loose plastic fascias that may rattle.

## Radio

- ▶ Check condition of the buttons, head unit security, and operation.
- ▶ Ensure that some radio stations are pre-set and the reception is good.
- ▶ Check that the speakers are in good working order and the speaker covers are not missing.



## Handles & Steps

When climbing into the truck, make sure both driver and passenger grab handles are present and not missing.

- ▶ Check the security of the handles as they can become loose over time or cracks in the mounting plates can form. This will require a visit to the workshop.
- ▶ Check the steps for damage and security as this is a compliance issue and will fail a roadside inspection.

## Tips and Tricks

- ▶ The cab is the driver's office and it is important that it is clean and operational.
- ▶ Safety is paramount and any issues with the seatbelt must be corrected immediately.



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