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**Making heavy vehicle fleet  
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# REAL Torque

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## Vehicle Inspection

It's really important to make sure that a proper visual inspection is carried out and it is equally important to do a visual inspection and report before it goes out to a customer.

The benefits of these visual inspections include having a good chance of getting the listed problems repaired before a customer decides to rent or lease the vehicle. This will result in a great customer experience. It also allows us to make sure that we have the safest, most reliable, clean, good looking, and the best bit of kit on the road.

Here is a guideline of some important ideas when doing truck/trailer visual inspections.

### Visual inspection procedures:

**Make sure you perform a thorough visual inspection.**

#### 1 Start in cab:

- ▶ Check the steering wheel for excessive movement and condition
- ▶ Seat condition, secure and all functions working
- ▶ Seatbelt is working, retracting and not damaged or frayed
- ▶ Heating and ventilation systems should operate correctly and air conditioning should be cold
- ▶ Apply foot brake and listen if there are no apparent air leaks
- ▶ Clutch adjustment is okay and not slipping, check clutch pedal free play
- ▶ Service is up to date and sticker is legible
- ▶ Inspect that dash cluster works and no warning lights present (DPD/DPF gauge clear and not high)
- ▶ Horn is working
- ▶ COF label is displayed
- ▶ Windscreen not cracked and clean, wipers working/cleaning and wiper fluid container is full
- ▶ Mirrors are visible, not cracked, correctly adjusted and intact
- ▶ Grab handles (3 point contact needed)
- ▶ Stereo works well



→ **Worn/Ripped Seat**



→ **Damaged/Frayed Seat Belt** that is no longer compliant and needs to be replaced. In this case, it seems the seat belt has got stuck/jammed in the door lock and frayed.



→ **Broken Vent Outlet**



← **Check all lights and lenses.**

**These inspections could alleviate potential downtime, missed on-charges, accidents/incidents, truck/trailer abuse and also ensure vehicle safety before going out on the road.**



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### 2 Out of cab:

- ▶ Certificate of loading registration licenses, road user and TSL is current and displayed
- ▶ Tyre and wheel condition, splits, inflated and thread depth compliant
- ▶ Wheel nuts are tight/torqued and wheel nut indicators present and pointing towards each other. (Note: if there are any brown rust around wheel nuts, please advise your tyre supplier or TR Group maintenance immediately. This could potentially be loose wheel nuts.)
- ▶ All the lights are working, lenses are clean and not cracked
- ▶ Safety warning stickers and any required certs are present.
- ▶ All doors open and close fully and locks work
- ▶ Check for fluid leaks
- ▶ Make sure EROAD/hubo is in working order and legible
- ▶ Tow couplings all working correctly, not damaged
- ▶ Deck inspection (holes or soft)



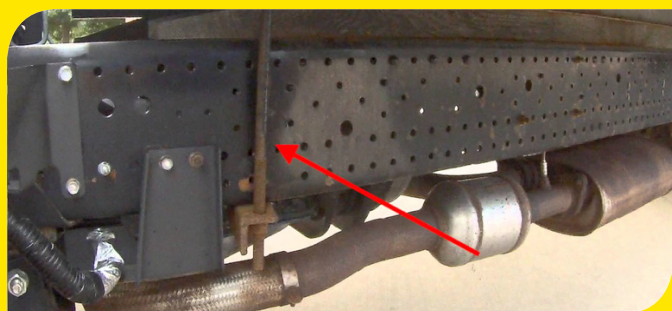
▶ **Wheel** - in this case, there is a potential loose wheel nut that will need to be inspected and re-torqued.



▶ **Loose Wheel Nuts** - noticeable rust marks around wheel nuts are a great indication to get this checked out.



Chassis Rust/Corrosion



Loose Body Bolts

### Type and color of typical oil leaks

Light Brown to Black <u>Engine Oil</u>	Red to Reddish Brown <u>Transmission Fluid</u>	Reddish to Light Brown <u>Power steering Fluid</u>	Dark Honey-colored <u>Gear oil</u>
*Possible Fuel odour	*Fish-type odour	*Semi-sweet or fish-type odour	*Sulfer odour

▶ **Oil Leaks** - always consult TR Group maintenance or the truck manufacturer.

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### Tips and tricks

- ▶ Do not ever allow a truck out on the road if it is deemed unsafe for any reason.
- ▶ If you are unsure, call TR Group maintenance on 0800 80 80 69 or contact the truck manufacturer.
- ▶ A good thorough visual inspection is all part of "World's Best". We want our customers to have a great experience.

