



Brake Safety Week Set for August 24-30

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In just a few days, law enforcement personnel in the U.S., Canada, and Mexico will conduct commercial motor vehicle inspections and educate drivers and motor carriers about the importance of brake safety. They will also provide brake inspection and violation data to the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA). This year CVSA's Brake Safety Week is scheduled for August 24-30.

CVSA-certified inspectors will conduct routine commercial motor vehicle inspections throughout the week, focusing on brake systems and components. In addition, inspectors will focus on drums and rotors – the emphasis for this year's brake-safety initiative. Brake drum and rotor issues may affect a vehicle's brake efficiency. Broken pieces of drums and rotors may become dislodged from the vehicle enroute and damage other vehicles or result in injuries or fatalities to the motoring public, according to CVSA.

Commercial motor vehicles found to have brake-related out-of-service violations, or any other out-of-service violations will be removed from roadways until those violations are corrected.

During Brake Safety Week, inspectors will capture data about commercial motor vehicle inspections, brake systems and components, and brake-related violations and report that data to CVSA. Some jurisdictions will use performance-based brake testers (PBBT) to assess the braking performance of vehicles and submit PBBT-specific data to the Alliance. CVSA will collect and analyze all data and report the results publicly later this year.

In addition, brake-safety educational efforts by inspectors, motor carriers and others in the industry take place during Brake Safety Week and are integral to the success of the campaign. CVSA also offers resources to help drivers, motor carriers, owner-operators and mechanics prepare for Brake Safety Week.

Brake Safety Week aims to improve commercial motor vehicle brake safety throughout North America. The goal is to eliminate roadway crashes by conducting roadside inspections and educating drivers, mechanics, large- and small-fleet motor carriers, owner-operators, and others on the importance of proper brake inspection, maintenance and operation.