



International Roadcheck Results

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The results are in! During this year’s three-day International Roadcheck, commercial motor vehicle inspectors conducted 54,575 inspections of commercial motor drivers and vehicles across North America. The good news is that most vehicles (81%) and drivers (94.2%) inspected had no out-of-service (OOS) violations.

On the other hand, 10,350 commercial motor vehicles (19%) and 3,184 drivers (5.8%) were placed out of service. A commercial motor vehicle and/or driver is placed out of service when an inspector finds a violation serious enough to make continued operation unsafe.

The results indicate what inspectors are looking for and how the industry is performing against those standards. They also provide a useful tool for your own vehicle inspection reports and to make sure your own driving regulatory requirements are in good order.

Table: OOS Numbers and Rates

Inspection Level	Number of Inspections Conducted	Number of OOS Vehicles	Vehicle OOS Rate	Number of OOS Drivers	Driver OOS Rate
Level I	31,241	7,752	24.8%	1,639	5.2%
Level II	11,502	2,549	22.2%	857	7.5%
Level III	10,528	N/A	N/A	688	6.5%
Level V	1,304	49	3.8%	N/A	N/A

Vehicle Violations

There are three inspection types involving inspections of the vehicle – North American Standard Level I, II and V Inspections. Inspectors conducted 44,047 Level I, II and V Inspections and placed 10,350 vehicles or combinations (23.5%) out of service after finding 13,924 out-of-service vehicle violations.

The top vehicle out-of-service violation in North America was for brake systems. Inspectors identified 3,379 out-of-service brake system violations, which accounted for almost 25% of all vehicle out-of-service violations. In addition, the third most-cited out-of-service violation was for 20% defective brakes, which is when 20% or more of the brakes have an out-of-service condition. Combined, brake-related out-of-service violations accounted for 39% of out-of-service vehicle violations.

Table: Top Five Vehicle OOS Violations and Rates in the U.S.

Violation Category	Number of OOS Violations	Vehicle OOS Rate
Brake Systems	2,816	23.6%
Tires	2,669	22.3%
20% Defective Brakes	1,846	15.4%
Lights	1,514	12.7%
Cargo Securement	1,438	12.0%

The vehicle violation focus this year was cargo securement, which was ranked fourth out of all vehicle out-of-service violations in North America. Inspectors identified 1,724 cargo securement out-of-service violations. Cargo securement violations occur when commercial motor vehicle freight is inadequately restrained, immobilized, locked, secured, tied down, packed or monitored. Shifting or falling freight may cause vehicle rollovers, jackknives or deadly highway debris.

Driver Violations

North American Standard Level I, II and III Inspections are the inspection types involving inspections of commercial motor vehicle drivers. Of the 53,271 Level I, II and III Inspections conducted, 3,184 drivers (6%) were placed out of service.

The top reason a driver was issued an out-of-service order was for not having a medical card, accounting for 27% of all driver out-of-service violations.

Table: Top Five Driver OOS Violations and Rates in North America

Violation Category	Number of OOS Violations	Driver OOS Rate
No Medical Card	1,072	27.0%
Hours of Service	929	23.4%
No Commercial Driver's License	620	15.6%
English Proficiency	361	9.1%
False Records of Duty Status	266	6.7%

Note: Mexico's out-of-service violations were all vehicle violations; therefore, the reported driver out-of-service violations are for Canada and the U.S only.

The driver violation focus for this year's International Roadcheck was on electronic logging device (ELD) tampering, falsification or manipulation. Inspectors issued 146 out-of-service orders (3.7%) for ELD tampering. ELD tampering is the altering, obscuring, falsifying, interfering or reengineering of data on an electronic logging device to hide hours-of-service violations. Hiding actual driving time raises the risk of severe highway crashes due to driver fatigue.