



**UTAH HIGHWAY PATROL  
VEHICLE SAFETY SECTION**

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2008 Safety Inspection Year Requirements	
Vehicle Model Year	Inspection
2008 (Excludes new vehicles)	Required in 2008
2007	Not Required
2006	Required in 2008
2005	Not Required
2004	Required in 2008
2003	Not Required
2002	Required in 2008
2001	Not Required
All Older Vehicles	Required in 2008

**2008 Safety Inspection Manual**

The 2008 Safety Inspection Manual is now available. All changes to the manual have been underlined and highlighted for your convenience. Your station can either download or print off a copy from our safety inspection website at <http://safetyinspections.utah.gov> or they can be purchased at our office, 5500 West Amelia Earhart Dr. #360, Salt Lake City, for \$10.00.

All stations are required to have a copy of the most recent manual by having a hard copy on hand or by downloading a copy to a file on your computer. Accessing the manual through our website does not qualify for meeting this requirement.

**ON-LINE PROGRAM INFORMATION UPDATE**

We are now releasing the next update to the on-line program. This update will correct many of the issues that have been seen within the on-line program. The following contains all of the changes you will see once this new update is released.

- 1) We have removed the vehicle color tab from the vehicle information screen. The color created problems on some of the inspections that used the VIN and plate lookup feature.
- 2) Currently the vehicle's mileage automatically fills in from the previous inspection. This has been corrected and will now be blank during a new inspection.
- 3) We have now added a new Adobe printer driver update to the 'Station Information' tab. Any station needing to update their printer driver can simply click on this new link to update it.
- 4) We have combined some of the screens together and have also removed some of the non-applicable inspection items related to motorcycles. This will assist in creating a shorter input process.
- 5) The inactivity timeout has been increased to 60 minutes. This means any inspector that is logged in and does not touch a computer key for longer than 60 minutes will have to login again.
- 6) We have now added a radio button for other brake conditions. It can be used for failing a vehicle for contaminated, cracked or broken brake linings.
- 7) The addition of heavy truck/bus inspections. Those vehicles with a H/T or Bus type can now be inspected on the on-line program.

**2008 HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURES**

The Utah Highway Patrol Vehicle Safety Inspection sales office will be closed on the following holidays in 2008. **Please keep these dates in mind when preparing to purchase supplies.**

Monday, February 18, 2008	President's Day
Monday, May 26, 2008	Memorial Day
Thursday, July 04, 2008	Independence Day
Monday, July 24, 2008	Pioneer Day
Monday, September 01, 2008	Labor Day
Monday, October 13, 2008	Columbus Day
Friday, November 11, 2008	Veterans' Day
Thursday, November 27, 2008	Thanksgiving Day
Monday, December 25, 2008	Christmas Day

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## HEAVY TRUCK/BUS ON-LINE INSPECTIONS

With the new update of the on-line program comes the release of the heavy truck/bus inspections. This program consists of the same information that can be found on the handwritten inspection forms. Just like the PLT and motorcycle inspections, the heavy truck inspector can now utilize the VIN and plate lookup feature to auto fill all of the vehicle's information onto the inspection. The heavy truck stations that also conduct PLT inspections will have to select the type of inspection they will need on each inspection. If the inspector selects a PLT inspection the station will be charged for that inspection. The reason for the selection is that some trucks, such as F-350's, carry the heavy truck type and subtype with DMV and do not necessarily require a heavy truck inspection.

Next to the fee amount is a tab titled 'Sticker Number' which is to be used to input the number directly from the sticker. The stickers will still need to be purchased from the Safety Inspection Office. The on-line program will not provide an inspection number and will use the sticker number that is typed in as the inspection number for any future reference. Since every heavy truck station pays for the stickers beforehand, there will be no charges by Utah Interactive for any heavy truck or bus inspections.

Throughout the inspection, there will be radio buttons displaying all of the different inspection items found on the vehicle. The inspector can select from 'pass', 'fail', 'repair' or 'n/a' for non-applicable. 'Pass' will be for those inspection items that meet a passable condition, 'fail' will be for those items that do not meet a passable condition, 'repair' will be for those items that were repaired and 'n/a' will be for those items that are not applicable to the vehicle type. All heavy truck stations that are not currently enrolled with Utah Interactive can simply print off a copy of the Utah Interactive Registration Agreement from our website and mail or fax it in to Utah Interactive. This process can take up to seven days to complete. If you are only registering for the safety inspection program, the Utah Interactive \$75.00 annual fee does not apply.

## SAFETY INSPECTION PROCEDURE REMINDER

Our section has learned of a couple of instances where an inspector has stated that they were unaware of the procedure for checking the brake hydraulic system with vacuum assist and the hydraulic booster system with vacuum assist. Below are the steps that should be followed when inspecting a vehicle's brake hydraulic system.

### Hydraulic System with Vacuum Assist:

- 1) First turn off engine
- 2) Second, depress brake pedal several times to deplete all vacuum in the system.
- 3) Third, while maintaining pedal force, start engine and observe if pedal falls slightly when engine starts.

### Hydraulic Booster System with Vacuum Assist:

- 1) With the ignition key in the off position, depress brake pedal a minimum of 25 times (50 times on Jeeps with Anti-lock brakes) to deplete all residual stored pressure in the accumulator.
- 2) Depress pedal with the light foot force (25 lbs).
- 3) Place the ignition key in the on position and allow 60 seconds for the brake warning lights to go out indicating the electric pump has fully charged the accumulator.

## SAFETY INSPECTION CLARIFICATIONS

### Vehicle Lifts:

UCA 41-6a-1631(g) prohibits the stacking of axle blocks. Two axle blocks that are welded together are still considered as stacked axle blocks and must be rejected as noted in the current safety inspection manual. This year we have also added a tape measure to the required equipment list for all stations. This is especially needed when measuring altered vehicle lifts to determine if the lift is within the vehicle height limits.

### Program Requirements:

Admin Rule R714-158-7 (2)(a) states that all stations shall retain a current set of inspection records at the station or record keeping office for a minimum of twelve months. This requirement includes all plate brake test records, since they are a part of the safety inspection.

### Exempt Stations Order Process:

Every exempt station is required to submit a letterhead request for all orders. If your station does not submit the letterhead request, your order will not be processed. This letterhead is required for the internal auditing of safety inspection items that require a payment.

### Admin Rule Amendments (Effective Dec. 28, 2007):

Admin Rule R714-158-4 (H) states that any agency action against a station that is only using paper certificates will require, after reinstatement, that the station's inspections be conducted on the on-line program.

Admin Rule R714-158-11 (A)(3) states that a station that transfers ownership while serving a suspension/revocation period, shall serve the full period of the suspension/revocation before reinstatement of certification or approval as a new inspection station will be made.

Admin Rule R714-158-11 (A)(4) states that an on-line station that is more than 60 days delinquent on their balance with Utah Interactive will be suspended until full payment is received.

## ON-LINE PROGRAM FUTURE UPDATE AGENDA

With the few amendments we made with this update, there are still quite a few more that need to be completed. Below is a list of those other amendments that will possibly be on the next update.

- 1) All failed inspection items will only be able to be marked as repaired on re-inspection.
- 2) Newsletter addition to the login screen.
- 3) Ability to search by certificate number to the 'Retrieve Certificate' tab.
- 4) Default the date range on the station reports to the current month and year.
- 5) Shorten the print process. Click on print and it should display certificate and print all at once.



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The mini-truck seen in the picture above is manufactured for use in Japan and has been imported to the United States as an off-road farm vehicle. With fuel prices rising daily, more and more consumers have chosen to purchase these foreign mini-trucks, which get approximately 60 miles to the gallon of gas.

As of today, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration **has not endorsed** the use of mini-trucks as an on-road vehicle. In a review of the equipment present on these vehicles, we have found that most of the Federal Vehicle Safety Standard equipment is present. Some models have been found to be missing bumpers, side marker lights, license plate lights, and airbags, while others have displayed exposed gas tanks.

In the future, NHTSA has stated that they may possibly re-examine their conclusion on these mini-truck vehicles. Until their decision is amended, **we will not permit these vehicles to be registered for on-road use, therefore, they shall not have a safety inspection conducted on them.**

When we hear about any decision changes, we will be sure to get the information out to all safety inspection stations. If you have recently conducted an inspection on one of these vehicles, please contact our office or your station investigator. We do know that there are some of these mini-trucks that are currently registered and are being used on public roadways here in Utah. Our office has been getting those registrations canceled as we hear about them.

### AGENCY ACTIONS

<u>Station/Inspection Name</u>	<u>Agency Action</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
Kyle Pokraka #21795	15 Day Suspension	Upheld
Big O Tire #6452	180 Day Suspension	Upheld
Larry B. Olsen #2711	15 Day Suspension	Upheld
Gary Grako #3083	15 Day Suspension	Upheld
Jeremy Birch #19501	15 Day Suspension	Upheld
Ali Alnaseer #14975	15 Day Suspension	Upheld
Elvis Valenzuela #18492	15 Day Suspension	Upheld
Firestone Tire #6716	180 Day Suspension	Upheld
Steven Kaae #1103	180 Day Suspension	Upheld
Alta Muffler & Brake #6635	180 Day Suspension	Upheld
Ellis Baldwin #18760	180 Day Suspension	Upheld
Bryan Ellison #20916	15 Day Suspension	Upheld
Hepworth Auto #269	15 Day Suspension	Upheld
Evarado Aparicio #19799	180 Day Suspension	Upheld
Brandon S. Markus #20594	15 Day Suspension	Upheld
Quality Muffler #6659	60 Day Suspension	Upheld
Tom Rivetti #4552	180 Day Suspension	Upheld
Woodrow Williams #16107	30 Day Suspension	Upheld
48 <sup>th</sup> Street Srvc. #6298	Revocation	Upheld
All Seasons Tires #6811	Revocation	Upheld
Ahmad Al Shimary #20503	Revocation	Upheld
Aaron Evans #15452	15 Day Suspension	Upheld
Jason Martinson #19711	30 Day Suspension	Upheld

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Hassan R. Al Kahafaji #21001	60 Day Suspension	Upheld
Michael A. Theis #4174	15 Day Suspension	Upheld
Jack's Tire & Oil #48	15 Day Suspension	Upheld
North Ogden Kwik Lube #6542	15 Day Suspension	Upheld
Daniel Kusina #18364	30 Day Suspension	Upheld
MB Auto Repair #6572	15 Day Suspension	Upheld
Marco Banuelos #17675	15 Day Suspension	Upheld
Speed Lube & Car Wash #6831	15 Day Suspension	Upheld
Andrea M. Brandon #20066	15 Day Suspension	Upheld
Jiffy Lube #6092	15 Day Suspension	Upheld
Jiffy Lube #6598	180 Day Suspension	Upheld
Sunrise Tires #2500	15 Day Suspension	Upheld
Travis Graff #11549	15 Day Suspension	Upheld
Slick Willies Lube #6618	15 Day Suspension	Upheld
Jamey R. Hannah #18825	15 Day Suspension	Upheld
Troy A. Sherrick #17999	15 Day Suspension	Upheld
Mary Morrell #19177	90 Day Suspension	Upheld
The Tire Pros #6649	15 Day Suspension	Upheld
Tyson R. Holyoak #16227	15 Day Suspension	Upheld
Jason's Auto Repair #6307	15 Day Suspension	Upheld
Jason L. Hathaway #16036	15 Day Suspension	Upheld
Saad XM Al-Aetinj #20356	30 Day Suspension	Upheld
Safe Haven Automotive #5906	15 Day Suspension	Upheld
Andrus Transportation #5028	15 Day Suspension	Upheld
Randall Coulter #11919	15 Day Suspension	Upheld
Jiffy Lube #6061	60 Day Suspension	Upheld
Mikal A. Penrod #17968	15 Day Suspension	Upheld
Jiffy Lube #7146	15 Day Suspension	Upheld
Randy Atwood #2647	30 Day Suspension	Upheld

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Michael Logan #14607	15 Day Suspension	Upheld
Ray's Cougar Srvc. #2102	180 Day Suspension	Upheld
Ray Bradford #6704	180 Day Suspension	Upheld
Grease N Go #6999	Revocation	Upheld
Juan M. Vazquez #21110	15 Day Suspension	Upheld
Mario's Tires #6519	Revocation	Upheld
Mario J. Salazar #11145	Revocation	Upheld
Jack's General Tire #1501	15 Day Suspension	Upheld
Caden Lewis Pummell #21074	15 Day Suspension	Upheld
Certified Auto Care #5835	30 Day Suspension	Upheld
Jacob Davis #21221	15 Day Suspension	Upheld
Tyson J. Titus #21560	15 Day Suspension	Upheld
Scott L. Pulley #21520	15 Day Suspension	Upheld
Callahan's Express Lube #6910	Revocation	Upheld
Jessica Allen #21467	Revocation	Upheld
Michael Stanger #16165	Revocation	Upheld
Elletts Dist. #5981	15 Day Suspension	Upheld
Lori N Todd #5551	30 Day Suspension	Upheld
Jose P. Salazar #1296	30 Day Suspension	Upheld
Big O Tires #1084	15 Day Suspension	Upheld
Jiffy Lube #6349	15 Day Suspension	Upheld
AB Hadley Co. #184	15 Day Suspension	Upheld
Todd B. Alonzo #16135	15 Day Suspension	Upheld
Lester Z. Davis #15254	15 Day Suspension	Upheld
Russell J. Cox #10602	15 Day Suspension	Upheld
Kerry D. Simonsen #20852	60 Day Suspension	Upheld
Jeremy Pritchard #7115	15 Day Suspension	Upheld
Kevin Hurdsman #16236	15 Day Suspension	Upheld
Devin Shorts #21403	Revocation	Upheld
Supreme Muffler #950	15 Day Suspension	Upheld