

Forklift Daily Inspection Checklist — OSHA Pre-Shift

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DATE	SHIFT	TRUCK # / MODEL	HOUR METER	OPERATOR
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1 • BEFORE-START VISUAL CHECK TRUCK OFF, KEY OUT

ALL TRUCK TYPES	OK	TAG
Fluid levels — oil, water, hydraulic	☐	☐
Leaks / cracks — incl. hydraulic hoses & mast chains	☐	☐
Forks — heel condition, top clip retaining pin in place	☐	☐
Load backrest extension attached & undamaged	☐	☐
Finger guards in place	☐	☐
Safety decals & data plate present, legible — 1910.178(a)(6)	☐	☐
Operator manual on truck, legible; compartment clean	☐	☐
Seat belt present, undamaged, latches; safety devices work	☐	☐

2 • TIRES & WHEELS EVERY TRUCK, EVERY DAY

WALK ALL FOUR CORNERS	OK	TAG
Wear vs. molded limit line (e.g. 60-J on resilient solids)	☐	☐
Press-ons: rubber ≥ 2/3 original height; no band debonding	☐	☐
Chunking, tearing, cuts, cracking, flat spots, debris	☐	☐
Pneumatics: pressure checked COLD; valve stem & cap OK	☐	☐
Wheels/rims: corrosion, bent flange, lock ring seated & sound (suspect rim = trained service only — 29 CFR 1910.177)	☐	☐

3 • OPERATIONAL CHECK RUNNING — SAFE AREA, NO LOAD

ALL TRUCK TYPES	OK	TAG
Accelerator linkage; inch control (if equipped)	☐	☐
Brakes — service & parking	☐	☐
Steering — responsive, no excess play	☐	☐
Drive control — forward & reverse	☐	☐
Tilt, hoist & lowering controls; attachment controls	☐	☐
Horn, lights, back-up alarm; hour meter running	☐	☐

4 • POWER-TYPE EXTRAS CHECK YOUR TRUCK'S SECTION

ELECTRIC

Cables & connectors — no frayed / exposed wires	☐	☐
Battery restraints in place; electrolyte levels	☐	☐
Hood latch secure	☐	☐

INTERNAL COMBUSTION

Engine oil & coolant levels; brake reservoir	☐	☐
Air filter, belts, hoses, radiator; hood latch secure	☐	☐

LP GAS

Tank mounted properly; fits within truck profile	☐	☐
Pressure relief valve pointing up	☐	☐
Hose connectors; tank restraint brackets	☐	☐
Tank condition — dents, scars, leak check	☐	☐

ANY "TAG" = TRUCK DOES NOT GO INTO SERVICE. Report the defect immediately and keep the truck out of service until restored to safe operating condition — 29 CFR 1910.178(q)(7), (p)(1). Repairs by authorized personnel only — (q)(1). Never service a suspect rim or lock ring on an inflated tire.

DEFECTS FOUND / ACTION TAKEN

Operator signature _____

Reported to _____

Tire or wheel flagged? Wear past the limit line, band debonding, or rim damage means replacement, not a workaround. Replacement tires, wheels, tubes & parts: forklifttire.com • 1 (866) 313-2180. Verify exact tire size and fitment before ordering.

Best-practice checklist based on OSHA 29 CFR 1910.178(q)(7) and the OSHA PIT eTool. Not legal advice. OSHA does not require this record be kept — many operations keep it anyway.

Examine each truck before it is placed in service, at least daily — after each shift where trucks run round-the-clock. © 2026 Forklift Tire Company • forklifttire.com • 1 (866) 313-2180