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CELEBRATING 43 YEARS

NEW SAMSARA HOW TO VIDEO

Around The Office Congratulations To Our \$10,000 Recipients!

We are overjoyed to acknowledge and appreciate the commitment of our twenty-two Drivers who have achieved an admirable milestone of five years of service. Congratulations to each of them on this wellearned Seniority Bonus! We thoroughly enjoyed celebrating their achievements with them at our Christmas Open House!



Thank You For Your Loyalty

JAMES C. CANDICE S. JOHNNY D. ALEX C. JOE H. MARY H. LEO B. KENNETH M. JUSTIN P. Gloria S. STEVEN S.

TYLER B. MICHAEL B. ZEPHANIAH H. HERMAN H., JR. TIMOTHY N. MICHAEL C. WANDA C. AMBER S. CHRISTOPHER S. PATRICK A. GREGORY N.

Around The Office

Safe Driving Awards

We would like to extend our congratulations to the distinguished Professional Drivers who were celebrated for their exceptional safety record at this year's Christmas Open House. These individuals have demonstrated an outstanding commitment to safety by maintaining a clean driving record, with no chargeable accidents for a period of five years. This achievement is a testament to their unwavering dedication to safety and serves as a shining example of excellence in the industry. We sincerely applaud their efforts and encourage them to continue setting the standard for safe driving practices. Please join us in celebrating these remarkable drivers and their remarkable accomplishments.

Congratulations:

- Greg N.
- Amber S.
- Wanda C.
- Cedric R.
- Joe H.
- Troy M.
- Mark M.
- Bryan B.
- Patricia O.
- Kenneth M.
- Shawn M.
- Frank M.



Around The Office **Driver Luncheons**

Join us for our driver luncheons, a unique opportunity to come together, enjoy a delicious meal, and connect with like-minded individuals. While you savor a meal provided by us, you'll have the chance to engage in meaningful conversations, build new relationships, and deepen existing ones. We're eagerly looking forward to this special occasion and would be delighted to have you join us for our next gathering.



















Around The Office

Celebrating 43 Years

In February, Kennesaw Transportation proudly celebrated its 43rd anniversary since being founded. This remarkable milestone is a testament to the unwavering commitment of our loyal customers and the hard work of our dedicated employees. We look forward to continuing to provide excellent service for many more years to come.

We are blessed to have the opportunity to work with you. Your satisfaction is our top priority, and we are dedicated to providing you with the utmost care and attention. We appreciate your trust in us and look forward to your continued partnership. We are committed to staying up-to-date with the latest technologies and trends in our industry to ensure we continue offering you the highest level of service possible. We truly value you and are honored to be your trusted carrier. Thank you for choosing us, and we are excited to continue serving with you for many years to come.



Around The Office

2023 Drivers of the Year

Every year, the staff of Kennesaw Transportation office gathers together to nominate and select the Team & Solo Drivers of The Year. These Drivers are recognized for consistently going above and beyond their job requirements. Their professionalism, dedication, and driving skills exemplify what it means to be a Kennesaw Transportation Driver, inspiring all of us to strive for excellence. We at Kennesaw feel blessed to have so many exceptional Drivers who excel at their jobs, making the recognition even more significant. We are excited to announce our 2023 winners once again -Our 2023 Solo Driver of the Year award was presented to Ken M., who has been with Kennesaw since 2013. Our 2023 Team Drivers of The Year award was given to Ken H., who has been with Kennesaw since 2017, and Reagan L., who has been with us since 2021. Congratulations to our 2023 winners, Ken M., Ken H., and Reagan L., who have demonstrated outstanding commitment and hard work throughout their tenure with us. We thank them for their exceptional service.



Ken M., pictured above, accepting his Solo Driver of the Year Award.



Our Team Drivers of the Year, Ken H. and Reagan L., pictured above.

Around The Office Employee of the Quarter

We would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations to Cherie P. for being voted Employee of the Quarter! Her unwavering commitment, hard work, and dedication towards Kennesaw, customers, drivers, and colleagues surpass what we could ever put down on paper. She is truly deserving of this recognition for going above and beyond. Cherie, you are an inspiration to all of us! Let's all join together in congratulating her on a job well done!

Get To Know Cherie -

- How long have you worked in transportation? 9 years 4/29/2024 will make 10 years!
- A hobby or something you do for fun? Reading and spending time with our girls.
- Favorite movie? Tangled lol
- Favorite snack? Chips
- A fun fact! After already having 5 older brothers, the doctor ask when I was born if Mom gave up on the ball team.



Cherie P. Customer Service *Operations*

Employee Spotlight

We would like to recognize Maygen S. for her outstanding performance in the recruiting department. She recently brought in her first two recruits, an

outstanding achievement for someone new to the recruiting department. Maygen is a part of the third generation of Kennesaw Transportation, being one of the grandkids of the founder, Pat Patrick. Well done, Maygen!



KT TRAINING PROGRAM EXPANSION

Professional Drivers,

Our heartfelt thanks go out to you for your tireless dedication to keeping our country running. Your hard work is invaluable, and we sincerely appreciate all that you do.

We are thrilled to announce that we are expanding our Trainer/Trainee Program and are seeking experienced drivers like you to inspire, mentor, and guide our future drivers. As a trainer, you will have the opportunity to share your expertise and knowledge, instill professionalism and safety, and inspire the next generation of professional Kennesaw drivers.

In recognition of your commitment and expertise, we offer an excellent compensation package, with the potential to earn even more by advancing to a Master Trainer role.

We urge you to consider becoming a part of our Trainer/Trainee Program and helping shape our industry's future. Trainer classes are starting soon, and we would be honored to welcome you to our team. This is an incredible opportunity for your family members or close friends who may be interested in pursuing a career in professional driving.

Thank you again for your outstanding service, and we look forward to hearing from you!

TRAINING PROGRAM PAY & GUIDELINES

Trainers: \$.50 cpm up to \$.55 cpm for all miles to truck. You are training a student driver for 180 on-duty hours. Once complete, you will receive a \$750.00 bonus for each student who graduates to the next level & a \$500.00 bonus after Phase 2 is completed.

Student Phase 1: \$725.00 weekly salary (180 on duty hours required to complete phase 1)

Student Phase 2: \$950.00 weekly salary (180 on duty hours a total of 360 hrs. required to complete training program)

Family/Friend Plan will operate with the same requirements

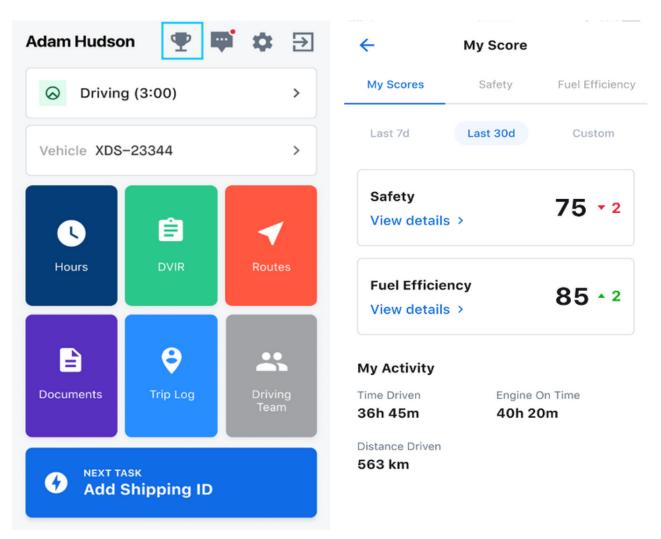
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NEW FEATURE ON SAMSARA TABLET

DRIVER SCORES DASHBOARD

The Driver Scores dashboard allows drivers to track their Safety and Driver Efficiency scores within the Samsara Driver App. The dashboard also shows how drivers rank against their peers on the Safety Score leaderboard. This enables drivers to keep track of their current and past scores for a continuous feedback loop on their driving behavior.



Click on the Trophy symbol at the top of your screen after you log in. This will take you to the My Score screen and give you details of your personal Safety Score & Fuel Efficiency for the last 7 days, 30 days or create custom date range. Click on View Details to see your personal rank compared to the entire company. If you would like information on your safety score or how to improve it, please stop by the Safety Department for details.

Please reach out if you have any questions regarding your Samsara Tablet!

COMPANY NEWS A MESSAGE FROM KELLY PATRICK

Hello Team,

Change is a constant in any organization; through these changes, we have the opportunity to grow, adapt, and thrive. The adjustments we are making to our Operations and Office structure are intended to enhance and create a more dynamic work environment for all of us.

I am writing to express my gratitude to all of you for your flexibility,

resilience, and dedication during this transition. Your positive attitude and willingness to embrace change are truly commendable, and I do not doubt that together, we will successfully navigate this transition period. By working together, we will achieve great things.

Please feel free to reach out to me. I am excited about the opportunities that lie ahead for us as a team, and I look forward to seeing the positive impact of these changes in our organization.

Prayers and Blessings,

Kelly Patrick President/CEO

OPEN ENROLLMENT ANNOUNCEMENT EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

Dear Employee

We are excited to announce that Open Enrollment for our employee benefits program will take place in May 2024. All changes will be effective 6/1/2024. This is your opportunity to review and make important decisions about your benefits for the upcoming year. Actual dates will be forthcoming.

In the meantime, please consider reviewing your current benefit elections. Consider your health, financial goals, and family situation for the upcoming year.

Our HR team will be available to answer your questions and guide you through the process. Stay tuned for detailed information.

Reminder, Open enrollment is your time to make benefit changes, such as adding or dropping dependents. You will not be able to do so unless you have a qualifying event throughout the year.

Thank you for being part of the Kennesaw Transportation family!

Sincerely,

Kim Spurgeon

CVSA'S ROADCHECK FOCUS REVEALED

BE READY FROM MAY 14-16

The Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) has recently revealed its focus for the 2024 International Roadcheck: alcohol & controlled substance possession and tractor protection systems. This year's event is scheduled for May 14-16.

International Roadcheck is a three-day commercial motor vehicle (CMV) inspection event designed to educate and spread awareness about motor vehicle safety. During the 72-hour inspection, CVSAcertified law enforcement personnel across Mexico, the U.S., and Canada will examine motor vehicles to verify state, federal, provincial, and territorial regulatory compliance. These inspections will occur at weigh/inspection stations, mobile patrols, and temporary sites. Inspectors will perform as many Level I inspections as possible. This is a complete inspection of the driver and vehicle, and if no critical violations are discovered, the vehicle will be issued a three-month CVSA decal. Unsuccessful inspections could result in a vehicle being placed out of service.

Focus 1: Alcohol & controlled substance possession

This year's focus on alcohol & controlled substance possession serves to remind motor carriers to enforce clear policies to help prevent drug and alcohol use and possession in the workplace, including in CMVs. *This particular focus is prompted by:*

- A recent increase in prohibited drivers listed in the U.S. Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse
- The continued trend of alcohol & controlled substance possession and use across North America.

In addition to clear enforcement and policies, carriers are also encouraged to comply with the annual Clearinghouse query requirements to check for drivers' prohibited status.

Focus 2: Tractor protection systems

CVSA's additional focus on tractor protection systems aims to increase awareness of critically important vehicle parts that are sometimes overlooked during daily inspections.

Some of these parts include:

- Anti-bleed back valves
- Tractor protection valves
- Trailer supply valves.

CVSA has offered an inspection bulletin that outlines the steps for properly checking tractor protection systems to help motor carriers and drivers comply with this requirement.

STEERING YOUR HEALTH A MESSAGE BY PETE SMITH

It was late in the night when I was awakened from my sleep. I could not breathe, and it felt like a ton of bricks was sitting on my chest. The next thing I remember was the emergency medical team shining bright lights into my eyes. They helped me regain consciousness. I had fainted on my bedroom floor. No one knew what happened, but something alarming affected my health. Many Doctor visits followed to determine that my health challenges were stress-related. The symptoms that I experienced brought on a panic attack. This shocked me because I thought I was the picture of perfect health. I lived my life wide open all the time and had high energy. The mental and spiritual pieces of life seemed strong. Stress was normal for me, and it had never stopped me before. I felt like the Doctors were exaggerating and making a big deal out of nothing. The Doctor questioned my activities and identified that I had made no room for nothing but work in my life. I had no outlet, hobby, activity, or plan to manage stress on a daily basis. Balance was missing in my life, and I was not managing my stress effectively. I was not steering my health in a good direction.

I would never make it to a good old age the way I was living. I needed to steer my health in a different direction. I quickly began to find things I enjoyed doing that would help with stress relief. I also realized that my diet, exercise, and discipline impacted my health. Managing my mental, emotional, and spiritual well-being also became a priority. Being intentional about my health has inspired my best life!

Over-the-road trucking is challenging work. It doesn't take long until a health crisis sneaks up and robs you of your health. A health breakdown may not happen today, but it is bound to catch you down the road. Drivers can struggle with poor health, high stress, bad diets, and strained relationships. Often, there is no real plan to deal with these challenges. You must steer your health and wellness in the right direction. Make time to prioritize yourself. It is a big step to a healthier you and a longer life.

Here are a few suggestions to "Steer Your Health" to a better place

- Steer your physical health. Schedule time every day to exercise. Utilize what is already around you: walk, stretch, and engage in physical activity.
- Steer your healthy diet. Value nutrition. Meal prep and plan what and when you eat. Constant fast food is a poor diet and will not sustain good health or a long life. Discover effective ways and ideas to develop healthy eating habits.

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STEERING YOUR HEALTH CONT A MESSAGE BY PETE SMITH

- Steer your activity. Identify activities and hobbies that you enjoy. Start a collection, play a game, or engage in entertainment that allows you to create some personal recreational time. Sitting in the driver's seat of a parked truck and looking out the window has a terrible impact on your health. Do something other than sit. Do not allow your phone to be your source of entertainment. Explore local places that may be right under your nose that you don't even know about.
- Steer your health mentally. You must have emotional structure in your life —purpose to have meaningful, solid relationships. Don't do life alone. Isolation is a deadly enemy to your health. Feed your mind with positive things. Be mindful of what you watch and the company you keep. Don't give junk rent in your head.
- Steer your health habits. Let go of unhealthy habits. Set a goal to work on changing one unhealthy habit in your life and see what happens. There is no better time than now to establish healthy habits. Set some obtainable positive goals. Celebrate small wins!
- Steer your health faith. Faith is essential for life to have balance. God, our creator, is always at work guiding us on this life journey. Our awareness and trust in His process can bring peace where there is no understanding. Faith grounds us in the middle of the craziness of life.

Life is full of surprises, but it is also exactly what we make it. We have the ability to drive our health in the direction we want to go. Steer your health today in the right direction. You may end up in a great and healthy place! We end up where we are headed. May you be healthy, happy, and whole on your journey!

ACCOUNTING A FEW FRIENDLY REMINDERS FROM ACCOUNTING

Paperwork & Trip Sheets

Hello all, please only place broker or WalMart paperwork in the basket located in the kitchen. Each load should have a trip sheet and trip number with all documents stapled together to prevent a mix-up. If you aren't sure what a broker load may be, please get in touch with Dispatch. All other paperwork should be kept with you for at least 90 days (in case we need another copy). If you have any questions, please get in touch with Lynnsey S. in Accounting at extension 1209.

OPERATIONS A FEW FRIENDLY REMINDERS FROM OPERATIONS

Bye-bye Transflo!

We have some exciting news to share with you. To streamline the process of submitting your trip paperwork, we are now requiring everyone to use your Samsara tablet for ALL LOADS. This means you no longer need to find a Transflo machine on the road or worry about the phone app not working properly. With this new update, you can submit your trip paperwork right from your tablet while waiting to unload at a customer's location. This will allow you to submit each trip as you complete them instead of waiting to send in several simultaneously. To get started, click on your documents tab, click the blue create new document button, scroll to the end of the list to Trip Paperwork, and follow the three required steps: driver code, load #, documents to add each page of your trip sheet and bills, click through the next button and you're done. It's that easy! We have a tutorial video out now on our YouTube channel. Please note that the last day for Transflo will be March 31. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

Produce Transition Season Is Coming

April is almost here, which means we will be transitioning from getting our produce from Yuma, AZ, to Salinas, CA. As a result, please ensure that you double-check your loads for any potential changes in location or time.

Samsara

We have updated your tablet's user quides to help you walk through your routes. Please know that it is crucial to use the manual arrival and manual depart & empty call process for each load in real-time. When this is not done properly, we give incorrect or delayed information to the customers. Many of our customers hold our freight to a scorecard based on our performance in both timely updates and on-time pickup and delivery appointments. If anyone needs additional guidance or direct assistance, please reach out to your fleet manager. We are here to help!

Completed Paperwork & Receipts

When you scan your paperwork, please be sure that ALL pages and receipts are sent. Missing pages slow down the payment process from customers and brokers. Also, keep in mind that lumper receipts must be sent in on the same day of delivery so that we can get these approved for reimbursement by customers and brokers.

Idle Time

We are constantly seeking ways to reduce costs and improve efficiency for Kennesaw and the environment. Please be aware that when the truck is idling, it consumes fuel. According to the US Department of Energy, an idling vehicle can burn an average of 1.5 gallons of fuel per hour, which equals around \$75 per day of wasted fuel.

SAFETY A FEW FRIENDLY REMINDERS FROM SAFETY

Licenses Plate

If you hit an animal, road debris, or lose your front license plate, you must report it immediately to the safety department. If the incident involves an animal, stop and call local law enforcement to come out and give you a police report. No matter the time of day, we require an accident report to replace the tag. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please contact Jennifer in Safety.

Get Out and Look (G.O.A.L.)

Many accidents occur during lowspeed maneuvering, such as backing up and pulling out. However, a significant portion of these accidents can be avoided by physically stepping out of the vehicle and ensuring that you have enough clearance around your vehicle. When you arrive at your destination or any other area where you will be maneuvering, it is essential to continually step out of the vehicle and evaluate the situation.

Fueling

Just a friendly reminder to ensure all fuel purchases are made at Love's. We have negotiated fuel discounts with Loves based on volume purchasing. In case of an emergency where you are unable to get to the nearest Loves, please inform dispatch, and we will make arrangements to purchase minimal gallons until you are able to reach your next scheduled fuel stop. Also, due to the high cost per gallon, kindly refrain from purchasing fuel in California. It is advisable to top off prior to entering the state. However, if you find yourself in a situation where emergency fuel is needed, please let dispatch know, and we will make arrangements to purchase minimal gallons.

Permit Books

This is a reminder to always doublecheck your permit book and make sure all the required permits, insurance cards, and vehicle registration are current and up to date at all times! Please let your Safety department know if you have any questions, and feel free to bring your permit book by Safety to ensure you have everything and it is up to date.

Citations & Inspections

All Citations and Inspections, even if it's just a warning, and even in your personal vehicle, MUST be turned into Safety within 24 hours.

RECRUITING A MESSAGE FROM THE RECRUITING DEPARTMENT

We are currently seeking qualified driver trainers to join our team! If you have a passion for teaching and are interested in this rewarding role, we would love to hear from you.

Being a driver trainer is not just a job, but a vital role in our company. As an experienced driver and skilled teacher, you play a crucial part in shaping the future of our new drivers. Your guidance and expertise help new drivers get their start in this industry and pave the way for their successful careers.

If you are interested in learning more about becoming a driver trainer, including the pay for this position, please feel free to reach out to our recruiting department or contact me directly. We are here to provide you with all the information you need to take the next step in your career. Thank you for your hard work and dedication in keeping America moving!

Best regards, Kelley Jones 800-624-2024 x1228

WELCOME TO KENNESAW

Hi there, I'm Maygen Shuping, one of the recruiters here at Kennesaw! I was asked to share how long I've been here, but that's a bit tricky to answer! Technically, I could say I've been here for 27 years - since birth. Chuck Patrick is my dad, Linda is my grandmother, and Kelly is my aunt! You might have met my husband, Brandon Shuping when he was working in the shop or served as your fleet manager.



Concerning my recruiting work, I've been up at the recruiting

office since August 2023, and I love it! Let me tell you a bit about myself. I'm the mom of a spunky, goofy, and adorable two-year-old boy named Reid, who is the best part of my life and keeps my husband and me on our toes 24/7. I'm an avid reader, so please recommend any books you've enjoyed. I'm also passionate about interior design and enjoy transforming spaces into places that others and I can truly enjoy. If you ever need another set of eyes or suggestions, I'm always here to offer my opinion.

It's an honor to continue my career at a place close to my family's heart. Continuing my Poppy's (Pat Patrick) legacy is something that truly makes me smile, and I hope to make you all proud by bringing in drivers so that Kennesaw can continue to thrive in the years to come!

OFFICE NEWS

AROUND THE OFFICE

In Remembrance

We extend our deepest condolences to the family and friends of Caren Yvonne Killingsworth. Caren passed away on February 13, 2024, in a motor vehicle accident. Her passing has left a void in our hearts. Yvonne's love for OTR Trucking was evident in her work; it inspired us all. She was dedicated and enthusiastic, and her commitment to our organization will be remembered. Her memory will forever be etched in our hearts.

Community Involvement

We had two lovely visitors at the terminal this past month! Jacob C. and John B. from Jasper, a pastor and caregiver, came to visit us. Jacob, who is nonverbal, has a passion for big trucks. We were overjoyed to be able to give them both a tour of the terminal and allow Jacob to explore the trucks from the inside. Tommy from the Safety departemnt provided them with a special experience, gifting Jacob his very own replica truck and trucker hat. The Kennesaw team did an amazing job and changed lives by making this experience possible. Thank you!







December **Top Runners** KEEP ON TRUCKING

Solos

- Timothy N. 11,646 miles
- Sammy N. 11,605 miles
- Benjamin H. 11,323 miles
- Josip B. 10,819 miles
- Jonathan S. 10,478 miles

Teams

- Alice M. / William C. 26,367 miles
- Jennifer K. / John K. 26,255 miles
- Chamaka M. / Jesse R. 24,969 miles
- Carl S. 24,579 miles
- Lupe Y. / Patrick Y. 24,471 miles

Let's take a moment to congratulate our outstanding Top Running Teams and Solo Drivers who have truly outperformed themselves this month, running the most miles in the company! Your hard work, dedication, and perseverance continue to inspire us all.



January **Top Runners** KEEP ON TRUCKING

Solos

- James H. 11,701 miles
- Sammy N. 11,558 miles
- Benjamin H. 10,538 miles
- Angel S. 10,518 miles
- Christopher H. 10,094 miles

Teams

- Fredrick B. / James H. 25,339 miles
- Vicky G. / Nicholas P. 24,532 miles
- Angela M. / Jerry M. 24,173 miles
- Donald H. 23,985 miles
- Boxuan Z. / Zhen-Yu Z. 23,384 miles

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February **Top Runners** KEEP ON TRUCKING

Solos

- Timothy N. 11,739 miles
- Sammy N. 11,447 miles
- Ronnie C. 11,081 miles
- Shila R. 10,532 miles
- Benjamin H. 10,104 miles

Teams

- Michelle A. / Shelley M. 25,101 miles
- Chamaka M. / Jesse R. 24,821 miles
- Christopher H. / Michael M. 24,768 miles
- Noah D. / Romell T. 24,434 miles
- Anita M. / Shawn M. 24,329 miles

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Inspection Bulletin

North American Standard Inspection Program

2010-01 – Tractor Protection Systems

Created: Sept. 19, 2007 Revised: May 19, 2010 Revised: April 27, 2017

Summary

This Inspection Bulletin provides guidance for testing the tractor protection system on a vehicle having air brakes equipped to tow another vehicle with air brakes during a roadside inspection. It provides information on the procedure and assists in identifying when a vehicle is in violation.

Requirements for Tractor Protection Systems

- Every commercial motor vehicle equipped with an air brake system and used to tow a trailer with air brakes must be equipped with a tractor or towing-vehicle protection system.
- The test will only be performed on a vehicle that is towing a trailer equipped with an air brake system.
- Trucks and buses that are incapable of towing trailers are not required to have these systems.
- Air-braked power units converted to tow trailers equipped with air brakes from a non-towing operation must have these systems properly retrofitted into the air brake system.
- Air escaping from either the supply/emergency or service/control gladhand line of any vehicle equipped to tow an air brake-equipped trailer indicates the unit has a defective tractor protection system and the vehicle is in an out-of-service (OOS) condition.

Standard CVSA Roadside Inspection/Test Procedure

When conducting a roadside inspection, the officer will confirm that the towing vehicle protection system (tractor protection system) is functioning properly in the event of trailer separation.

Testing of the towing vehicle protection system is done under pressure with the engine off and shall be conducted as follows:

- 1. The system must be within its normal operating pressure range (i.e., between compressor cut-out and cut-in).
- 2. Wheels must be chocked and all brakes must be released (all dash valves pushed in).
- 3. Explain to the driver that the supply/emergency and the service/control gladhand couplings must be removed to simulate a trailer breakaway event and to determine compliance of the towing vehicle protection system under this condition. Always have the driver perform this step and make sure to advise the driver to be careful and to take protective action to avoid injury from the high-pressure air, water, oil or dirt that could escape from the supply/emergency gladhand coupling upon separation.

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- 4. Air will immediately escape from the supply/emergency gladhand line. Listen for and ensure that the air stops escaping from the supply/emergency gladhand line. In most cases, the air will stop almost immediately. In some systems, the air will escape for a period of time and then stop; but in no case, should the valve fail to close once the gauge pressure drops to 20 psi (138 kPa) in either the primary or secondary system. When the valve fails to close before the pressure drops below 20 psi (138 kPa), the power unit's trailer supply valve (TSV) is defective. This vehicle has a violation* that is an OOS condition.
- 5. When the gladhand couplings are disconnected, the trailer emergency (spring) brakes must also apply automatically. Failure to do so indicates that the breakaway system on the trailer is defective. The trailer has a violation* that is an OOS condition.
- 6. When the gladhand couplings are disconnected, the trailer system must close automatically. Check the supply/emergency gladhand coupler on the trailer for air bleeding back. Air leaking from the gladhand coupling on the trailer indicates that the trailer's spring-brake control value is defective. The trailer has a violation* but this is not an OOS condition.
- 7. Once the air has stopped and you have checked the pressure, have the driver return to the cab of the power unit and instruct the driver to apply the service brakes and hold it.
- Check for any air escaping from either the supply/emergency or the service/control gladhand line. When air escapes from either gladhand line, the towing protection valve (TPV) is defective. This vehicle has a violation* that is an OOS condition.
- 9. Once the test has been completed, instruct the driver to reconnect the gladhands.

*U.S. – 49 CFR §393.43, Canada – NSC Standard 11b



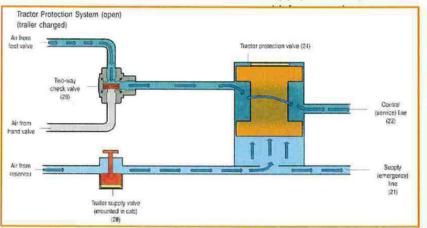
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System Description

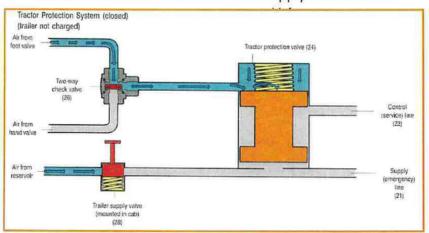
The tractor protection system consists of two valves. One is the trailer supply valve (TSV), a push/pull valve located on the instrument panel. The other is the tractor protection valve (TPV), located on the towing vehicle's frame or body. The TPV is also called a towing vehicle protection valve.

The TSV has a red-colored, eight-sided knob and is controlled by the driver. The driver opens (pushes in) the TSV when a trailer is being towed and closes it (pulls out) when there is no trailer present. The TSV can also be used to set the trailer's parking brakes. The TSV is sometimes also referred to as the tractor protection control valve.

The TPV serves as the on/off port for signaling service brake air going to the trailer. It is the connection point for both the trailer supply/emergency line and the trailer service line. The TPV passes service brake control signals only when it is open and blocks the signals when it is closed.



Tractor Protection Valve and Trailer Supply Valve Open



Tractor Protection Valve and Trailer Supply Valve Closed

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Isaiah 54:17 NIV

no weapon forged against you will prevail, and you will refute every tongue that accuses you. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and this is their vindication from me," declares the LORD.

Join us for bible study every Wednesday at 11:30! For more info email us at prayers@kennesawtrans.com.





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