Trailer inspection checklist

01 The visit

Trailer (unit number)

Date

Location

Checked by (printed name)

02 Coupling and kingpin

6 checks

CHECK	OK	FAIL	NOTE
Fifth wheel jaws	☐	☐	
Tug test	☐	☐	
Kingpin and upper plate	☐	☐	
Pintle hook or ball coupler (full and utility trailers)	☐	☐	
Safety chains (full and utility trailers)	☐	☐	
Breakaway cable (electric brakes)	☐	☐	

03 Landing gear

3 checks

CHECK	OK	FAIL	NOTE
Legs and braces	☐	☐	
Height	☐	☐	
Feet	☐	☐	

04 Brakes, air lines and wiring

6 checks

CHECK	OK	FAIL	NOTE
Glad hands	☐	☐	
Air lines	☐	☐	
Trailer brakes	☐	☐	
ABS lamp	☐	☐	
Electric brakes (utility trailers)	☐	☐	
Electrical cord and plug	☐	☐	

05 Lights and reflective tape

2 checks

CHECK	OK	FAIL	NOTE
Tail, brake, turn and clearance lamps	☐	☐	
Reflective tape and reflectors	☐	☐	

06 Tires, wheels and hubs

4 checks

CHECK	OK	FAIL	NOTE
Tread	☐	☐	
Pressure and condition	☐	☐	
Wheels and nuts	☐	☐	
Hubs	☐	☐	

07 Frame, floor, doors and rear

6 checks

CHECK	OK	FAIL	NOTE
Frame rails and crossmembers	☐	☐	
Tandem slider	☐	☐	
Suspension	☐	☐	
Floor	☐	☐	
Doors, hinges and seals	☐	☐	
Rear impact guard	☐	☐	

08 Periodic checklist (the shop)

13 checks

CHECK	OK	FAIL	NOTE
Brake linings	☐	☐	
Pushrod stroke	☐	☐	
Automatic slack adjusters	☐	☐	
Brake drums	☐	☐	
Air hoses and chambers	☐	☐	
Wheel bearings and seals	☐	☐	
Kingpin and upper plate	☐	☐	
Landing gear	☐	☐	
Suspension	☐	☐	
Frame, floor and tiedown points	☐	☐	
Rear impact guard	☐	☐	
Breakaway system (electric brakes)	☐	☐	
Inspection record	☐	☐	

09 Defects and sign-off

Defects found, or no defects

Work orders written

Signature