

# Vehicle Inspection Scoring System: Inspection Results

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## Legend

Inspection Result	Total Points	Re-inspection Required	Note
<b>PASS</b>	0-3 total points	<b>NO</b>	(for any and all noted defects). Vehicle in service. No re-inspection required.
<b>FAIL-IN SERVICE</b>	2-3 total points	<b>YES</b>	(for any noted defect where a re- inspection is required, regardless if total points are 3 or under). Vehicle must be presented to OCTAP for re-inspection within 10 days from the original inspection date. Vehicle in service. Re- inspection required.
<b>FAIL-IN SERVICE</b>	4-6 total points		Vehicle must be presented to OCTAP for re-inspection within 10 days from the original inspection date. Vehicle in service. Re-inspection required.
<b>FAIL- OUT OF SERVICE</b>	7 or more total points		Vehicle may be presented to OCTAP for re-inspection within 1 year from original inspection date. Vehicle out of service.

## Defect Categories

### Minor:

The defect found is minor and is assigned one (1) point.

### Moderate:

The defect found is moderate and is assigned two (2) points and will require a re-inspection within 10 calendar days.

### Major:

The defect found is major (severe) and is assigned seven (7) points and the vehicle permit is suspended/removed from the vehicle.

## Begin Inspection Items: Inspection Criteria

### Interior Seating Capacity

	Defect Point(s)	Re-inspection Required (In Service Fail Only)	Administrative Action Required - Company	Administrative Action Required - Driver
Minor				
Not Applicable				
Moderate				
Not Applicable				
Major	7			
Seating is available for more than nine total passengers (including the driver) as determined by the number of seats installed.				

### Valid Vehicle Permit

	Defect Point(s)	Re-inspection Required (In Service Fail Only)	Administrative Action Required - Company	Administrative Action Required - Driver
Minor				
Not Applicable				
Moderate				
Not Applicable				
Major	7		YES	YES
Vehicle Permit not present or is not valid (expired/revoked/suspended) if no "NOT IN SERVICE" signs are installed in the required windows. RANDOM ONLY.				

### Body Condition

	Defect Point(s)	Re-inspection Required (In Service Fail Only)	Administrative Action Required - Company	Administrative Action Required - Driver
Minor	1			
Minor dents, distortions, depressions, bulges, holes, disfigurements, loose trim, or misalignments in one to two body part(s).				
Moderate	2	YES		
Minor dents, distortions, depressions, bulges, holes, disfigurements, hanging trim, or misalignments in three to four body part(s). Moderate dents, distortions, depressions, bulges, holes, disfigurements, hanging trim, or misalignments in one or two body part(s).				
Major	7			
Frame damage, loose or hanging body parts, body tears. Major dents, distortions, depressions, bulges, holes, disfigurements in one or more body part(s). Moderate dents, distortions, depressions, bulges, holes, disfigurements, or misalignments in three or more body part(s). Minor dents, distortions, depressions, bulges, holes, disfigurements, or misalignments in five or more body part(s). Any condition that poses a safety hazard to the public.				

### Paint

	Defect Point(s)	Re-inspection Required (In Service Fail Only)	Administrative Action Required - Company	Administrative Action Required - Driver
Minor	1			
Paint (minor defect) is faded, blistered, cracked, chipped, peeled, or scratched in one to three body parts.				
Moderate	2	YES		
Paint (minor defect) is faded, blistered, cracked, chipped, peeled, or scratched in four or more body parts. Any paint mismatch (excluding minor touch-ups) in one or more body parts that does not closely match the vehicle's paint scheme. Paint (moderate defect) in one or more body parts that detracts from the overall approved paint scheme or that is severe enough to warrant re-inspection.				
Major				
Not Applicable				

## Exterior Cleanliness

	Defect Point(s)	Re-inspection Required (In Service Fail Only)	Administrative Action Required - Company	Administrative Action Required - Driver
Minor				
Not Applicable				
Moderate	2	YES	YES (Scheduled)	YES (Random)
Obvious neglect to wash. Rust holes, oil on two or more body parts. Tar stains located on two or more body parts (other than normal amounts on vehicle bottom near wheel wells).				
Major				
Not Applicable				

## Brake System

	Defect Point(s)	Re-inspection Required (In Service Fail Only)	Administrative Action Required - Company	Administrative Action Required - Driver
Minor				
Not Applicable				
Moderate				
Not Applicable				
Major	7		YES	YES
Brakes are in such a condition as to pose a public safety risk.				

## Climate Control

	Defect Point(s)	Re-inspection Required (In Service Fail Only)	Administrative Action Required - Company	Administrative Action Required - Driver
Minor	1			
Missing knobs on driver controls.				
Moderate	2	YES		
Air Conditioner not working or not continuously cool (but blowing and cooling some). Heater not working (no heat). Climate control system (including front window defroster) does not operate on all OEM speeds. Excessive noise.				
Major	7			
Front Window Defroster not working (not blowing).				

## Exhaust System

	Defect Point(s)	Re-inspection Required (In Service Fail Only)	Administrative Action Required - Company	Administrative Action Required - Driver
Minor				
Not Applicable				
Moderate				
Not Applicable				
Major	7		YES	YES
Excessive smoke exiting system. Exhaust entering passenger compartment.				

## Fuel Tank Cap

	Defect Point(s)	Re-inspection Required (In Service Fail Only)	Administrative Action Required - Company	Administrative Action Required - Driver
Minor				
Not Applicable				
Moderate	2	YES	YES	YES
Fuel tank cap is present but broken (includes improper fit) if gasoline or diesel fuel (does not apply to alternate fuel vehicles with self-sealing fueling systems).				
Major	7		YES	YES
Fuel tank cap is missing if gasoline or diesel fuel; if required/OEM (does not apply to alternate fuel vehicles with self-sealing fueling systems).				

## Horn

	Defect Point(s)	Re-inspection Required (In Service Fail Only)	Administrative Action Required - Company	Administrative Action Required - Driver
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Minor

Not Applicable

Moderate 2 YES

Horn does not work, is of a weak sound, or emits unreasonably loud or harsh sounds.

Major

Not Applicable

## Hubcaps or Wheel Caps

	Defect Point(s)	Re-inspection Required (In Service Fail Only)	Administrative Action Required - Company	Administrative Action Required - Driver
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Minor 1

One or more mismatched, missing, damaged, or dirty wheel or hub cover(s). One or more mismatched, damaged, or dirty rim(s).

Moderate

Not Applicable

Major

Not Applicable

## Interior Condition

	Defect Point(s)	Re-inspection Required (In Service Fail Only)	Administrative Action Required - Company	Administrative Action Required - Driver
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Minor 1

Dashboard is dirty, has minor damage to include cracks and small holes, or loose articles. Driver, passenger and or trunk/luggage areas are littered (minor) or have foreign matter. Small holes or rips or tears in upholstery. Ceiling or carpet is dirty. Interior panels, including door panels, that are dirty (minor). Passenger vehicle seats are dirty. Foul odor (minor) inside taxicab (including cigarette smoke).

Moderate 2 YES

Large holes or rips or tears in passenger vehicle seats or carpet. Carpet is stained. Three or more passenger vehicle seats that are stained. Broken interior components that pose a safety hazard to passengers. Driver, passenger, and or trunk/luggage areas are severely littered or foreign matter. Foul odor inside taxicab (including cigarette smoke) that is severe enough to cause discomfort or that could potentially pose a health risk.

Major 7 YES YES

Any door that does not unlock from the inside (which includes missing interior locking knobs). Any door which is not operational.

## Interior Information

	Defect Point(s)	Re-inspection Required (In Service Fail Only)	Administrative Action Required - Company	Administrative Action Required - Driver
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Minor 1

Information cards are worn and hard to read. Information cards are not 4x6. Driver permit not posted/in possession and no NOT IN SERVICE signs installed (scheduled inspections only). Fleet number(s) are not one inch in height.

Moderate 2 YES

Missing either front or rear information card or fleet numbers. Information cards are missing required information. Information cards do not have correct fare amounts/information.

Major 7 YES YES

Driver permit expired. Driver not affiliated with company. Driver permit not in possession (random inspections only).

## License Plates

	Defect Point(s)	Re-inspection Required (In Service Fail Only)	Administrative Action Required - Company	Administrative Action Required - Driver
Minor				
Not Applicable				
Moderate	2	YES		
Missing front plate (rear plate must be present and with current tags).				
Major	7		YES	YES
Missing rear plate. One or both plates attached to vehicle do no match vehicle registration. Tags not current.				

## Lights

	Defect Point(s)	Re-inspection Required (In Service Fail Only)	Administrative Action Required - Company	Administrative Action Required - Driver
Minor	1			
Third brake light out. Single high beam out. Single reverse light out (if two equipped). Interior dome light out. Interior dome light does not auto-activate. License plate lights out.				
Moderate	2	YES		
Single low beam out. Left and right high beams out. Single turn signal or hazard light out. Single main brake light out (not 3rd brake light). Single tail light out.				
Major	7		YES	YES
Two or more headlamps out. Left and right brake lights out. Left and right tail lights out. Tail lights which are not red in color. Brake lights are not red in color. Two or more turn signals out. Two or more hazard lights out. All reverse lights out.				

## Lenses

	Defect Point(s)	Re-inspection Required (In Service Fail Only)	Administrative Action Required - Company	Administrative Action Required - Driver
Minor	1			
Exterior lenses that do not match. Large crack on any single exterior lens (small cracks not considered a defect). Small hole on any single exterior lens.				
Moderate	2	YES		
Large cracks on two or more exterior lenses. Holes on two or more exterior lenses.				
Major	7			
Any single missing exterior safety lens (except license plate lenses). Any safety lens which is hanging from its install location.				

NOTE: (safety lenses: any headlamp lens, any turn signal lens, any hazard light lens, any driving (running) lamp lens, any brake light lens (except 3rd brake light).

## Exterior Markings

	Defect Point(s)	Re-inspection Required (In Service Fail Only)	Administrative Action Required - Company	Administrative Action Required - Driver
Minor				
Not Applicable				
Moderate	2	YES		
One or two required external markings are missing. Fleet numbers and telephone reservation numbers are not the minimum three inches in height.				
Major	7			
Three or more required external markings are missing. Any permanent or temporary auxiliary hardware, device, decal, or other marking that obscures, blocks, or interferes with required markings. External markings not permanently affixed to the taxicab.				

## Mirrors

	Defect Point(s)	Re-inspection Required (In Service Fail Only)	Administrative Action Required - Company	Administrative Action Required - Driver
Minor				
Not Applicable				
Moderate	2	YES		
Equipped mirrors with major cracks or not properly mounted or tightly secured.				
Major	7			
Missing left side mirror. No rear view mirror and no right side mirror. Mirrors with missing or broken glass. Mirrors that are hanging and not operable.				

## Muffler

	Defect Point(s)	Re-inspection Required (In Service Fail Only)	Administrative Action Required - Company	Administrative Action Required - Driver
Minor				
Not Applicable				
Moderate	2	YES		
Excessive noise.				
Major	7			
No muffler. Altered exhaust system.				

## Parking Brake

	Defect Point(s)	Re-inspection Required (In Service Fail Only)	Administrative Action Required - Company	Administrative Action Required - Driver
Minor				
Not Applicable				
Moderate				
Not Applicable				
Major	7			
Parking brake does not operate pursuant to CVC 26451.				

## Required Insurance

	Defect Point(s)	Re-inspection Required (In Service Fail Only)	Administrative Action Required - Company	Administrative Action Required - Driver
Minor				
Not Applicable				
Moderate	2	YES		YES
No current proof of insurance in vehicle but vehicle is listed on master insurance roster.				
Major	7			
Vehicle not listed on the master insurance roster.				

## Radio

	Defect Point(s)	Re-inspection Required (In Service Fail Only)	Administrative Action Required - Company	Administrative Action Required - Driver
Minor	1			
Taxicab is equipped with a two way radio, cell phone, computer, or other device by which dispatch calls and notices are received but that is not functioning.				
Moderate	2	YES	YES	YES
Taxicab is not equipped with a two way radio, cell phone, computer, or other device by which dispatch calls and notices are received.				
Major				
Not Applicable				

## Seat Belts

	Defect Point(s)	Re-inspection Required (In Service Fail Only)	Administrative Action Required - Company	Administrative Action Required - Driver
Minor				
Not Applicable				
Moderate				
Not Applicable				
Major	7			
Any seat belt not operational or is missing. Any one seat belt not secured to OEM location and by OEM means. Any one seat belt strap that is defective/badly frayed so as to compromise the integrity of the belt.				

## Steering and Suspension System

	Defect Point(s)	Re-inspection Required (In Service Fail Only)	Administrative Action Required - Company	Administrative Action Required - Driver
Minor				
Not Applicable				
Moderate	2	YES		
Power steering is binding or is harder than normal to operate.				
Major	7			
Steering system is not operating as originally designed. Power steering is not working (complete failure). Steering column and or associated mechanisms are defective to the point that allows excessive movement of the steering column and or wheel. Suspension system is in an obvious state of failure that would cause on-the-road traction failure.				

## Taximeter and Meter Seals

	Defect Point(s)	Re-inspection Required (In Service Fail Only)	Administrative Action Required - Company	Administrative Action Required - Driver
Minor	1			
Valid paper meter seal that is in vehicle but not attached to the taxicab meter.				
Moderate	0	YES		
Temporary (private) meter seals are present for scheduled inspections. A minor reinspection (with fee paid) will be required within 10 days of the original inspection, or prior to the date of the expiration of the temporary meter seals; <b>whichever comes first</b> . Temporary (private) meter seals expire 30 days from the date of original issuance by the private meter shop/facility. No defect points are assigned to this category. <b>Does not apply to random and cursory inspections.</b>				
Major	7		YES	YES
Taximeter is not working/not powered/not illuminating. The County Weights & Measures paper seal is missing (not in vehicle). The County Weights & Measures paper seal is not dated or is more than 13 months old. Any one County Weights & Measures taximeter lead seal that is broken or not present. Temporary (private) paper meter seal is more than 30 days old. Any one temporary (private) taximeter lead seal that is broken or not present. Taximeter is not charging the authorized fare (initial charge of \$3.50 (flag drop); the charge the meter shows when first turned on).				

## Tires

	Defect Point(s)	Re-inspection Required (In Service Fail Only)	Administrative Action Required - Company	Administrative Action Required - Driver
Minor	1			
Any tire that has an embedded nail, screw, or similar object.				
Moderate				
Not Applicable				
Major	7		YES	YES
One or more tires are below the minimum tread depth is any two adjacent grooves, showing metal or fabric chords due to extreme tire wear, or having severe sidewall damage. Severe sidewall damage is determined as cuts, large tears, missing rubber, or any other condition determined by the inspector to pose a safety risk to the public and vehicle inhabitants.				

## Windows

	Defect Point(s)	Re-inspection Required (In Service Fail Only)	Administrative Action Required - Company	Administrative Action Required - Driver
Minor				
Not Applicable				
Moderate	2	YES		
Any window which is not operable from its respective control.				
Major	7		YES	YES
Two or more windows which are not operable from their respective controls. Any one window which has been broken (blown out) and or is missing. The front or rear windshields are defective and hinders the driver's vision to the front or to the rear. Non-OEM (after-market) window tint applied to any window. Any window not safety glass.				

## Windshield Wipers

	Defect Point(s)	Re-inspection Required (In Service Fail Only)	Administrative Action Required - Company	Administrative Action Required - Driver
Minor	1			
Wiper blade(s) slightly torn and peeling but still able to sufficiently clear the window.				
Moderate				
Not Applicable				
Major	7		YES	YES
Wiper system does not sufficiently clear the window. The wiper motor, when turned off, parks the arms in driver's view.				

## Foot Pedal Pads

	Defect Point(s)	Re-inspection Required (In Service Fail Only)	Administrative Action Required - Company	Administrative Action Required - Driver
Minor				
Not Applicable				
Moderate	2	YES		
Rubber foot control pad(s) not properly fitted and or securely affixed to the foot control(s). Rubber foot control pad(s) cut and showing metal. Rubber foot control pad(s) are missing.				
Major				
Not Applicable				

## Vehicle Registration

	Defect Point(s)	Re-inspection Required (In Service Fail Only)	Administrative Action Required - Company	Administrative Action Required - Driver
Minor	1			
Registrant address is incorrect.				
Moderate	2	YES		
No proof of valid registration in vehicle (rear plate tags must be current). Red Temporary Operating Permit (TOP) not accompanied by required DMV receipt.				
Major	7		YES	YES
No proof of valid registration in vehicle (rear plate tags not current). Rear plate tags not current. Not registered as a commercial vehicle. Not registered to a permitted company or permitted driver.				

Note: Vehicles newly purchased and have Temporary Registration (Temporary Vehicle IDs) may not display commercial plates or current tags.



## Receipt

	Defect Point(s)	Re-inspection Required (In Service Fail Only)	Administrative Action Required - Company	Administrative Action Required - Driver
Minor	1		YES	YES

Receipt does not contain the required information. Section 9.2. Driver shall give a receipt for the amount charged upon the request of the person paying the fare. The receipt shall identify the driver's name, Taxicab number, Permittee name, date and time of issuance.

Moderate	2	YES	YES	YES
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Receipt cannot be provided. \*\*\*Note: This also applies to printed receipts which are not legible.

Major

Not Applicable

## Credit Card Payment

	Defect Point(s)	Re-inspection Required (In Service Fail Only)	Administrative Action Required - Company	Administrative Action Required - Driver
Minor				

Not Applicable

Moderate	2	YES	YES	YES
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Company and or driver does not have the ability to electronically process a customer's credit card in vehicle. In-vehicle electronic processing is defined to mean that a customer's credit card information is not transmitted to 3rd parties when a transaction is performed (requiring additional human interaction). All credit card information must be electronically transmitted through a device intended for that purpose (by means of a card swipe; voice transmissions are not acceptable). Also the primary method for processing credit cards must not include manual imprinters and slips.

Major			YES	YES
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Not Applicable