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Brake Safety Week: September 6-12, 2015



Properly functioning brake systems are crucial to safe commercial motor vehicle (CMV) operation. CMV brakes are designed to hold up under tough conditions, but they must be inspected and maintained carefully and consistently so they operate and perform properly throughout the vehicle's life. Brake Safety Week is an annual outreach and enforcement campaign designed to improve commercial vehicle brake safety throughout North America.

Brake Safety Week - September 6-12, 2015 - is part of the [Operation Airbrake](#) program sponsored by [CVSA](#) in partnership with the [U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration \(FMCSA\)](#). During the week-long brake safety campaign, CMV inspectors will conduct brake system inspections (primarily Level

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FMCSA SENDS CARRIER SAFETY FITNESS PROPOSAL TO OMB

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration sent a proposed rule on carrier safety fitness determinations to the White House [Office of Management and Budget](#) on June 23 for review and approval. The proposal is expected to base safety fitness ratings for motor carriers on their CSA scores, even though the CSA methodology is still being revised and the data has been questioned as to its accuracy and completeness.

IV Inspections) on trucks and buses throughout North America to identify out-of-adjustment brakes and brake-system violations.

Brake-related violations comprise the largest percentage (representing 46.2 percent during Roadcheck 2014) of all out-of-service violations cited during roadside inspections. Improperly installed or poorly maintained brake systems can reduce the braking capacity and stopping distance of trucks and buses, which poses a serious risk to driver and public safety.

Brake inspections conducted during Brake Safety Week include inspection of brake-system components to identify loose or missing parts, air or hydraulic fluid leaks, worn linings, pads, drums or rotors, and other faulty brake-system components. Antilock braking systems (ABS) malfunction indicator lamps also are checked. Inspectors will inspect brake components and measure pushrod stroke when appropriate. Defective or out-of-adjustment brakes will result in the vehicle being placed out of service. [Read more about the inspection procedure.](#)

Additional inspections may include some Level I Inspections and, in ten participating jurisdictions, overall vehicle braking efficiency will be tested using performance-based brake testing (PBBT) equipment. These systems include a slow speed roller dynamometer that measure total vehicle weight and total brake force, from which braking efficiency is calculated. The minimum braking efficiency for trucks is 43.5 percent, required by U.S. federal regulation and the CVSA Out-of-Service Criteria.

Outreach and educational efforts by CMV inspectors, participating motor carriers and others in the industry also take place during Brake Safety Week and are integral to the success of the campaign.

In 2014, 13,305 vehicles were inspected during Brake Safety Week. [View the 2014 results.](#) More than 3.4 million brakes have been inspected since the program's inception in 1998.

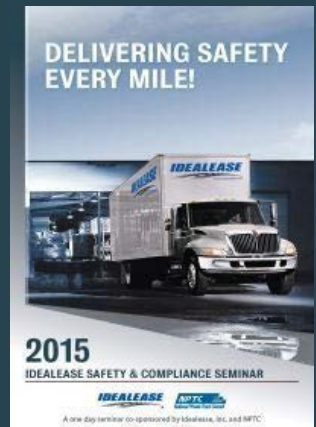
In addition to Brake Safety Week, CVSA also holds an unannounced brake inspection day each year in the spring. In 2014, the Operation Airbrake unannounced inspection day was on May 7, 2014. [Click here to read about the results.](#)

Click on the links below to obtain Brake Safety Week resources and educational materials for inspectors, drivers, technicians, mechanics and the general public.

- [Operation Airbrake Homepage](#)
- [Brake Safety Week 2015](#)
- [Operation Airbrake Inspection Procedure](#)
- [What You May Not Know About Brake Systems and Inspections](#)
- Resources for Drivers and Mechanics
 - [Performance-Based Brake Testing \(PBBT\) Brochure](#)
 - [Self-Adjusting Brake Adjusters Diagnosis Checklist](#)
 - [How to Diagnose an Out-of-Adjustment Self-Adjusting Brake](#)
 - [Practical Airbrake Handbook and Study Guide](#)
 - [Virtual Risk Manager - Airbrakes](#)
 - [Brake Safety Demonstration Model Loaner Program](#)
- Educational Material for Drivers and Mechanics

If the OMB approves the draft proposal, the notice of proposed rule-making will be published in the Federal Register sometime this fall.

Sign Up Now for One of Seven Safety Seminars to be Held this Fall!



Idealease, its members and the National Private Truck Council NPTC will again be hosting safety seminars in 2015. The one day seminars this year will focus on basic safety and compliance, regulation changes and CSA. The seminars and will be provided to all Idealease customers, potential customers and NPTC members at no charge. The seminar provides important information applicable for both the novice and experienced transportation professionals.

To register for an upcoming seminar in 2015 [CLICK HERE.](#)

- [ABS Inspection Flyer](#)
- [Airbrake Pushrod Stroke: Why is it so Important?](#)
- [Importance of Brake Adjustment Flyer](#)
- [Video: Antilock Braking Systems: What Every Truck Driver Needs to Know](#)
- Surveys
 - [Brake Knowledge Survey - Drivers](#)
 - [Brake Knowledge Survey - Technicians or Mechanics](#)

Medical Review Board to meet regarding changes to diabetes standard

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) is announcing a meeting of its Medical Review Board (MRB). The MRB will identify factors the agency should consider with regard to regulatory actions concerning Type I diabetes and vision standards for interstate commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers.

This follows the agency's issuance of a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) on May 4, 2015, that would permit drivers with stable, well-controlled insulin-treated diabetes mellitus (ITDM) to be qualified to operate CMVs in interstate commerce. The MRB discussions would precede the agency's consideration of a rulemaking concerning the vision standard. Meetings are open to the public for their entirety, and the public will be allowed to comment during the proceedings.

The meeting will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, July 21-22, 2015, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time (E.T.), at the FMCSA National Training Center, 1310 N. Courthouse Road, Arlington, VA. Copies of the task statement and an agenda for the entire meeting will be made available in advance of the meeting at mrb.fmcsa.dot.gov.

Oral comments from the public will be heard during the meeting, subject to the discretion of the Chairman. Members of the public may submit written comments on the topics to be considered during the meeting by Wednesday, July 15, to the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at www.regulations.gov using Docket Number FMCSA-2008-0362.

2015 Idealease Safety Seminar Schedule:

October 7	Erie, PA
October 13	Toledo, OH
October 14	Grand Rapids, MI
October 14	Charlotte, NC
October 20	Las Vegas, NV
October 21	Los Angeles, CA
October 22	San Martin, CA

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