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CVSA Unannounced Brake Inspection

21% Removed from Service

On May 3rd, the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) conducted their unannounced brake day inspection. The goal of CVSA's brake day is to reduce the number of accidents each year due to poorly maintained brakes on trucks. The inspections identify and remove trucks with critical brake violations from the roadway. Since the program inception, the number of brakes inspected amounts to over 3.4 million.

This year's brake inspection on May 3rd removed 12% of the commercial vehicles inspected. This amounts to 1,146 out of more than 9,500 trucks taken off the roadway for brake-related violations. The number of trucks placed out of service for any kind reached 1989 trucks, or 21% of total trucks inspected.



The largest percentage of all out-of-service violations occurs from brake-related violations during roadside inspections. Trucks with improperly installed or poorly maintained brake systems can pose a serious risk to the driver and public safety by reducing the braking capability and increasing stopping distances of trucks and buses, according to the CVSA.

Other notable results from the May 3rd brake inspection included:

- 4,635 air-braked trucks and tractors were identified as requiring anti lock braking systems, but only 8% had ABS violations.
- 3,222 trailers were identified as requiring ABS, with 15% being cited for ABS violations.
- 723 hydraulic-braked trucks required ABS, but 6% had ABS violations.

The next brake inspection will occur on September 7th.



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