

2026 SUMMER FLEET READINESS CHECKLIST

Prepare Your Fleet for Peak Summer Demand

Hotter weather, longer operating days, increased demand, and higher passenger comfort expectations can put added strain on fleet vehicles.

This checklist helps you proactively review key vehicle areas, reduce preventable downtime, and keep operations moving through the busiest months of the year.

Please note: This checklist is intended as a general maintenance resource. Always refer to your vehicle manufacturer manuals, OEM requirements, applicable inspection standards, and your organization's internal maintenance procedures when servicing or inspecting fleet vehicles.



Quick-Start Summer Readiness Priorities

Before summer schedules intensify, fleet teams should review the systems most impacted by heat, heavier mileage, longer service days, and increased passenger demand.



**Cooling System
Performance**



**HVAC
Reliability**



**Tire
Condition**



**Brake System
Readiness**



**Steering and
Suspension**



**Safety
Equipment**



**Battery
Health**



**Passenger
Comfort Areas**



**Accessibility
Systems**



**Fleet
Technology**



HVAC and Passenger Comfort

- ☐ **Replace or clean HVAC filters** based on vehicle type, system requirements, operating conditions, and manufacturer recommendations.
- ☐ **Inspect A/C system performance**, including refrigerant levels, compressor oil, airflow, blower motors, and rooftop units where applicable.
- ☐ **Inspect HVAC oil condition** and drain tubes where applicable.
- ☐ **Inspect auxiliary heater operation** and verify there are no leaks on vehicles equipped with auxiliary heating systems.
- ☐ **Verify heater control valves operate correctly and shut off properly** when A/C is requested.
- ☐ **Check compressor clutch coil resistance** and confirm readings are within manufacturer specifications.
- ☐ **Test passenger comfort systems**, including seat operation, recline functionality, footrests, infotainment systems, screens, media systems, radio, Wi-Fi, and other onboard electronics where equipped.



Engine and Cooling System

- ☐ **Check engine oil level and condition.** Change oil as needed based on vehicle requirements and maintenance schedules.
- ☐ **Inspect engine air filter condition** and replace if needed. Do not clean the filter unless manufacturer guidance specifically allows it.
- ☐ **Pressurize and inspect the coolant pressure cap and cooling system** to verify the system can maintain OEM-specified pressure.
- ☐ **Inspect for coolant leaks, oil leaks, grime buildup, and overall engine compartment cleanliness.** Clean and address concerns as needed.
- ☐ **Inspect hoses, belts, radiator airflow, cooling fan operation, and related cooling system components** for proper condition and performance.



Brakes, Steering, Suspension, and Driveline

- ☐ **For vehicles equipped with hydraulic brake systems, inspect brake fluid** condition and flush fluid if due for service based on vehicle requirements.
- ☐ **For vehicles equipped with air systems,** inspect and drain moisture from the air system, replace the air dryer as needed, and complete applicable DOT air system testing.
- ☐ **Inspect and lubricate suspension and driveshaft components** according to vehicle requirements and maintenance schedules.
- ☐ **Inspect power steering fluid condition and level.** Flush or top off as needed based on vehicle type and manufacturer guidelines.
- ☐ **Inspect and lubricate kingpins** where applicable.



Tires, Wheels, and Road Contact Systems

- ☐ **Inspect tire tread depth,** tire pressure, sidewall condition, uneven wear patterns, alignment, and balancing.
- ☐ **Verify Auto Tire Inflation System functionality** where equipped.
- ☐ **Review Tire Pressure Monitoring System alerts, warnings,** or abnormalities where equipped.
- ☐ **Verify wheel-end monitoring systems** are functioning properly and providing accurate readings where equipped.
- ☐ **Address tire, wheel, or monitoring concerns** before peak operation to help reduce the risk of preventable service disruptions.



Safety, Fire Suppression, and Emergency Equipment

- ☐ **Inspect fire extinguisher dates** and verify extinguishers are properly charged and ready for use.
- ☐ **Inspect fire suppression system tanks, hoses, caps, gauges,** and other components for missing, damaged, or worn parts where equipped.
- ☐ **Inspect thermal detection systems** and linear eye operation where equipped.
- ☐ **Review emergency exits, escape hatches, safety sensors,** and required passenger safety systems to verify proper operation.



Accessibility, Interior, and Specialty Systems

- ☐ **Operate wheelchair lifts and inspect safety sensors, stored fault codes, leaks,** and overall system functionality.
- ☐ **Check wheelchair securement systems, including Q'Straint operation, condition,** and proper storage where equipped.
- ☐ **Verify wheelchair-accessible seating areas can be adjusted or moved easily** and operate as intended.
- ☐ **Inspect restroom systems, including flush operation** and dump valves where equipped.
- ☐ **Test passenger seating features, including seat operation, recline functionality,** and footrests where equipped.



Electrical, Battery, and Fleet Technology

- ☐ **Inspect battery terminals and cables for corrosion.** Clean, tighten, and protect connections as needed.
- ☐ **Test battery charge, condition,** and alternator output to verify proper electrical system performance.
- ☐ **Check onboard electronics, telematics, GPS technology, camera systems, mirrorless camera systems,** and connected fleet technology where equipped.
- ☐ **Confirm systems used for diagnostics, driver visibility, passenger communication, onboard comfort,** and fleet tracking are operating properly before periods of increased demand.



Underbody, Corrosion, and Frame Inspection

- ☐ **Inspect for corrosion and clean, repair, treat,** and reapply underbody protection as needed.
- ☐ **Check for missing or damaged underbody spray** and recoat affected areas as needed.
- ☐ **Verify frame drains are clear** and free from debris or blockages.
- ☐ **Treat inner frame rails with approved anti-corrosion chemicals** according to vehicle maintenance manual requirements.

Support for Every Mile of the Season

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