Minnesota Mandatory Inspection Program Update

***Please distribute this update to all Certified Inspectors***

https://msp.dps.mn.gov

The following forms are available on our Website

- Change of Address or Employment Form
- Decal Order Form (Decals are the property of the inspector, not the company)
- Inspection Report Form
- Inspection Information Form
- Mandatory Inspection Program Manual
- Provider List for Recertification and Certification Classes

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Change of Address or Employment
Inspectors must inform the State Patrol immediately of a change of address or employment by filling out and submitting a change of address or employment form. Failure to inform the State Patrol will result in suspension of the inspector’s certification.

Recertification Classes
Inspector certification is valid for two years from the date of certification or recertification. Inspectors must recertify before the date of expiration to maintain an active status. Failure to do so will result in cancellation of your certification and you will not be able to perform inspections or order decals.

You may reactivate your certification within six months following the date of expiration by attending a recertification class. See our Website for recertification class locations and contact information.

If you do not reactivate your certification within six months following the expiration, your certification will be revoked and you will have to attend a full certification course to have your number reinstated.

For frequently asked questions visit our Website at https://msp.dps.mn.gov

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Insert at the end of the brake section on Page 40 in the 2016 Certified Inspector Student Handbook:

Antilock Brake System
(1) Missing ABS malfunction indicator components (i.e., bulb, wiring, etc.).
(2) ABS malfunction indicator that does not illuminate when power is first applied to the ABS controller (ECU) during initial power up.
(3) ABS malfunction indicator that stays illuminated while power is continuously applied to the ABS controller (ECU).
(4) ABS malfunction indicator lamp on a trailer or dolly does not cycle when electrical power is applied:
   (a) Only to the vehicle’s constant ABS power circuit, or
   (b) Only to the vehicle.
(5) With its brakes released and its ignition switch in the normal run position, power unit does not provide continuous electrical power to the ABS on any vehicle it is equipped to tow.
(6) Other missing or inoperative ABS components.

Automatic Brake Adjusters
(1) Failure to maintain a brake within the brake stroke limit specified by the vehicle manufacturer.
(2) Any automatic brake adjuster that has been replaced with a manual adjuster.
(3) Damaged, loose, or missing components.
(4) Any brake that is found to be out of adjustment on initial inspection must be evaluated to determine why the automatic brake adjuster is not functioning properly and the problem must be corrected in order for the vehicle to pass the inspection. It is not acceptable to manually adjust automatic brake adjusters without first correcting the underlying problem. For example, there may be other components within the braking system that are distressed or out of specification (i.e., broken welds, loose mounting hardware, cracked brake drums, worn bushings, etc.) that would require immediate attention.

Insert at the end of the Tire section on Page 71 of the 2016 handbook:
Installation of speed-restricted tires unless specifically designated by motor carrier.

Motorcoach Seats
Any passenger seat that is not securely fastened to the vehicle structure.