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## CSA COMPLIANCE CORNER



### Mandated Pre- and Post-Trip Inspections

Compliance Safety Accountability (CSA) was an initiative designed by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) to reduce commercial motor vehicle (CMV) related crashes, injuries and fatalities. Keeping in line with this mindset, pre- and post-trip inspections play a key role in being CSA compliant.

Pre- and post-trip inspections are the backbone of Zonar Systems. The Electronic Vehicle Inspection Report ([EVIR®](#)) is the only verified visual inspection system available and replaces the inefficient manual paper inspections. This easy-to-use electronic device alleviates errors and inefficiencies associated with paper inspections and provides fleets managers with accurate, real-time data. Not only will EVIR assist with compliance, but it will create a safety mindset which will shape driving behavior—assisting the carrier with meeting CSA safety requirements.

Under 49CFR [396.11](#) and [396.13](#), every motor carrier company must require its drivers to complete pre- and post-trip inspections. All drivers are required by law to conduct visual inspections to ensure the motor vehicle they are driving is safe to operate. A copy of the Driver Vehicle Inspection Report (DVIR) completed by the previous driver is to be on the power unit. The original must be kept at the carrier's facility. When the current driver completes the DVIR for the current trip, the copy of the previous DVIR can be discarded—there is no record retention requirement for it. Remember, failure to complete the inspection and maintain the report is a violation of the law.

Zonar's EVIR solution greatly simplifies and improves the entire pre- and post-trip inspection process. EVIR is easy to use, captures powerful new fleet performance data and speeds vehicle repairs. Designed to have the driver conduct a Level 2 inspection, as outlined by the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA), EVIR complies with 49CFR [396.11](#) and [396.13](#) completely. EVIR truly transforms your daily inspections from a pain to a gain.

Don't forget that the CVSA and FMCSA's annual Roadcheck is coming up. Roadcheck is the largest targeted enforcement program on commercial vehicles in the world, with approximately 14 trucks or buses being inspected, every minute from Canada to Mexico during a 72-hour period in early June. Roadcheck is part of a series of activities where CVSA-certified inspectors conduct compliance, enforcement and educational initiatives targeted at various elements of motor carrier, vehicle, driver and cargo safety and security.

This year's Roadcheck will be held June 7-9, 2011—be prepared by conducting verified visual pre- and post-trip inspections using EVIR.

As always, if you any have questions about CSA, you can always email Fred, your Zonar Safety & Compliance expert, at: [compliance@zonarsystems.com](mailto:compliance@zonarsystems.com)

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