

Amendments to Ontario Regulation 199/07 Daily Inspections – Effective January 1, 2015

MTO has announced a number of amendments to the Daily Vehicle Inspection Regulation (Reg. 199/07) which are effective January 1, 2015. Changes have been made to the three schedules that affect buses, school purposes buses, and school purposes vehicles. It's important for operators using Schedule 2 to note that an inoperative parking brake is now a "major defect" whereas as it was previously only a "minor defect". Most notable and significant to school bus operators is the change to the defect criteria pertaining to stop arms, stop arm lamps, and overhead alternating warning lights. The regulation has been changed to make a stop arm, stop arm lamp and overhead warning lamp a "major defect" only when on a trip that require their use. Otherwise, the defect can be marked as a "minor defect" and the bus can operate. It should be noted a defective stop arm, stop arm lamp or overhead warning lamp (as any other minor defect) must be recorded by the driver on the daily inspection report and reported to the operator "forthwith" and defects must be repaired before the next dispatch.

Other changes to the schedules are included in the lists below.

Schedule 2 – Bus (other than a School Purpose Bus)

Parking Brake

- The schedule has been amended so that an inoperative park brake is now a "major defect" (previously it was a "minor defect")

Air Suspension – Air Bag Defect

- The schedule has been amended to clarify when a damaged air bag is deemed a "major defect". The air bag is now deemed to have a "major defect" when it is patched, cut, bruised, cracked to braid, deflated or insecurely mounted

Tire Air Leak

- The schedule has been amended so that a tire leak is now a "minor defect" when air leak cannot be heard, and a "major defect" when the air leak can be heard or felt

Schedule 5 - School Purpose Bus

School Bus Warning Lights and Stop Arm Defects

- A stop arm or stop arm red light defect is now a "major defect" only when the bus is on a trip where the stop arm is required. Previously, it was a major defect at any time so the school bus couldn't be driven even without passengers
- An overhead alternating red warning light defect is now a "major defect" only when the bus is on a trip where the warning lights are required. Previously, it was a major defect at any time so the school bus couldn't be driven even without passengers

Air Suspension – Air Bag Defect

- The schedule has been amended to clarify when a damaged air bag is deemed a “major defect”. The air bag is now deemed to have a “major defect” when it is patched, cut, bruised, cracked to braid, deflated or insecurely mounted

Tire Air Leak

- The schedule has been amended so that a tire leak is now a “minor defect” when air leak cannot be heard, and a “major defect” when the air leak can be heard or felt

Schedule 6 – School Purpose Vehicle (Van)**Air Suspension – Air Bag Defect**

- The schedule has been amended to clarify when a damaged air bag is deemed a “major defect”. The air bag is now deemed to have a “major defect” when it is patched, cut, bruised, cracked to braid, deflated or insecurely mounted

Tire Air Leak

- The schedule has been amended so that a tire leak is now a “minor defect” when air leak cannot be heard, and a “major defect” when the air leak can be heard or felt