Pre-trip: hotshot

A general checklist. Your state CDL manual, your company policy and your manufacturer's manual come first.

Date: _____ Truck: _____ Odometer: _____

Pickup

- ☐ Engine oil, coolant and brake fluid levels — Defect [ ] N/A [ ]
- ☐ Tires on the pickup: tread, inflation, sidewalls — Defect [ ] N/A [ ]
- ☐ Lights on the pickup work, including brake lights — Defect [ ] N/A [ ]
- ☐ Mirrors set for the trailer width — Defect [ ] N/A [ ]
- ☐ Brake controller set and tested for this load — Defect [ ] N/A [ ]

Hitch and connection

- ☐ Gooseneck ball or fifth wheel locked, safety pin in — Defect [ ] N/A [ ]
- ☐ Safety chains crossed and hooked with slack that will not drag — Defect [ ] N/A [ ]
- ☐ Breakaway cable attached to the pickup, not to the hitch — Defect [ ] N/A [ ]
- ☐ Breakaway battery charged — Defect [ ] N/A [ ]
- ☐ Seven-way plug seated, cord clear of the ground — Defect [ ] N/A [ ]

Trailer

- ☐ Trailer tires and lug nuts — Defect [ ] N/A [ ]
- ☐ Trailer lights: running, brake, turn, marker — Defect [ ] N/A [ ]
- ☐ Trailer brakes work with the controller — Defect [ ] N/A [ ]
- ☐ Deck boards or metal deck with no damage — Defect [ ] N/A [ ]
- ☐ Ramps stowed and pinned — Defect [ ] N/A [ ]
- ☐ Jack fully raised — Defect [ ] N/A [ ]

Securement gear on board

- ☐ Enough straps or chains for this load, no cuts or worn hooks — Defect [ ] N/A [ ]
- ☐ Binders work — Defect [ ] N/A [ ]
- ☐ Edge protectors — Defect [ ] N/A [ ]
- ☐ Tarps if the load needs them — Defect [ ] N/A [ ]
- ☐ Cargo secured to the rules for this cargo type — Defect [ ] N/A [ ]

Paperwork

- ☐ License, and medical card if your setup requires it — Defect [ ] N/A [ ]
- ☐ Registration for pickup and trailer — Defect [ ] N/A [ ]
- ☐ Insurance cards — Defect [ ] N/A [ ]
- ☐ Logs or ELD materials if required for your setup — Defect [ ] N/A [ ]
- ☐ Rate confirmation and shipping papers — Defect [ ] N/A [ ]

Defects and notes: _____

Signature: _____