

Taxi Inspection Update

19-Point Inspections



To: San Francisco Taxi Drivers, Medallion Holders, and Color Scheme Managers
From: Philip Cranna, Enforcement and Legal Affairs Manager, SFMTA Taxi Services
Date: March 26, 2025
Subject: **Proof of 19-Point Inspection**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Philip Cranna', positioned to the right of the 'Date:' field.

This memo provides instructions on completing the 19-point inspection as required by San Francisco Transportation Code, Division II, Article 1100, Section 1113(s)(1(B)).¹

BACKGROUND

On September 27, 2024, the California Bureau of Automotive Repair (BAR) ended the Brake Certificate Program. Prior to the end of the program, San Francisco Taxis needed to submit a valid Brake Certificate as part of the inspection process required under Article 1100 of the Transportation Code. On September 28, 2024, San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) suspended the requirement that Taxis submit a valid Brake Certificate.

On February 4, 2025, the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors approved a change, replacing the Brake Certificate requirement with a 19-point inspection.

Pursuant to §1113(s), “[a]ll Taxis and Ramp Taxis shall be inspected by the SFMTA or its designee, every six months if they are used as spare vehicles, have 200,000 miles or more on the odometer, or if the vehicle is older than nine Model Years, and every 12 months for regular vehicles, at a date and time designated by the SFMTA, and at any other time deemed necessary by the SFMTA.”

Commencing April 1, 2025, proof of a 19-point inspection must be provided at the time of inspection.

19-POINT INSPECTIONS

The SFMTA Taxis Access and Mobility Services (TAMS) Taxi Vehicle 19-point Inspection Form must be completed by a person or facility that holds an Automotive Repair Dealer (ARD) license issued by BAR. The ARD licensee must complete the entire form including all inspections as listed on the form. The ARD licensee should indicate whether the taxi vehicle passes or fails each inspection item.

¹ Unless otherwise noted, all Section references are to the San Francisco Transportation Code.

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Upon completion, the form must be submitted to the San Francisco International Airport (SFO) Ground Transportation Unit (GTU) at the time of the inspection.

Any taxi vehicles that were inspected between September 28, 2024 and March 31, 2025 must undergo a 19-point inspection and submit proof to the GTU no later than July 1, 2025.

Forms may be email to the GTU at GTU@flysfo.com.



Taxis, Access & Mobility Services Division
SFMTA TAMS Taxi Vehicle 19-point Inspection Form

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To be completed by Driver / Taxi Company representative:

Taxi Company Name	Vehicle Placard # (Medallion #)
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To be completed by Inspector:

Vehicle Make	Vehicle Year	Vehicle Model	Number of Doors
Vehicle License Plate #	Vehicle VIN		
Registration Sticker Month / Year (MM / YY), n/a if no registration sticker			
Inspection Company	Inspection Company Address	Inspection Date	
Inspector's Name	Inspector's Signature	State Certification #	

Inspection Item	Pass	Fail
1. Foot brakes (Pads/Shoes thickness)		
2. Emergency brakes		
3. Steering mechanism		
4. Windshield		
5. Rear window and other glass		
6. Windshield Wipers		
7. Head lights		
8. Taillights		
9. Turn indicator lights		
10. Stop lights		
11. Front seat adjustment mechanism		
12. Door (open, close, lock)		
13. Horn		
14. Speedometer/Check Engine Light		
15. Bumpers		
16. Muffler and exhaust system		
17. Condition of tires, including tread depth (minimum 2/32")		
18. Interior and exterior rear-view mirrors		
19. Safety belt for driver and passenger(s)		

Overall Vehicle Inspection Results

By signing above, inspector certifies that they have completed the inspection of the vehicle listed on this form.

(Inspector to circle one)

Pass

Fail

Date: