

Roadside inspections conducted by the Motor Carrier Division of the Virgin Islands Police Department are essential to ensuring the safety and regulatory compliance of commercial motor vehicles operating throughout the Territory. Roadside inspections may be conducted at various locations, including along roadways and highways during traffic stops, at weigh stations or designated inspection checkpoints, at ports and cargo terminals, at commercial carrier facilities or terminals, and during special enforcement operations. These inspections are performed using standardized North American inspection levels (Levels I–VII), each designed to evaluate specific aspects of driver qualifications, vehicle condition, and operational safety.

Level I, the North American Standard Inspection, is the most comprehensive, covering driver documents and a 37-step vehicle inspection, including undercarriage components such as brakes, suspension, and steering. **Level II** is a walk-around inspection of the driver and vehicle that checks the same driver documents as Level I, but only inspects components visible without going under the vehicle. **Level III** focuses solely on the driver, reviewing licenses, medical certification, logbooks, and safety records. **Level IV** consists of special, one-time inspections targeting a specific vehicle component, such as the brake system, while **Level V** is a vehicle-only inspection conducted without the driver, typically at the carrier’s terminal. **Level VI** is an enhanced inspection for vehicles transporting select radioactive materials, requiring stricter safety standards. Finally, **Level VII** applies to intrastate passenger vehicles, including buses and vans, with inspections often conducted at schools or terminals to ensure safe passenger transport. The following tables present the number of roadside inspections conducted by the Motor Carrier Division for FY2024 through FY2026, Quarter 1.

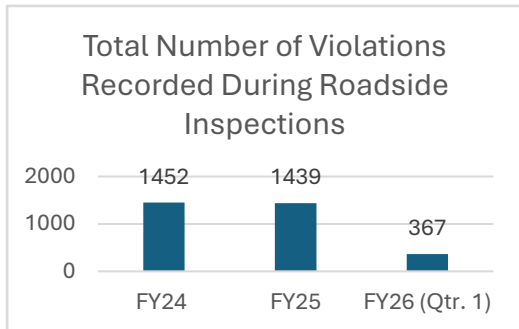
FY 2024 Roadside Inspections			
Territory Roadside Inspections (October 1, 2023 - September 30, 2024)			
Inspection Level	St. Croix District	St. Thomas/ St. John District	Total
Level 1	139	241	380
Level 2	32	82	114
Level 3	4	82	86
Level 4	3	3	6
Level 5	92	134	226
Level 6	0	0	0
Level 7	0	4	4
Total Number of Roadside Inspections	270	546	816

FY 2025 Roadside Inspections			
Territory Roadside Inspections (October 1, 2024 - September 30, 2025)			
Inspection Level	St. Croix District	St. Thomas/ St. John District	Total
Level 1	147	158	305
Level 2	33	48	81
Level 3	0	18	18
Level 4	30	5	35
Level 5	139	207	346
Level 6	0	0	0
Level 7	1	0	1
Total Number of Roadside Inspections	350	436	786

FY 2026 Roadside Inspections- Quarter 1			
Territory Roadside Inspections (October 1, 2025 - December 1, 2025)			
Inspection Level	St. Croix District	St. Thomas / St. John District	Total
Level 1	41	38	38
Level 2	1	11	11
Level 3	0	9	9
Level 4	0	0	0
Level 5	32	65	65
Level 6	0	0	0
Level 7	0	0	0
Total Number of Roadside Inspections	74	123	197

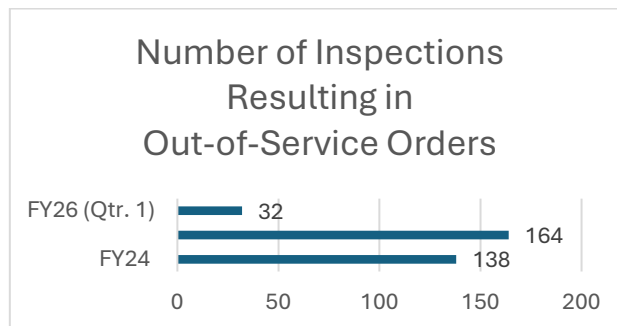
Commercial vehicle roadside inspections play a critical role in identifying safety risks and ensuring compliance with federal and territorial regulations. During these inspections, a range of violations are commonly detected, generally falling into two primary categories: driver-related and vehicle-related

violations. Driver-related violations often include failure to use seat belts, speed related, and use of mobile phone. These issues directly impact roadway safety, as they can lead to reduced reaction times and increased crash risk. Vehicle-related violations are frequently associated with mechanical deficiencies and improper maintenance. These violations can significantly increase the likelihood of equipment failure, posing a danger to both the driver and the public. The following graph illustrates the total number of violations identified during CMV inspections for FY2024, FY2025, and the first quarter of FY2026. On average, approximately 1.8 violations were recorded per inspection across each of these fiscal years.



Top 15 Violations Found in Roadside Inspections (FY 24 - FY26, Qtr.1)		
Violation Code	Description	Number of Violations
393.9A-LFTSI	Lamps/lighting: failure to have required lighting devices (inoperable/missing)	88
393.95A1	No/insufficient fire extinguisher	79
392.16-D	Failure to use seat belt while operating a CMV	76
393.205C-WRAWFLMIB	Wheels/rims: cracked, broken, or missing components	74
393.95F	Missing or improper warning devices (triangles/flares)	71
390.21TB1-MC	Operating a CMV without proper USDOT number/markings displayed	66
393.78A-WS	Windshield: obstruction or damage affecting driver visibility	63
392.2-SLL	Failure to obey state/local laws (general)	62
392.2-SLLSR	Failure to obey state/local laws - speed related	61
393.75C-TAOTD-LT2/32	Tires: tread depth less than 2/32 inch (unsafe)	60
393.60D	Glazing (windows): improper tinting or non-compliant material	58
393.78	Windshield: general violation (cracks, discoloration, etc.)	57
392.2-SLLMF	Failure to obey state/local laws - mobile phone use	55
393.9A-LTSI	Lamps/lighting: tail lamps or stop lamps inoperable	55
393.9A-LBL	Inoperable or defective lamp(s) (brake lamps)	48

A subset of inspections results in out-of-service (OOS) orders, where either the driver or vehicle is deemed unsafe to continue operating until the violation is corrected. OOS violations are particularly critical, as they represent immediate safety hazards. The graph below shows the number of inspections that resulted in out-of-service orders.



The inspections resulting in out-of-service orders accounted for **16.4% (134 of 816)** in FY2024, **20.9% (164 of 786)** in FY2025, and **16.2% (32 of 197)** in FY2026 Quarter 1.