

motorcycle, does not display a current valid certificate of inspection, the vehicle shall receive an inspection valid for 1 year from the month of inspection.

Although the inspection regulations permit an inspection sticker to be issued for not more than 15 months, an inspection sticker for a motor carrier vehicle may not be issued for a period exceeding 12 months. The Motor Carrier Safety Regulations require motor carrier vehicles to be inspected within a 12-month period. The 12-month period commences on the last day of the month the vehicle is inspected. Accordingly, when issuing an inspection sticker for a motor carrier vehicle, the inspection sticker should expire 12 months from the last day of the month the vehicle is inspected (e.g. if a motor carrier vehicle with a registered gross weight in excess of 17,000 lbs. is inspected in October 2018, the certificate of inspection affixed to the vehicle upon successful inspection is to have an expiration date of October 2019).

All other vehicles that are required to be inspected annually may be inspected three months prior to the current certificate of inspection set to expire and still be issued a certificate of inspection to expire in the same month for the following year (e.g. if current inspection certificate expires in December 2018, and vehicle is inspected in October 2018, certificate of inspection affixed will expire in December 2019).

Tires: Information regarding tire sidewall indentations and undulations are not currently contained in the inspection regulations. PennDOT is sending this as an informational item to stations and inspectors who may notice these on a sidewall of radial tires. Tire sidewall indentations and undulations occur through the manufacturing process of the tire and are not necessarily a defect in the tire. If an inspector has any questions regarding an indentation or undulation on a tire sidewall, please contact a tire specialist.

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