

Aerial Truck Compliance Checklist

SJ Vehicle Inspections | ANSI / OSHA focused checklist for vehicle-mounted aerial devices and bucket trucks

Use this as a practical field checklist for pre-start review, operator readiness, and ongoing inspection follow-up. It is especially useful for tree companies, fleet operators, and owners of aerial trucks used in demanding environments.

Area	Checkpoints
Pre-start inspection	Fluid leaks; tires and wheels; lower controls; upper controls; emergency controls; hoses; wiring; placards;
Control testing	Test lift controls before use and confirm they are in safe working condition.
Work area hazards	Ground stability; slopes; holes; traffic; overhead lines; obstructions; weather; wind; debris; safe outrigger
Operator readiness	Operator is trained, familiar with the machine, and using manufacturer instructions and safe work practice
Fall protection and loading	Tie-off practices match equipment and job requirements; load limits are not exceeded; basket use stays v
Travel / stow review	Boom is properly cradled; outriggers stowed; travel condition checked before moving the truck.
Periodic follow-up	Track wear, repairs, recurring issues, hydraulic concerns, structural damage, insulation concerns, and se
Tree-company focus	Look closely for branch strikes, hose abrasion, basket damage, contamination, rough-terrain setup issues

How SJ Vehicle Inspections Helps

We provide independent inspections, photo-documented condition reporting, and practical issue identification that can support a stronger equipment safety and compliance process.

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This checklist is a practical aid and should be used together with the applicable OSHA rules, the manufacturer instructions, and the current ANSI/SAIA A92.2 standard used by your organization.