

Container Inspection...

7-Point Container Inspection Process:

- Procedures must be in place to verify the physical integrity of the container structure prior to stuffing, to include the reliability of the locking mechanisms of the doors.
- A 7-point Container Inspection Process is recommended for all containers.

Inspect



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Container Inspection...

7-Point Container Inspection Process:

1. Outside/ Undercarriage (before entering facility)
2. Inside/ Outside doors
3. Right side
4. Left Side
5. Front Wall
6. Ceiling/Roof
7. Floor (Inside)



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7-Point Container Inspection

5. Front Wall

3. Right Side

6. Ceiling/ Roof

4. Left Side

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2. Inside/Outside Doors

7. Floor (Inside)

1. Outside/ Undercarriage



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7-Point Container Inspection...

1. Undercarriage:

- Inspect prior to entering facility
- Support beams should be visible



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Under

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2. Outside/Inside Doors:

- Secure and reliable locking mechanisms
- Look for different color bonding material
- Loose Bolts
- Plates and repairs



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Doors

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7-Point Container Inspection...

3 & 4. Right/Left Sides:

- Unusual repairs to structural beams.
- Repairs to the walls on the inside of the container must be visible on the outside.
- Use tool to tap side walls. Listen & feel for hollow sound!



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Sides

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5. Front wall:

- **Blocks and vents are visible.**
- **Use tool to tap front wall. Listen and feel for hollow sound!**
- **Range finder, measuring tape and/or string can be utilized to determine the length of container.**



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Wall

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6. Ceiling/ Roof:



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Ceiling

One row of vent holes visible.



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7. Floor:

- Floor should be a certain height from the ceiling
- Floor should be flat. Do not need to step up to get inside!
- Different floor heights
- Unusual repairs



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Floor

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17-Point Tractor & Trailer Inspection Process:

- Procedures should be in place to verify the physical integrity of the trailer structure prior to stuffing, to include the reliability of the locking mechanisms of the doors.
- Border crossing tractors & trailers should be inspected upon arrival at the domestic facility.
- A 17-point Tractor & Trailer Inspection Process is recommended for all trucks and trailers arriving from foreign.



Northern Border



Southern Border

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17-Point Tractor & Trailer Inspection

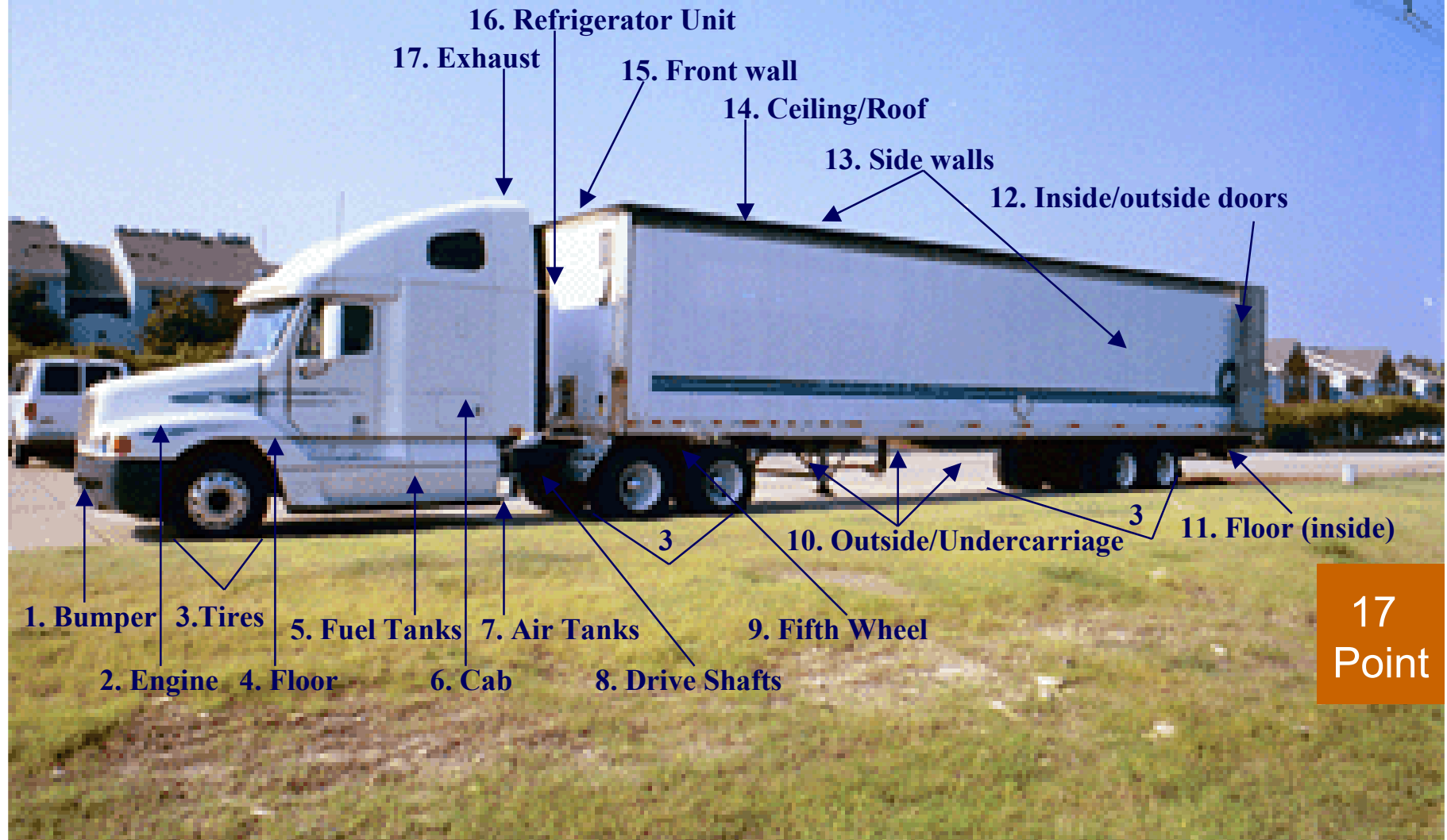
1. Bumper
2. Engine
3. Tires (truck & trailer)
4. Floor
5. Fuel Tanks
6. Cab/ Storage Compartments
7. Air Tanks
8. Drive Shafts
9. Fifth Wheel
10. Outside/ Undercarriage
11. Floor
12. Inside/ Outside Doors
13. Side Walls
14. Ceiling/ Roof
15. Front Wall
16. Refrigerated Unit
17. Exhaust



17-Point Tractor & Trailer Inspection

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17-Point Tractor & Trailer Inspection



Container Inspection...

Seal Verification and Inspection Process:

- After seal(s), container, tractor and trailer pass all inspections, the container/trailer doors can be opened. Seals should be kept for investigative purposes!



Verify

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Container Inspection...

Inspection of Cargo:

- A cursory inspection of cargo should be conducted when container/trailer doors are opened.
- If contraband is encountered, close container/trailer doors and contact a Supervisor. The Supervisor will contact the proper authorities and CBP.
- Overages or shortages of cargo should be documented and recorded. These records may be needed to conduct future investigations!



Verify

