

Seattle/King County Certificate of Safety



City of Seattle
Revenue and Consumer Protection Division/
Consumer Affairs Unit
805 South Dearborn Street
Seattle, WA 98134



King County
Records and Licensing Services Division
King County Administration Building, Suite 401
Seattle, WA 98104

Business Name _____ Vehicle Number _____

VIN _____ WA License Number _____

Year _____ Make _____ Model _____ Mileage _____

Facility Information

Approved Facility Name _____

Address _____ Phone _____

ASE Cert(s) _____ Expire _____

Inspection Checklist		Complies	
Start Time _____	Finish Time _____	No	Yes
A)	Adequate braking system, including emergency or auxiliary as per the manufacturer's allowable tolerance.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B)	Adequate suspension system to prevent excessive motion when the vehicle is in operation.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
C)	Adequate steering system as per the manufacturer's allowable tolerance.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
D)	Exhaust system that is free of leaks, defects, or tampering and that meets State of Washington emissions standards.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
E)	No fluid leaks, including but not limited to motor oils, antifreeze, transmission fluid, and brake fluid.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
F)	Air conditioning system free of CFC leaks, if vehicle has such a system.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
G)	No excessive noise.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
H)	Mechanically sound.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I)	Front end alignment.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
J)	Structural Analysis of Vehicle Frame (Rebuilt Vehicles)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
K)	Safety Systems Inspection (Airbags, Seatbelts, etc) (Rebuilt Vehicles)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

I hereby certify this taxicab was inspected at the above listed facility in accordance with King County Code, Section 6.64.360 and /or Seattle Municipal Code, Section 6.310.320E and all applicable regulations and was raised on a lift to conduct the above inspections.

ASE Technician's Signature _____ Date _____

Inspection Requirements for Vehicles Issued a For-Hire Vehicle License by the City of Seattle

“Approved Mechanic” means a mechanic on a list maintained by the Director. The list shall contain the name of each mechanic that has applied to the Director for inclusion and who: (1) has met all requirements of the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence, (2) has been awarded a Certificate in Evidence of Competence satisfactory to the Director, (3) does not own, lease or drive a taxicab or for-hire vehicle, and (4) has no financial interest, including any employment interest, in any taxicab association, taxicab or for-hire vehicle or in any company that owns or leases taxicabs or for-hire vehicles. [Seattle Municipal Code, Section 6.310.110C]

Vehicle Operating Requirements. No taxicab or for-hire vehicle licensed by the City may lawfully operate within the City of Seattle unless the following minimum requirements are met:

- E. An approved mechanic has issued a valid certificate of safety for the vehicle within the last license year. Attached to this certificate of safety must be a certification stating that the taxicab or for-hire vehicle has passed an emissions test conducted by an Authorized Emission Specialist who has been certified by the Washington Department of Ecology. [Seattle Municipal Code, Section 6.310.320E]

Certificate of Safety, Maintenance Records.

1. No for-hire vehicle license shall be renewed unless a Certificate of Safety has been issued by an approved mechanic during the previous six months. No change of equipment (replacement vehicle) shall be approved unless a Certificate of Safety has been issued by an approved mechanic during the previous thirty (30) days.
2. The Certificate of Safety shall certify that an inspection was performed of the mechanical condition of the vehicle using manufacturer specifications and it was found to be satisfactory for service as a taxicab. The inspection shall include the following systems:
 - a. braking system including emergency brakes,
 - b. suspension system,
 - c. steering system,
 - d. exhaust system,
 - e. lubrication and coolant systems (no fluid leaks), and
 - f. front end alignment.
3. Mechanics who sign a Certificate of Safety shall be approved by the Director. These mechanics must have been awarded certificates of competency by the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) in the following areas:
 - a. brakes,
 - b. engines,
 - c. steering, and
 - d. suspension systems, or
 - e. master mechanic.

Structural analysis and damage repair (if inspecting a “total wreck” vehicle for safety of the frame)

Approved mechanics, or the company they work for, may not own, lease or drive a taxicab or have any financial interest, including employment, in any taxicab association. [Director Rule R-6.310.320E]

Inspection Requirements for Vehicles Issued a For-Hire Vehicle License by King County

“Approved mechanic facility” means a garage or repair facility that employs mechanics who have successfully passed the examinations of, and meet the experience requirements prescribed by the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence. They have been awarded Certificates in Evidence of Competence satisfactory to the Director, and are Authorized Emission Specialists certified by the Washington Department of Ecology. None may be the owner, lessee, or driver of a taxicab, or for-hire vehicle or the employee of a taxicab or for-hire vehicle company, and none may have a financial interest in a taxicab or for-hire vehicle or taxicab or for-hire vehicle company. [King County Code, Section 6.64.010E]

Certificate of Safety. The certificate of safety required in King County Code 6.64.320 shall be performed by an approved mechanic facility as defined in this chapter. Such inspection shall ensure the mechanical and structural integrity of the vehicle and shall include:

- A. Adequate braking system including emergency or auxiliary as per the manufacturer’s allowable tolerance;
- B. Adequate suspension system to prevent excessive motion when the vehicle is in operation;
- C. Adequate steering system as per the manufacturer’s allowable tolerance;
- D. Exhaust system that is free of leaks, defects, or tampering and that meets State of Washington motor vehicle emissions standards;
- E. No fluid leaks, including but not limited to motor oil, antifreeze, transmissions fluid, and brake fluid;
- F. Air conditioning system free of CFC leaks, if the vehicle has such system;
- G. No excessive noise;
- H. Mechanically sound;
- I. Front end aligned. [King County Code, Section 6.64.360]

Inspection Requirements for Vehicles Declared “total wrecks”.

A vehicle that has been in a collision and determined by the insurance adjuster to be a “total wreck” shall not be repaired and placed back in service as a taxicab or for-hire vehicle until: 1. An approved ASE-certified technician with a current certification in “structural analysis and damage repair” has verified that there is no damage to the vehicle frame. [Director Rule R-6.310.320.E (5) and 2. An approved specialist in Air Bag and Seat Belt Installation and Repair has inspected the Safety System and verified it meets the manufacturer’s original specifications. Rule R-6.310.320.G (5) Note.