

8880.0900 VEHICLE REQUIREMENTS.

Subpart 1. **Operation.** A limousine operator must not cause or permit a limousine to be driven, and a driver must not drive a limousine on the public highway, when the vehicle is in a condition that is likely to cause an accident or a breakdown or is otherwise unsafe. The operator must follow the "Minnesota Vehicle Requirements for Special Transportation Services and Limousines" to determine whether a vehicle is in a condition that is likely to cause an accident or a breakdown or is otherwise unsafe. A limousine providing limousine service must be operated in compliance with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, chapter 169, and other laws governing the operation of motor vehicles and with the rules or ordinances of a political subdivision relating to routing, parking, speed, or the safety of operation of a motor vehicle.

Subp. 1a. **Incorporation by reference.** "Minnesota Vehicle Requirements for Special Transportation Services and Limousines," dated February 3, 2023, is incorporated by reference. The document is written and published by the Minnesota Department of Transportation. The document is not subject to frequent change and is available at the department's office, located at 395 John Ireland Boulevard, St. Paul, MN 55155, and on the department's website.

Subp. 2. **Equipment standards.** Limousines must comply with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, chapter 169, that apply to passenger automobiles.

Subp. 3. **Safety equipment.** A limousine providing limousine service must carry the following safety equipment:

A. a fire extinguisher that conforms to Code of Federal Regulations, title 49, section 393.95, paragraph (a), which is incorporated by reference;

B. a working cellular telephone or other means of two-way communication; and

C. three bidirectional, emergency, reflective triangles that conform to the requirements of federal motor vehicle safety standard 125, found in Code of Federal Regulations, title 49, section 571.125, which is incorporated by reference.

Subp. 4. **Maintenance.** The mechanical components of a limousine must be maintained according to the manufacturer's recommended maintenance schedule. A limousine's windows, lights, mirrors, and interior must be kept clean and in good repair.

Subp. 5. **Inspections.** A limousine operator must conduct, or cause to be conducted, the following safety inspections:

A. for each day a limousine operator uses a limousine, an inspection of the vehicle's:

(1) coolant level;

(2) lights, turn signals, and hazard flashers;

(3) tires;

(4) windshield wipers and washer fluid;

- (5) inside and outside mirrors;
 - (6) fuel level;
 - (7) horn; and
 - (8) safety equipment; and
- B. an annual inspection of a limousine's:
- (1) brake system, including master cylinder, shoes, linings, pads, drums or rotors, hoses, tubing, warning devices, and the parking brake mechanism;
 - (2) exhaust system, including exhaust manifolds, muffler, pipes, and catalytic converter;
 - (3) fuel system, including fuel pump or injector, tank, hoses, and tubing;
 - (4) steering mechanism, including steering wheel movement, steering column, front axle beam, gear box, power assist cylinder, ball and socket joints, tie rods, and steering arm;
 - (5) suspension, including springs, shock absorbers, and torsion bars; and
 - (6) frame members.

Subp. 6. **Inspection records.** A limousine operator must maintain a record of daily and annual inspections. The records must be kept on forms prescribed by the commissioner or on forms that contain the same information and must meet the requirements of part 8880.1000, subpart 4.

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