

## Meeting DOT inspection requirements

**T**he Department of Transportation (DOT) requires a monthly inspection of all cargo tank motor vehicles, also known as bobtails, in service.

Is your company meeting this critical requirement?

And if so, how efficient is your monthly meter creep test and discharge system inspection process? There are a few things you can do to make meeting your DOT requirement easier on your team.

### ► HIGH ERROR RATE IN OUR INDUSTRY

Recently, our propane safety experts found that the error rate for monthly meter creep tests and discharge system inspections can be as high as 100 percent.



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Inaccurate inspections not only put your company at risk for failure to meet DOT requirements but also put your employees at risk when they are out on the road.

Here's how you can make sure your company is completing monthly inspections with greater accuracy and efficiency:

- **Accurate and complete forms:** If you're still relying on paper forms, consider switching to a digital version. Digital inspection forms lower the likelihood of human error and save your office team the hassle of transcribing and filing them.



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- **Employee training and support:** Make sure your team has a clear understanding of the code requirements for conducting meter creep tests and discharge system inspections, whether they are new team members or longtime employees.

- **Clear documentation for your records:** Another benefit to digital inspection forms is the ability for electronic document storage. Instead of adding to your overflowing filing cabinets, digital inspection forms can be easily accessed by your office staff or management team.

Meter creep tests and discharge system inspections are a necessary part of monthly operations at your propane company. Make sure your team has the tools and skills to meet this important DOT requirement as accurately and efficiently as possible. **LPG**

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## ONLINE DRIVER TRAINING

**C**arriersEdge, a provider of online driver training for the trucking industry, offers a dashcam integration system that allows carriers to automatically assign and track required training based on dashcam-captured events and behaviors. Designed as an open system, functions work with camera systems from multiple providers.

The dashcam integration system enables carriers to create and assign personalized programs for each driver. Using a drop-down menu, administrators can create as many rules as needed, specify the type of driving behavior, and set trigger thresholds and periods.

The integration system allows for cascading levels of training intervention based on the number and frequency of driver events. Rules are customer configurable and can be changed at any time.

According to CarriersEdge, training assignments can combine classroom material, online courses, surveys or policy documents, allowing for flexible learning and progressive interventions that match behavior severity and frequency. Once drivers complete the assignments, details are mailed directly to administrators and managers, providing updates on training scores and completion status.

Dashcam integration is available now as part of a CarriersEdge subscription.

## FROM THE FIELD

Jeff Smith, a transport driver with Ferrellgas, emphasizes these safety tips for drivers in the propane business:

**“Always make sure you maintain your equipment. Pay attention to your tires, brakes, everything, and look at your fire extinguishers. Make sure they are charged and serviced regularly.”**

**“Don't ever get in a hurry. When you get in a hurry, you forget things. Nine times out of 10, when you get in a hurry, you're going to pay the piper and something's going to go wrong.”**