



Memorandum

To: Supervising Motor Vehicle Inspectors

CC: Bus Operators

From: Rusty Seastrum Chief Technician

Date: 3/26/2013

Re: Tire Pressure Monitoring Systems

Effective April 15, 2013, vehicles that are equipped or required to be equipped with a tire pressure monitor system are to be inspected for functionality of the system.

A system that is determined to be defective or non-functional as designed is to be identified with defect code **52.04 Other Unsafe Operational Problems** and assigned an "A" on the MC300 form and indicated to have a tire pressure monitoring system defect.

Vehicles built after September 1, 2008, which were factory equipped, shall not have the pressure monitoring system disabled. As inspections occur, the operator of a vehicle that may have disabled the system prior to April 15, 2013, is to be given 30 days to have the system properly enabled, until October 15, 2013. A system that has been disabled during the said time frame shall be identified as a 99.02 defect and CFR49 571.138 cited on the MC300 inspection form.

If tire pressure can be adjusted and a warning light extinguished then the system is not to be addressed on the MC300 inspection form.