



IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTICE

SUGGESTED INSPECTION & REPAIR PROCEDURES

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Dear Valued Customer,

RE: Chassis Impacted by Hurricane Katrina

As a service to our customers, the Flexi-Van Technical Department prepared the enclosed inspection procedures which we recommend you review and distribute in conjunction with the inspection and repair of container chassis impacted by Hurricane Katrina. These procedures specifically address water-related damage and are also posted on our website: www.Flexi-Van.com.

It is imperative that all chassis located in areas impacted by Katrina are inspected for flood damage prior to returning to service. Depending on the level and duration of submersion, it may be extremely dangerous to operate these chassis (e.g., water contamination may render the chassis brake system inoperable; hub contamination may cause axle seizure). Sea water is particularly corrosive to chassis component parts.

Please circulate this information to your in-house maintenance & repair personnel, repair vendors, container yards, trucking companies, storage facilities, consignees, and whoever else may have access to, or custody of, your chassis.

We are pleased to provide additional assistance upon request. Please direct questions to my attention at (908) 276 – 8000, Ext. 355 or via e-mail at MMerezio@Flexi-Van.com.

Very truly yours,

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INSPECTION PROCEDURE FOR FLEXI-VAN LEASING
CONTAINER CHASSIS
AFFECTED BY
HURRICANE KATRINA

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I. Scope:

The scope of this procedure is to provide the guidelines to inspect and assess damage to Flexi-Van owned chassis in the Gulf Region which were affected by Hurricane Katrina. This process and document pertain only to Flexi-Van Leasing equipment and personnel. It is not intended for use or distribution to any third party or persons without the expressed written permission of Flexi-Van Leasing, Inc. This process should in no way be deemed as an addition or alternative to any State or Federal inspection requirement such as FHWA, FMCSA, or other.

II. General:

1. All chassis are required to be thoroughly inspected, with the exception of item #7 below.
2. A record of each chassis inspection should be maintained, see the attached check list inspection form.
3. A mobile vehicle rigged with electrical tester, air compressor, and power washer may be necessary for those units unable to be moved to an inspection area or depot.
4. Always follow ALL standard Flexi-Van safety regulations during inspections.
5. If a chassis is located in such a position or a location that appears unsafe, do not inspect.
6. If a chassis appears to be a CV, indicate this on the inspection form and take a photograph for future reference.
7. Chassis in stacks should be given a visual inspection to the best of your ability without unstacking. If no signs of hurricane related damages are found it is not necessary to unstack each chassis. Unit numbers should be recorded for purpose of documentation. If visual damage is found, unstack and perform a full inspection.
8. Chassis which are carrying containers should be sidelined until the container can be removed and a safe inspection permits itself. If no sign of hurricane



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related damages are found perform a full inspection to the best of your ability without removing the container.

III. Inspection:

1. Visual - Visually check for damage from debris including frame damage, damaged / flat tires, sludge in brake drums & wheels, damaged / dirt covered markings, damaged lamps / lights / reflectors, and missing / illegible license plates / VIN plates and / or registrations. It may be possible to determine the level of flooding by a water mark on the equipment. This may establish a useful pattern of damage(s) as inspections develop. Some chassis may require power washing. Decals which are illegible or missing, including conspicuity tape, should be replaced.

2. Electrical - The electrical system should be checked for short circuits, damaged 7-way receptacles, damaged lamps, damaged lenses, and damaged reflectors. A mobile electrical testing unit can be made from a tractor 7-way coiled cable plug, a circuit box w/ 6 circuits (stop, right, left, marker, ground, and ABS – center pole), and a standard 12 DC automobile battery with a range of 9.5 – 14 volts.

3. Brake System ABS / Non ABS - If it is known that the water level had risen above the gladhands and / or the ECU or the service valve then a new brake system is required including gladhands, synflex airlines, rubber air hoses, air tanks, air valves, and brake chambers. If it is known that the water level was below this point then the brake system should not be contaminated but should be relieved of moisture which may have accumulated by charging the air system and opening the air tank petcock(s). Test the brake system for leaks with a minimum of 105 psi of air pressure and ensure proper brake application and release. Open and close the petcock again.

If water level was unknown, disconnect the synflex air lines from the compression fitting behind the gladhands and from the air valve and / or ECU valve and check for contamination. If questionable, cut the synflex at a low point in the line using a synflex cutter and re-check. If not contaminated re-attach the air lines with 2 union compression fittings 62-NTA-6 for 3/8" line or -8 for 1/2" line. When re-attaching the synflex to the gladhand and air valve a new compression insert



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For chassis with ABS systems visual inspections of the ECU, sensor cables, tone ring, wheel sensors, sensor block, sensor extension, and sensor clips are necessary. ABS units should be tested for standard operation through the blink code warning lamp or diagnostic tool (if available). If details of this test are required please contact Flexi-Van's Technical Services Department.

4. Running Gear - Check for damage to the axles, suspension hangers, leaf springs, brake chambers, push rods, slack adjustors, yoke assemblies, presence of cotter pins and clevis pins, cam shafts, cam housings, and brake spiders. Grease as needed to cam bushings and slack adjustors as in a standard PM check. Apply standard PM procedures as needed during re-assembly.

5. Wheel Ends - Wheels should be checked for water infiltration in the cavity. If visual inspection reveals damaged hubcaps, gaskets, or leaking seals, then the hub is contaminated. Chassis which were known to be in severe flood zones should have all units checked by removing the hubcaps. Units that are contaminated should have the wheels pulled and remove all bearing lubrication and bearings. Thoroughly clean the bearings, hub cavity, and axle spindle. Inspect for rust, pitting, oxidation, etc.... If no sign of permanent contamination (rust, pitting, oxidation, etc...) then reinstall the original bearings and hubcaps with new gaskets and new wheel seals. If original bearings cannot be reused, then install new bearings with NEW cups.

As stated in part #1, all chassis brake drums and shoes should be inspected for sludge, rust, and damage. Power washing may be necessary. Light surface rust or oxidation inside the brake drum should be eliminated once the tire rotation generates sufficient friction between the brake shoes and drum. Drums with heavy build up should be removed and cleaned. If heavy rust or pitting is noticed, that does not eliminate with friction, replace the drum.

Current non-asbestos brake linings generally do not absorb moisture or water. Given that the water dilution or contamination level is unknown, brake shoes



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should be spot checked during a hub inspection. If partial discoloration is noticed, replace the shoes. Shoes and linings should be checked for lining separation from the shoe.

6. Frame - Check for damage to twistlocks, lockpins, and keepers. Check for damage to all parts of the main frame, including bolsters, container guide, kingpin, and upper coupler assembly. Check operation of sliding suspensions and sliding main frames. Check for damage to stop blocks, linkage assemblies, and slider pads or rollers. Check all boxed sections for pooled water/sludge. Check for corrosion and / or paint damage.

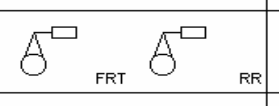
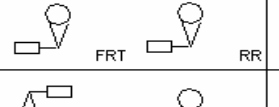
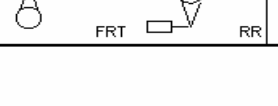
DAMAGE INSPECTION FORM

HURRICANE RESPONSE

No. _____

UNIT NUMBER	
CHASSIS TYPE	20' FB 20' SLD 40'GN Other _____
LICENSE PLATE	
VIN NUMBER	
CHASSIS MAKE / YEAR	
DATE:	

DEPOT / CY NAME:										
LOCATION WITHIN YARD: circle one	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr> <td>NW</td> <td>N</td> <td>NE</td> </tr> <tr> <td>W</td> <td>← C →</td> <td>E</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SW</td> <td>S</td> <td>SE</td> </tr> </table>	NW	N	NE	W	← C →	E	SW	S	SE
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Casualty Loss:	yes _____ no _____									
Stacked Chassis:	yes _____ no _____ # in Stack: _____									

TIRES		PASS	FAIL
L/S	<input type="checkbox"/> FRONT OUTER :		
	<input type="checkbox"/> FRONT INNER :		
	<input type="checkbox"/> REAR OUTER :		
	<input type="checkbox"/> REAR INNER :		
R/S	<input type="checkbox"/> FRONT OUTER :		
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	<input type="checkbox"/> REAR OUTER :		
	<input type="checkbox"/> REAR INNER :		
Markings			
Decals	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Conspicuity	<input type="checkbox"/>		
FHWA	<input type="checkbox"/>		
BRAKES and RUNNING GEAR			
Slack Adjuster	<input type="checkbox"/> Automatic : <input type="checkbox"/> Manual :		
Brake Shoes	<input type="checkbox"/> Right Front : OK Clean Out <input type="checkbox"/> Left Front : OK Clean Out <input type="checkbox"/> Right Rear : OK Clean Out <input type="checkbox"/> Left Rear : OK Clean Out		
Wheel Seal	<input type="checkbox"/> Oil : RF LF <input type="checkbox"/> Grease : RR LR		
Bearing Lubrication	<input type="checkbox"/> Grease : <input type="checkbox"/> Oil :		
Hub Cap	<input type="checkbox"/> Grease Type : RF LF <input type="checkbox"/> Oil Type : RR LR		
Wheel & Drum	<input type="checkbox"/> 5-Spoke : <input type="checkbox"/> Disc :		
Rim	<input type="checkbox"/> Tube Type : RFO RFI LFO LFI <input type="checkbox"/> Tubeless : RRO RRI LRO LRI		
Rim Spacer	<input type="checkbox"/> Channel Type : RF LF <input type="checkbox"/> Corrugated Type : RR LR		
Valve Stem and Cap	<input type="checkbox"/> Need Steel () Plastic () <input type="checkbox"/> No Need		
Suspension Hangers	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Leaf Springs	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Bearings	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Air Tanks	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Air Valves	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Slack Adjusters and Brake Chambers	<input type="checkbox"/> 		
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FRAME, TWISTLOCK, LOCK PIN, REGISTRATION		PASS	FAIL
Registration	Illegible _____ missing _____		
License Plate	Illegible _____ missing _____		
Front Lock Pins & Keeper	RH LH :		
Front Twist Locks & Keeper	RH LH :		
Rear Twist Locks & Keeper	RH LH :		
Locking Pin - Slider	RH LH :		
Linkage or Slider Frame			
King Pin Assy			
Main Rails and Crossmen			
Front Bolster			
Rear Bolster			
ELECTRICAL			
ABS	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes : <input type="checkbox"/> No :		
Wire Harness	<input type="checkbox"/> Main Harness <input type="checkbox"/> Rear Harness <input type="checkbox"/> Outriggers		
7-Way Recepticle	<input type="checkbox"/> : <input type="checkbox"/> :		
Grommets	<input type="checkbox"/> Marker light : Other: <input type="checkbox"/> Tail light : <input type="checkbox"/> Crossmember :		
Lights	<input type="checkbox"/> Front Marker : Operation / Lense <input type="checkbox"/> Side Marker : Operation / Lense <input type="checkbox"/> Rear Side Marker : Operation / Lense <input type="checkbox"/> Stop / Tail : Operation / Lense <input type="checkbox"/> Rear Marker : Operation / Lense <input type="checkbox"/> License Plate : Operation / Lense		
LANDING GEAR			
Landing Gear	<input type="checkbox"/> Drive leg : <input type="checkbox"/> Idle leg :		
Mount Bracket	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Cross Channel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> :		
Shoe	<input type="checkbox"/> 10" x 10" Low Profile Sand Shoe <input type="checkbox"/> 10" x 10" High Profile Sand Shoe <input type="checkbox"/> 10" Cushion Shoe <input type="checkbox"/> Other:		
Axle	<input type="checkbox"/> Tube <input type="checkbox"/> Solid		
Wheel / Sandshoe	<input type="checkbox"/> Need <input type="checkbox"/> No Need		
Handle	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>		
Support	<input type="checkbox"/> Skirt <input type="checkbox"/> Pipe Brace		

INSPECTOR _____ DATE _____

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