

Buying a full maintenance lease return truck can be a smart investment if you know what to look for. Use this checklist to evaluate the truck, verify the records, and protect your budget.

1) Documentation

- Full maintenance history (oil changes, inspections, major repairs)
- Repair invoices and any warranty records
- Title and VIN verification
- Odometer and mileage documentation
- OEM service campaigns or recalls addressed

2) Inspection

- Review third party inspection report
- Frame and undercarriage: check for rust, scaling, and prior repairs
- Tires, brakes, suspension: measure remaining life and even wear
- Electrical systems: lights, sensors, aftertreatment components
- Fluids: look for leaks, contamination, and proper levels
- Cab and sleeper condition: seats, dash, HVAC, controls
- Body and paint: note cosmetic wear consistent with age and use

3) Performance (Test Drive)

- Cold start quality and idle stability
- Acceleration under load and throttle response
- Transmission shift quality (manual or automatic)

- Steering feel, tracking, and braking performance
- No unusual noises, vibrations, smoke, or warning lights

4) Refurbishment and Added Value

- What refurbishment has been completed by the seller
- Proactive replacements (batteries, brakes, belts, hoses, sensors)
- Cosmetic reconditioning (paint touch up, cab interior fixes)
- Any remaining items recommended by the inspection report

5) Questions to Ask the Seller

- Was this truck operated by one company or multiple drivers
- What work has been done since the truck was returned
- Any known issues that may arise in the next 12 months
- What warranty or guarantee is included (parts, labor, duration)
- Can I see the full inspection report and service history documents

Final Notes

A full maintenance lease return offers predictable records and lower risk than many used options. Verify the paperwork, review the inspection, and confirm any refurbishment so you can put the truck to work with confidence.