

How to test electric trailer brakes during a stationary vehicle inspection

Question:

How can you prove that electric brakes are working when a vehicle won't apply brakes during a stationary vehicle inspection?

Answer:

If you have a proportional mode electric brake controller, you may have difficulty proving the trailer brakes work from the foot brake during a stationary vehicle inspection. This is because a stationary vehicle is not decelerating and most proportional brake controllers will not be applying any power to the trailer brakes. If you have a REDARC Tow-Pro Elite, you can simply change it to "User Controlled" mode for the test then switch it back to "Proportional Mode" when the test is completed.