**Section § 396.3: Inspection, repair and maintenance.**

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## Guidance Q&A

**Question 5: Where must vehicle inspection and maintenance records be retained if a vehicle is not housed or maintained at a single location?**

**Guidance:** The motor carrier may retain the records at a location of its choice. If the vehicle maintenance records are retained at a location apart from the vehicle, the motor carrier is not relieved of its responsibility for ensuring that the records are current and factual. In all cases, however, upon request of the FMCSA the maintenance records must be made available within a reasonable period of time (2 working days).