Buyers Guide for Trailer Testers

Trailer inspections are being monitored more and more for proficiency to avoid falling behind on PM schedules and annual inspections. In fact, a poorly run trailer shop can be one of the largest contributors to hidden costs a fleet or service provider can have. If you are looking to update existing equipment such as rudimentary home-made testers without a remote control or pursuing ways to maximize your shop’s inspection output and timing, IPA® manufactures an industry-leading, professional-grade trailer tester for every type of need. Ranging from $200 to $5000, it is important to identify which features best suit your shop’s needs to ensure the maximum return on investment (ROI).

The Ultimate Shop-Based, Complete Trailer Inspection System
For fleets who are seeking to maximize a shop’s output and increase profit, the Alpha MUTT® with ABS (#5700A) integrates all the areas of trailer inspection into one system that helps to limit human error and wasted time. It provides unparalleled control and diagnostic information over a trailer’s various systems using a wireless tablet. The #5700A includes customizable digital inspections that reduce paperwork and data entry while unifying inspections across the board. The ABS diagnostics read and clear codes, display diagnostic troubleshooting information, access ECU data and have no lag time when reading ABS with IPA®’s custom diagnostic software. For service providers who want professional reports, this software exports a complete inspection which can be shared directly with other departments or customers.

Specialized Service-Truck Models with All the Bells and Whistles
These bring many of the Alpha MUTT®’s features directly to a service truck with the #5705A and #5705. They are smaller, less portable (do not feature cart) and include extended cabling options such as Bluetooth range, cable and hose extenders.

Budget-Friendly, Super Durable Diagnostics for Lights and Air Brakes
For shops looking for a slightly smaller, remote-controlled unit that’s still rugged enough to get the job done, the Super MUTT® quickly troubleshoots lighting and air brake systems on commercial trailers and is ideal for on/off-site testing and repairs (#9008-SE Base Model /#9008-DL PRO Edition / #9005A Service-Truck Model). It features audible and visual alerts, advanced trailer wiring diagnostics, access to ABS blink codes and performs leak-down tests on service and emergency lines.

For Remote, Light Diagnostics Only
The Smart MUTT® is a mobile, remote-controlled, diagnostic trailer tester for commercial trailer lighting systems (#9007A Base Model / #9007M PRO Edition). The #9004A Base Model / #9004M PRO Edition test light-duty trailer lights and electric brakes. The Pulsar® mode makes trailer testing a one-man operation and allows you to test all trailer electrical systems in a fraction of time.

Ultra-Portable, Low Cost, Analog
The Ranger MUTT® is a portable, water-resistant trailer tester for lights and electric brakes on Utility/RV trailers (#9101 Light Ranger) or commercial trailers (#9102 Heavy Ranger). They feature short circuit protection, turn signal simulation and power verification LEDs.

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