FRED Score

MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY REPORT

RICK'S TOWING COMPANY

DBA RICKS TOWING & TRANSPORT

USDOT 139708 · MC 411917 · Grimes, IA · Authorized For-Hire

Marginal

30.0 / 100 FRED Score

Moderate confidence · 52 yrs history · 17 roadside inspections

Prepared	November 7, 2026
Grade scored on	Sep 1, 2023 → Sep 30, 2026
FMCSA record shown	Nov 2024 – Jul 2026
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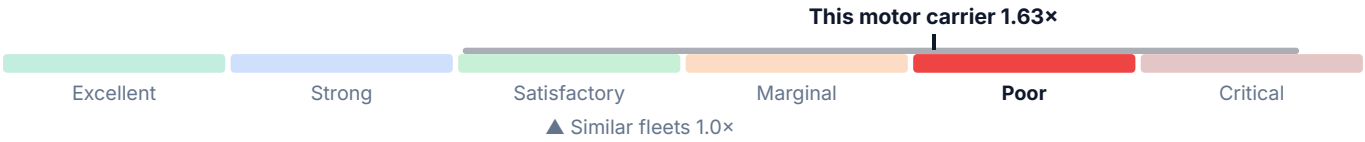
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Summary

Expected crash rate is probably higher than similar fleets (about an 80% chance), but the record is too thin to say by how much.

Similar fleets: interstate fleets of 20–49 trucks with the same kind of operation, years in business and amount of road activity. Compared using its own crash record and roadside inspections.



Leaning Poor. Its estimate (1.63× similar fleets) is in the Poor range, but the record isn't strong enough to be 60% sure it is above the Poor line (1.57×), so the grade stays Marginal.

1.0 vs 0.6
expected crashes in the next 12 months, vs 0.6 for similar fleets
Likely 0–3 crashes

~3%
chance of a fatal crash in the next 12 months
About 1.6× similar fleets.

1.63×
crash rate relative to similar fleets
80% likely 0.76×–2.64×

What's driving the grade

Crash history
better worse
Leans worse, not yet proven. 3 crashes on the FMCSA record in 24 months (about 1.5 a year), including 1 with injuries; similar fleets have about 0.6 a year. The grade counts 4 crashes in its 36-month scoring window, recent ones weighted most.

Roadside inspections
better worse
Worse than peers. Unsafe-driving and hours-of-service violations 1.38× and out-of-service orders 1.29× the rate expected for its inspections. Together they move its crash estimate +7%.

FMCSA status today

live check · Nov 7, 2026, 10:49 PM CT

Operating authority	Operating authority active
Insurance / authorization	Liability $1M on file (req. $750K)
Out of service	Not out of service
Safety rating	Satisfactory (rated 2012-11-02)

Worth a closer look

From the FMCSA record. The grade already counts the safety items; insurance filings and links to other motor carriers are not in it.

Injury crashes
1 crash with 3 people hurt in 24 months.
Ask: claim status and driver history for these crashes.

Vehicle out-of-service rate
54.5% of vehicle inspections end out of service vs 22.3% nationally (6 of 11). Across all its inspections, out-of-service orders run 1.29× what's expected for where and how it's inspected.

Strengths

- Driver out-of-service rate 0.0% vs 6.7% national.
- No FMCSA BASIC alerts.

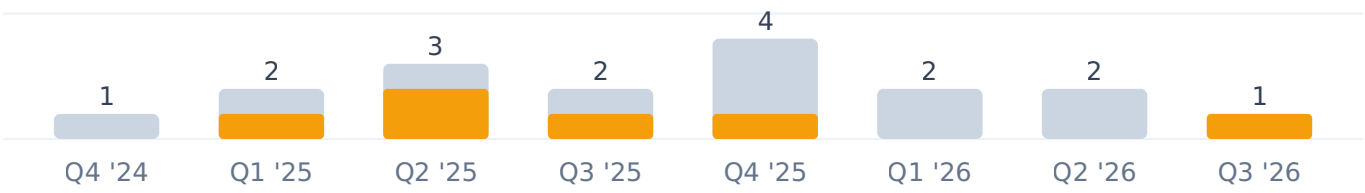
Roadside and crash record

FMCSA record Nov 2024 – Jul 2026 · grade scored on Sep 1, 2023 → Sep 30, 2026

3	17	54.5%	0.0%	18
Crashes	**Inspections**	**Vehicle out-of-service**	**Driver out-of-service**	**Violations**
0 fatalities · 3 injuries · 0 tow-aways	59% clean (no violations)	6 of 11 National avg 22.3%	0 of 17 National avg 6.7%	7 out-of-service

Inspected about as often as interstate fleets of 20–49 trucks in Iowa (about 25 in 24 months would be typical).

Inspections per quarter



Compared with 737 peer fleets

YEARLY RATE	PER POWER UNIT	PEERS	PER 100K MILES	PEERS
Crashes	0.075	0.027	0.208	0.109
Inspections	0.53	0.78	1.46	2.90
Violations	0.45	0.46	1.25	1.73
Critical violations	0.12	0.10	0.35	0.35

Yearly rates from the last 24 months. Peers: interstate fleets, 20–49 power units, high-risk cargo.

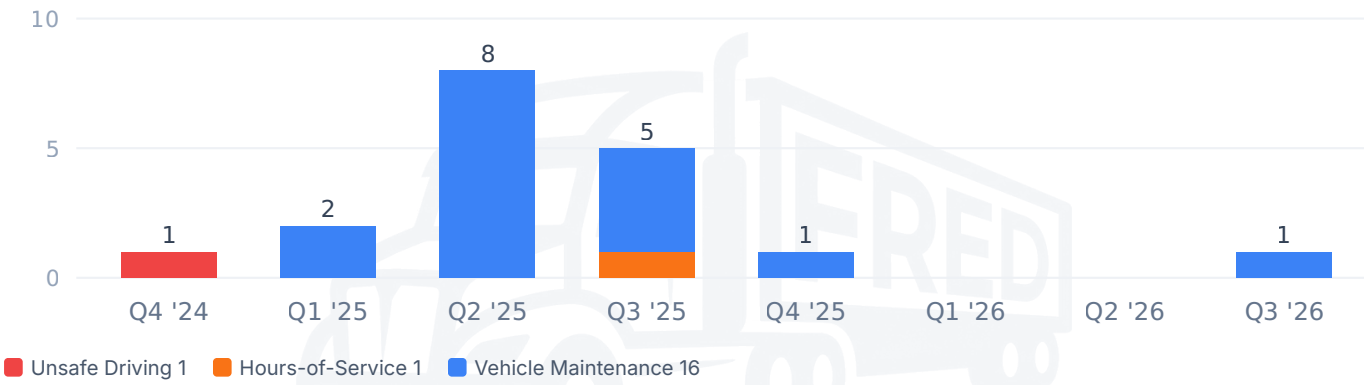
Violations

18 in 24 months

CATEGORY	TOTAL	OUT OF SERVICE	MOST COMMON
Vehicle maintenance No alert	**16**	7	Lights 5 · Brakes 4 · Tires 4 · Cargo securement 1 · Wheels & hubs 1 · 1 more
Unsafe driving No alert	**1**	0	Other 1
Hours of service No alert	**1**	0	Logbook / ELD paperwork 1
Driver fitness No alert	**0**	—	—
Drugs & alcohol No alert	**0**	—	—

Out-of-service share of each category. “No alert” = under FMCSA's BASIC intervention threshold.

Violations by quarter



Crashes

24 months

3 crashes · 1 injury

DATE	STATE	SEVERITY	CONDITIONS
Jul 28, 2026	Iowa	Property damage only	Daylight, two-way trafficway divided unprotected median. Citation issued.
Feb 17, 2026	Iowa	Property damage only	Daylight, two-way trafficway divided unprotected median. Citation issued.
Jan 14, 2026	Indiana	Injury · 3 people hurt	Snow road, daylight, snow.

Insurance filed with FMCSA

FMCSA record through May 14, 2026 · no change recorded by FMCSA since

Today · live FMCSA check

Liability (BIPD)	**$1M on file · req. $750K**
Cargo	**not required · $5K on file**
Bond	**not required**

On FMCSA's filing record

Last on FMCSA's record (May 14, 2026)

$1,000,000 · PIONEER SPECIALTY INSURANCE COMPANY

on record since Oct 22, 2020 · FMCSA minimum $750,000 · no gap on FMCSA's record since Jan 2000

A cancellation notice effective Jul 20, 2026 was on file at May 14, 2026; whether it took effect is not in FMCSA's frozen record — see the live check.

Cargo filing

on file · PIONEER SPECIALTY INSURANCE COMPANY since Oct 17, 2016

36 months to May 14, 2026

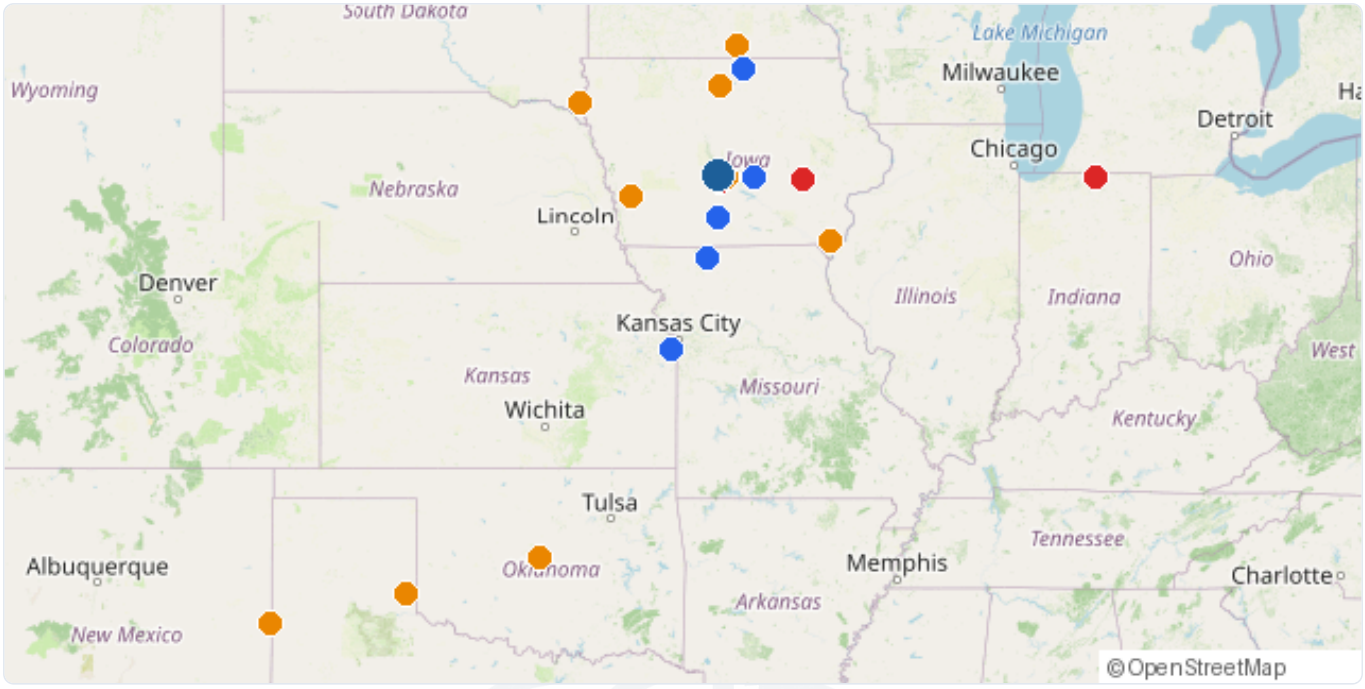
- One liability insurer throughout
- No gap in filed liability coverage while liability was required

Operating authority active (FMCSA's L&I record of May 14, 2026, status since Oct 4, 2016)

FMCSA filings only, not a policy audit. Not part of the FRED grade.

Where it operates

roadside inspections and crashes, 24 months



Inspections by state

Iowa (HQ)	10
Kansas	2
Minnesota	1
Missouri	1
New Mexico	1
Oklahoma	1
South Dakota	1

Fleet, registration and cargo

Fleet and equipment

Power units	**20** all owned
Drivers · CDL	**12 · 12**
Annual miles	**720k** ~36k per unit

TYPE	OWN	TERM	TRIP	TOTAL
Trucks	11	0	0	**11**
Tractors	9	0	0	**9**
Trailers	10	0	0	**10**

Registration

Organization	**CORPORATION**
FMCSA rating	**Satisfactory** (11-02-2012) · 14 yrs old
Registered	**06-01-1974** (52 yrs)
MCS-150 update	**04-03-2026** (Biennial Update)
FRED Score date	**Nov 07, 2026**
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Cargo risk 73.0 · high

Motor Vehicles | Drive/Tow Away | Machinery/Large Objects | General Freight | Other: VEHICLES

High-risk cargo: Motor Vehicles, Drive/Tow Away, Machinery Large, General Freight

"General Freight" is a catch-all; the actual cargo mix and its risk may differ.

Estimated from the commodity types reported to FMCSA, not from loss history or the true cargo mix.

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