

Pull out your current owner-operator (bobtail and non-trucking) policy and check the box next to each feature you can confirm it includes — anything unchecked is worth a quick conversation with your advisor.

STANDARD

OFTEN LIMITED

IF NEEDED

— Standard: should be included · Often limited: frequently sublimited, excluded, or optional · If needed: depends on your operations

POLICY FEATURE	WHAT TO CONFIRM	PRIORITY
☐ Non-Trucking Liability	Covers the tractor when used off dispatch, such as personal errands.	STANDARD
☐ Bobtail Liability	Covers driving without a trailer — confirm whether it applies under dispatch on this form.	OFTEN LIMITED
☐ Coverage Aligned with the Lease	Confirm the lease's definition of 'under dispatch' matches the policy's.	STANDARD
☐ Physical Damage with Lienholder Listed	Covers damage to the tractor — lenders usually require it.	OFTEN LIMITED
☐ Occupational Accident	Covers the owner-operator's own injuries — owner-operators usually aren't under the carrier's workers' comp.	OFTEN LIMITED
☐ Trailer Interchange	Covers damage to a trailer owned by others while in the owner-operator's control.	IF NEEDED

COMMON GAP IN THIS COVERAGE

The most commonly missed gap in this coverage is the handoff between policies. Non-trucking liability generally stops when the tractor is under dispatch, where the motor carrier's policy takes over — and the lease, the carrier's policy, and the owner-operator's policy may define those moments differently. Owner-operators should compare all three and carry occupational accident coverage for their own injuries.

IMPORTANT — PLEASE READ

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