Power Only Program and Broker Setup Checklist

What power only programs and brokers ask for before your first trailer · fill the [fields] as you go

SETUP PACKET

What two programs list on their own public pages (checked November 2026)

Prime Inc. (Power Only / Power Fleet)	Motor carrier authority, DOT number, auto liability, cargo liability, non-owned trailer interchange insurance. A brokerage agreement and a trailer interchange agreement. No limits listed on the page.
J.B. Hunt (Power Capacity Solutions)	Federal minimum auto liability ($750,000) and brokers may set higher minimums. Cargo varies. Trailer interchange may be required on trailers you do not own. Verification of active authority, insurance, identity and ownership, safety and compliance. Power only has its own requirements and onboarding.

Programs are named only when their own public page states carrier requirements for power only work. We list what the page says on the check date, nothing more. No ranking, and we are not affiliated with either company. Requirements change: get the current packet from the program before you sign.

1. Authority and company

- ☐ Active operating authority. MC # `[MC number]`, USDOT # `[USDOT number]`. Authority granted on `[date]`.
- ☐ Authority age the program asks for: `[months]` (write what the packet says; requirements differ by program).
- ☐ W-9 with the exact legal name on the authority: `[legal name]`.
- ☐ Remit-to address and payment contact: `[address, email]`.
- ☐ Owner and dispatch contacts the program can call: `[name, phone]`.

2. Insurance on the certificate (COI)

- ☐ Auto liability: at least the federal minimum of $750,000 (49 CFR 387.9). Limit the program asks for: `[amount]`.
- ☐ Cargo: limit the program asks for: `[amount]`.
- ☐ Trailer interchange or non-owned trailer physical damage. Limit the program asks for: `[amount]`. Value of the most expensive trailer you expect to pull: `[amount]`.
- ☐ Ask your agent in writing: does my primary auto liability cover the tractor while bobtailing under dispatch? Answer: `[yes / no, policy wording]`.
- ☐ Any non-trucking liability (NTL) or bobtail policy on file: is it worded for use not under dispatch only? Programs read the wording on the COI. `[policy wording]`
- ☐ Certificate holder, additional insured or loss payee exactly as the program's packet words it: `[wording]`.
- ☐ Agent name, email and phone for COI requests, so the program can get a new certificate fast: `[agent contact]`.

3. Agreements

- ☐ Broker-carrier agreement (or program agreement) read and signed: `[date]`.
- ☐ Trailer interchange agreement read and signed: `[date]`. Who pays for trailer damage, tires and lights? `[answer]`.
- ☐ Interchange agreement describes the equipment, the interchange points, use and compensation (49 CFR 376.31(a) for interchange between authorized carriers).
- ☐ Intermodal chassis or containers: UIIA participation, if the program needs it: `[yes / no]`.

4. Safety and compliance

- ☐ FMCSA safety rating: `[Satisfactory / Conditional / Unsatisfactory / Unrated]` (49 CFR 385.3).
- ☐ Recent roadside inspections and out-of-service history reviewed before the program reviews it: `[notes]`.
- ☐ Drug and alcohol consortium enrollment on file: `[consortium name]`.
- ☐ Driver list with CDL numbers and medical card dates, if the program asks: `[attached]`.

5. ELD and tracking

- ☐ ELD provider and account the program can see, or the exception you operate under: `[provider / exception]` (49 CFR 395.8(a)(1)).
- ☐ Short-haul drivers (150 air-miles, 14 hours): time records kept for 6 months (49 CFR 395.1(e)(1)).
- ☐ Tracking app the program requires installed and tested: `[app name]`.

6. Tractor and coupling equipment

- ☐ Tractor year, make, VIN, plate and state: `[details]`.
- ☐ Fifth wheel height and slider, gladhands, 7-way, air lines in good shape. Program equipment rules read: `[notes]`.
- ☐ Reefer preloads: can you add reefer fuel on the road? `[yes / no]`. Flatbed preloads: chains, binders and straps on board? `[yes / no]`.
- ☐ Yard credentials or gate apps the program uses, set up before the first load: `[list]`.

Setup Tracker

One line per program or broker · what you sent, what you signed, who approved you

Program or broker	Packet sent	COI sent	Agreement signed	Interchange signed	Approved	Contact and notes

Sources

49 CFR 387.9 (checked 2026-11-02): https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-49/subtitle-B/chapter-III/subchapter-B/part-387/subpart-A/section-387.9

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