

CDL VEHICLE INSPECTION TEST GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

The time is [state the time]. You have 90 minutes to complete the Vehicle Inspection.

Using the Vehicle Inspection Checklist provided in Section 11 of the CDL Drivers Manual, please demonstrate that you know how to conduct a vehicle inspection of all vehicle safety critical items, as you would normally do for any vehicle you are about to operate. You are to conduct the vehicle inspection as outlined in the CDL Drivers Manual.

You are only required to inspect the items on the CDL Vehicle Inspection Checklist. You may use the checklist for your test and may check off items as you have completed them, but NO additional markings or writing may be placed on this list prior to starting the test.

As you do your inspection, you **MUST** name each item, touch, or point to the item or items you are inspecting, and fully explain what you are inspecting each safety critical item for. If you do not do so, you will not get credit.

You will primarily inspect one side of the vehicle, if there are any items that are unique to one side of the vehicle, please inspect those items as well. During the "Lights Operations Check" inspect the operation of ALL lights on the vehicle.

[TRUCK: When exiting the vehicle during the test, you must set your parking brake(s) and place the vehicle in neutral. When entering and exiting the vehicle, safely enter and exit by facing the vehicle and maintaining three points of contact at all times.]

[BUS: When entering/exiting the bus, safely enter and exit by facing forward and maintaining a firm grasp on the handrail.]

You will begin your test with the In-Vehicle/Engine Start procedures.

Do you have any questions?

CDL ROAD TEST GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

During this Road test, you will demonstrate your ability to operate a commercial vehicle in most road situations using the techniques described in the CDL Drivers Manual. During the Road test, continue straight ahead unless otherwise directed. I will give you directions as far in advance as possible. If you do not understand my directions, do not hesitate to ask for clarification. I will not ask you to do anything that is unsafe or illegal. You are responsible for the safe operation of this vehicle at all times. During the test I will be making marks on the test form, this does not necessarily mean that you have done something wrong. Do you have any questions?

If using simulated activities: Also, at some point during the test I will point out a landmark and ask you to describe the techniques that you would use for crossing railroad tracks or performing a school student discharge.

Railroad Crossing: Imagine that the (*point of reference*) ahead is a railroad crossing on a four-lane road. When you reach this point, describe and demonstrate the procedures that you would use to cross railroad tracks on a four-lane road (Standard or Passenger). Do you have any questions?


Simulated Student Discharge: Imagine that the (*point of reference*) ahead is a bus stop. Describe and demonstrate the procedures that you would use for discharging school students. Do you have any questions?

Stop/Start: When it is safe to do so, pull your vehicle over to the right side of the road, stop your vehicle, and secure it as though you were going to get out and check something on the rear of the vehicle.

MODERNIZED CDL BASIC CONTROL SKILLS TEST GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

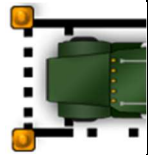
The time is **[state the time]**. You have 45 minutes to complete the Basic Control Skills Test. For the Basic Control Skills test, you will demonstrate your ability to maneuver a commercial vehicle around other objects as described in Section 12 of the CDL Drivers Manual. You will receive points for changing direction to gain a better position, crossing over or touching boundary lines or cones and for your final position. You may be permitted to exit the vehicle to check around the vehicle during backing exercises. When exiting or entering the vehicle, you must set your parking brake, place the vehicle in neutral, and safely exit/enter while maintaining three points of contact at all times.

If you open the door, move from a seated position when in physical control of the vehicle, (or on a bus, walk to the back to get a better view), you will be scored for a look.


You must complete the exercise as directed. If you see me raise my hand (like this ) **[and I blow the whistle]**, stop and return your vehicle within the exercise boundary lines. I will give you specific instructions for each exercise prior to performing them. If you would like me to walk you through the course at any point, please let me know. Do you have any questions?

Exercise 1 – Forward Stop

You will demonstrate your ability to judge the front of your vehicle during a controlled stop. Drive forward through the alley and stop with the front most part of the vehicle in the box without going past the front of the alley (**POINT to the front part of the vehicle that will be scored**). You may stop only once. When you have stopped, set your parking brake, shift to neutral and sound the horn. Do you have any questions?



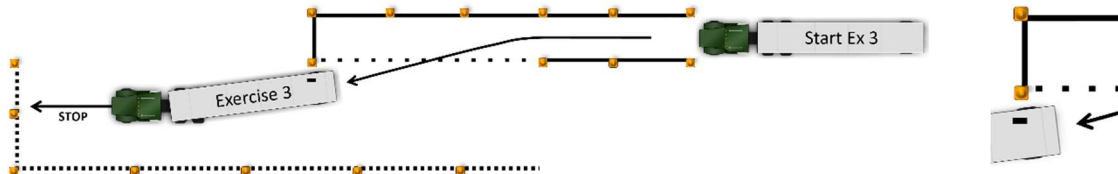
Exercise 2 – Straight-line Backing

You will demonstrate your ability to back a vehicle in a straight line. Pull forward and stop when I raise my hand (like this ). Then back straight through the alley until the front of your vehicle has cleared the last set of cones at the far end of the alley. You are allowed 1 free pull-up and may safely exit the vehicle only 1 time to check around the vehicle. Set your parking brake, shift to neutral and sound your horn when you have completed the exercise. Do you have any questions?



Exercise 3 – Forward Offset Tracking

You will demonstrate your ability to maneuver a vehicle around other objects while moving forward. Drive forward and steer to the left through the opening into the opposite lane, keeping the right most rear tire between the cone and the line **without stopping**. You are NOT allowed to back-up and are NOT permitted to exit the vehicle during this exercise. Stop your vehicle when you are parallel to the outer boundary, prior to or at the cones at the far end of the exercise. When you have stopped, set your parking brake, shift to neutral and sound the horn. Do you have any questions?



Exercise 4 – Reverse Offset Backing

You will demonstrate your ability to offset back and park a vehicle at the end of an alley. Starting parallel with the outer boundary, offset back into the alley, bringing the rear most part of your vehicle within 3 feet of the rear of the alley. Stop with the rear most part of the vehicle in the box (**POINT to the rear part of the vehicle that will be scored**). Your vehicle must be within all boundary lines when completed. You may not go beyond the outer boundary line (point to boundary line). If you back beyond the rear boundary of the alley, you will be required to pull straight forward past the alley entrance prior to resuming the exercise. You are allowed 2 free pull-ups and may exit the vehicle a maximum of 2 times to check around the vehicle during this exercise. Set your parking brake, shift to neutral and sound your horn when you have completed the exercise. Do you have any questions?

