

# **CDL CLASS A SKILLS TEST**

**POINT OF VIEW VERSION OF ALL THE SKILLS NARATED**

- 1. FORWARD STOP**
- 2. STRAIGHT LINE BACKING**
- 3. FORWARD OFFSET TRACKING**
- 4. REVERSE OFFSET TRACKING**

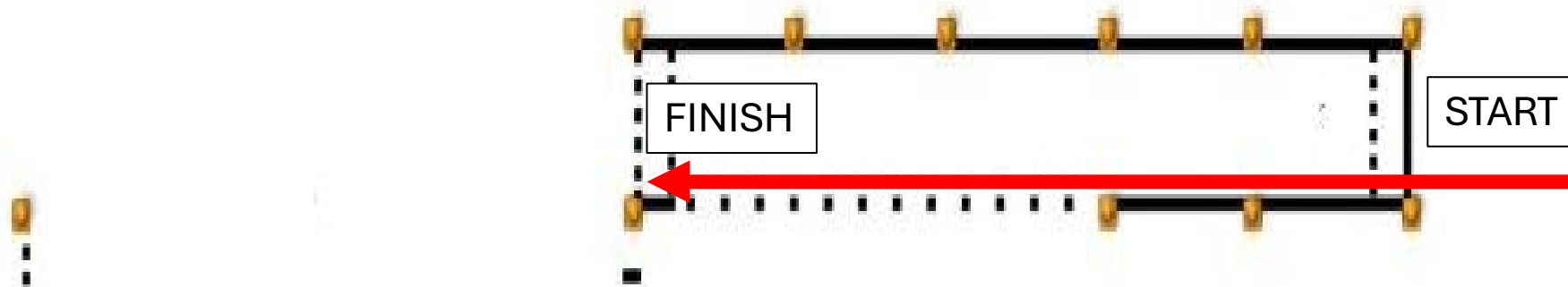


**MODERNIZED CDL BASIC CONTROL SKILLS TEST GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS** The time is \_\_\_\_\_. You have 45 minutes to complete the Basic Control Skills Test. For the Basic Control Skills Test, you will demonstrate your ability to maneuver a commercial vehicle around other objects as described in Section 12M of the CDL Driver's 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 brakes, place vehicle in neutral, and safely exit/enter while always maintaining three points of contact. If you open the door, move from a seated position when in physical control of the vehicle, you will be scored for a look. You must complete the exercise as directed. If you see me raise my hand, stop and return your vehicle within the exercise boundary lines. I will give you specific instructions for each exercise prior to performing them. Do you have any questions?

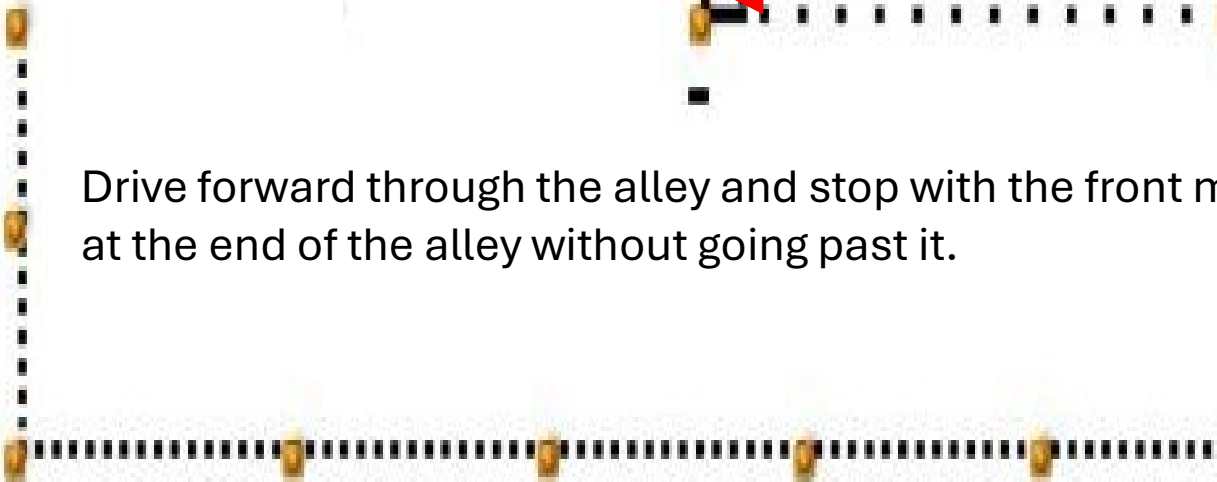


# Exercise #1

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 within the box at the end of the alley without going past it.





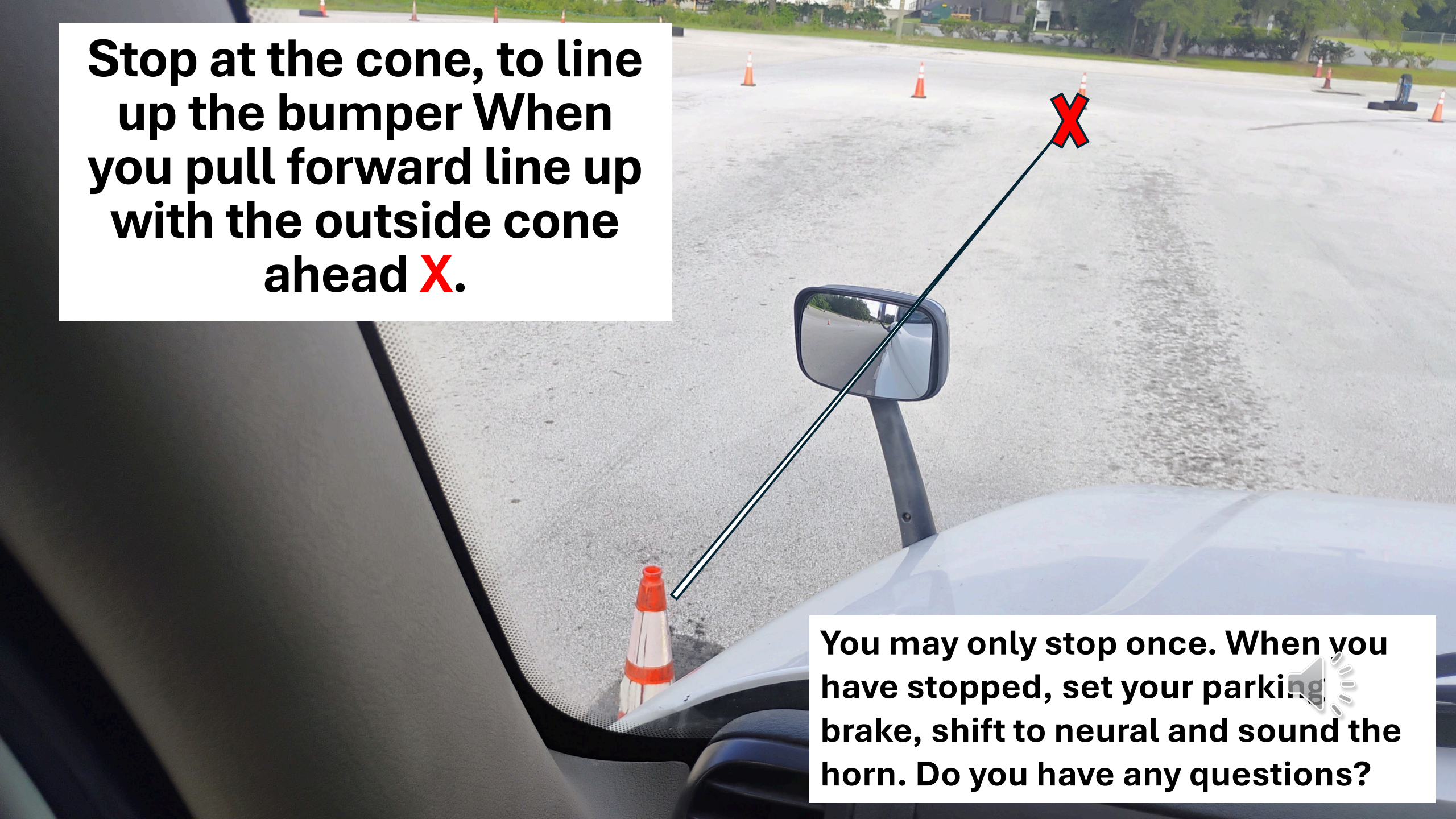
**START AT THE BEGINNING OF THE ALLEY.**





**Stop at the cone, to line up the bumper. When you pull forward line up with the outside cone ahead X.**

**You may only stop once. When you have stopped, set your parking brake, shift to neutral and sound the horn. Do you have any questions?**





**FINISH AT THE END  
WITH TRACTORS  
FRONT BUMPER IN  
THE BOX.**

**Left Side**

**Right Side**



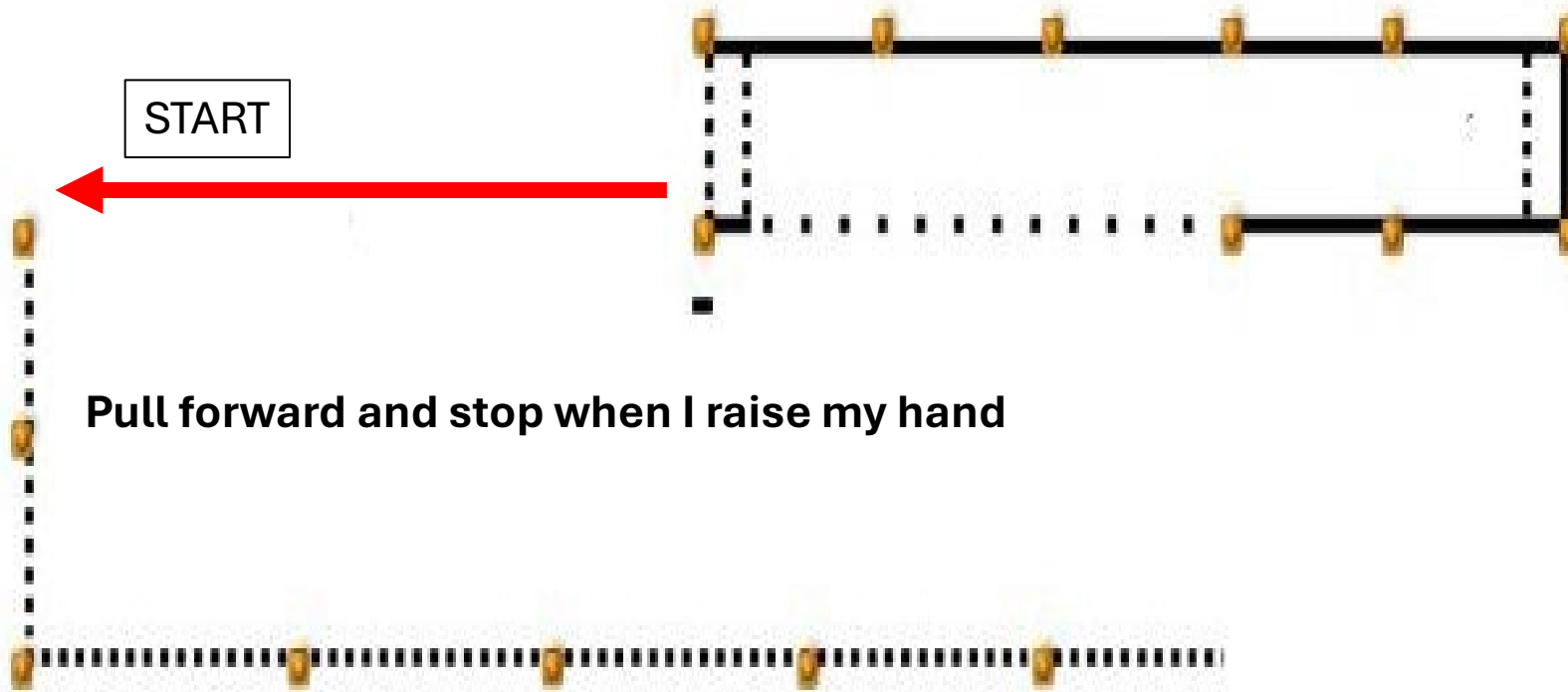


**You may only stop once. When you have stopped, set your parking brake, shift to neutral and sound the horn. Do you have any questions?**



# Exercise #2

Straight-Line Backing You will demonstrate your ability to back a vehicle in a straight line.



You are allowed one (1) free pull-up and may safely exit the vehicle only one (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?

**Pull forward until you clear the alley, keep the vehicle straight by lining up the front left side of your vehicle with the last right most cone up ahead, the examiner will raise his hands when he wants you to stop.**







**PULL FORWARD UNTIL YOU  
CLEAR THE CONES**

**As your coming out of the alley  
pull up past the cones and stop,  
try to be as straight as possible  
in your left mirror.**

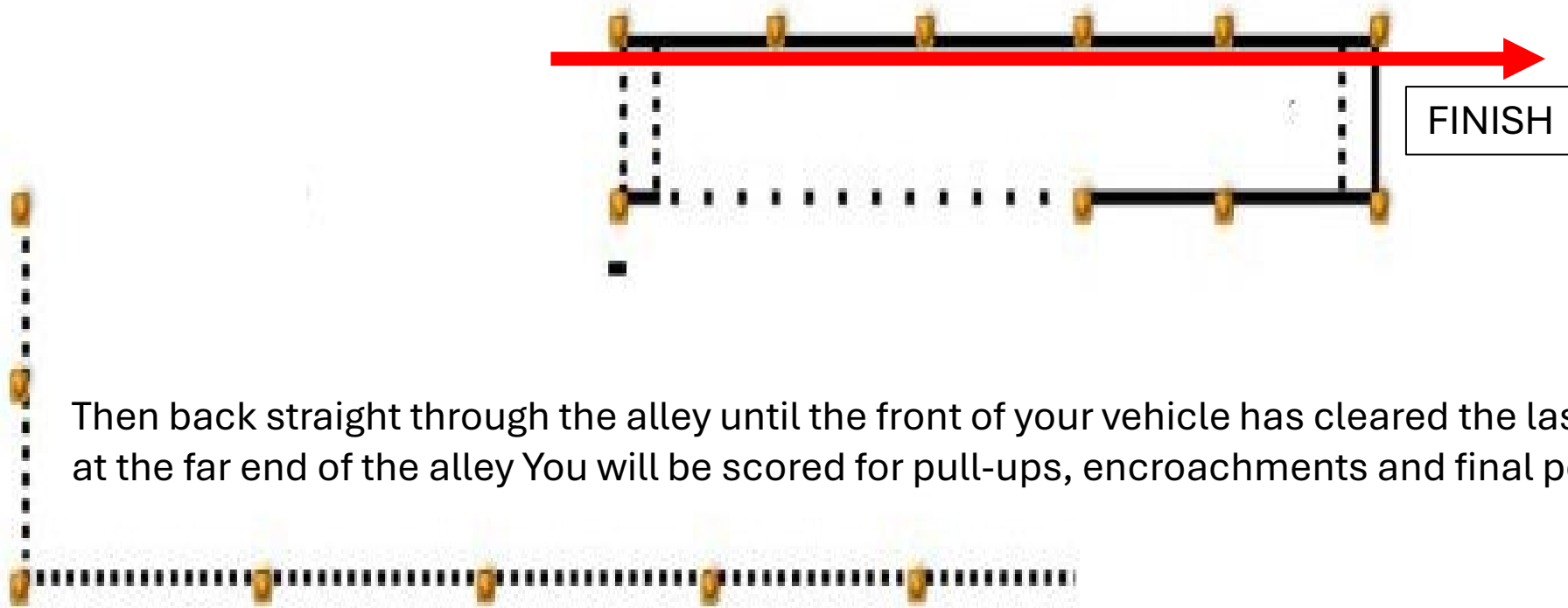
**Left Side POV**





# Exercise #2

Straight-Line Backing You will demonstrate your ability to back a vehicle in a straight line.



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 will be scored for pull-ups, encroachments and final position.



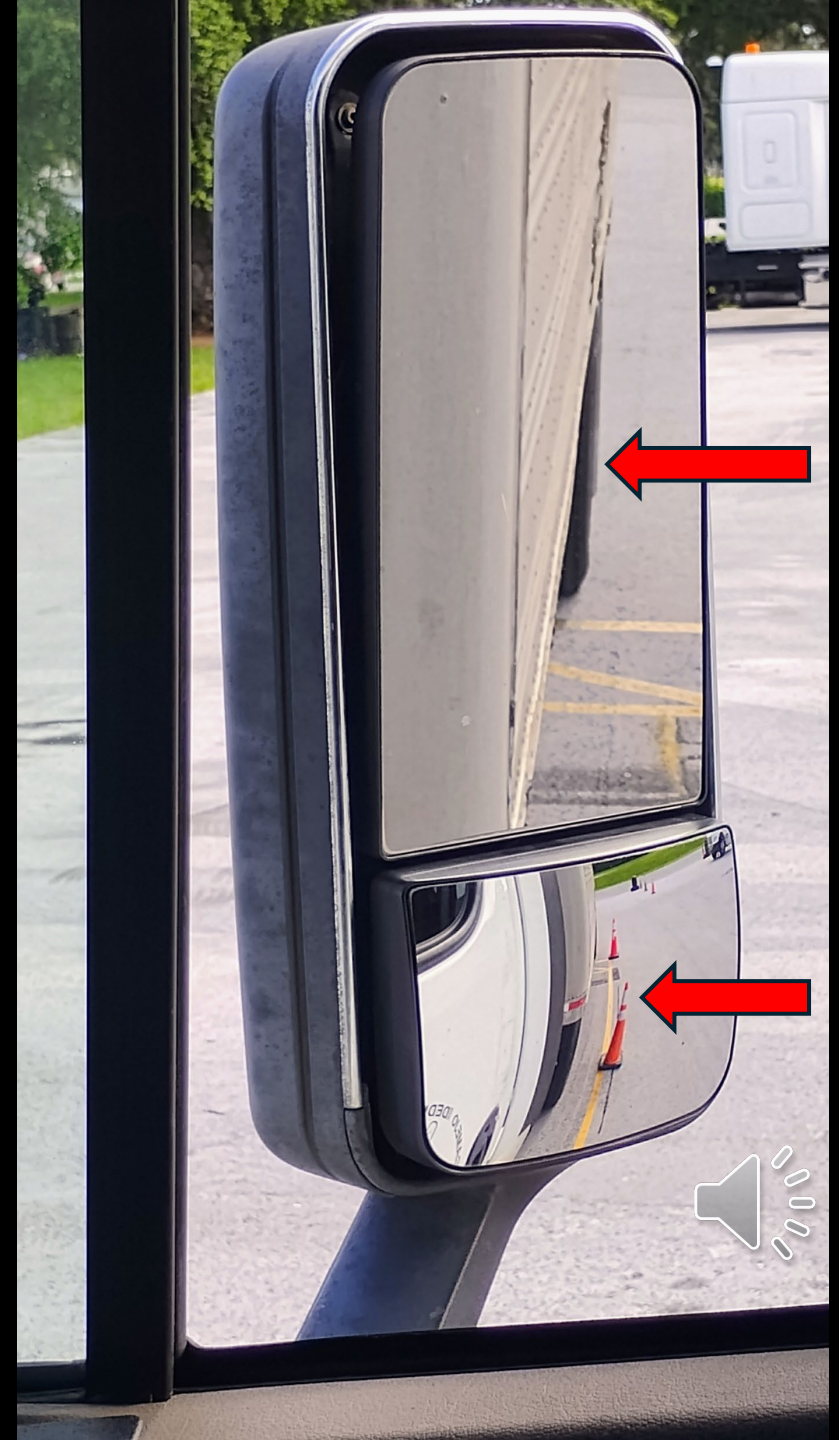
You are allowed one (1) free pull-up and may safely exit the vehicle only one (1) time to check around the vehicle. Set your parking brake, shift to neutral and sound your horn when you have completed the exercise. Do you have any questions?

**Check your mirrors often and if the trailer moves, move with it. The steering should be towards the problem, slow counter steers. Less trailer tire you see in the mirrors the straighter you are. Keep the corners behind the tractor drive tires and the drive tires underneath the trailer.**



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**Right Side POV**





**STRAIGHT BACK UNTIL YOU CLEAR THE LAST SET OF CONES WITH YOUR FRONT BUMPER.**



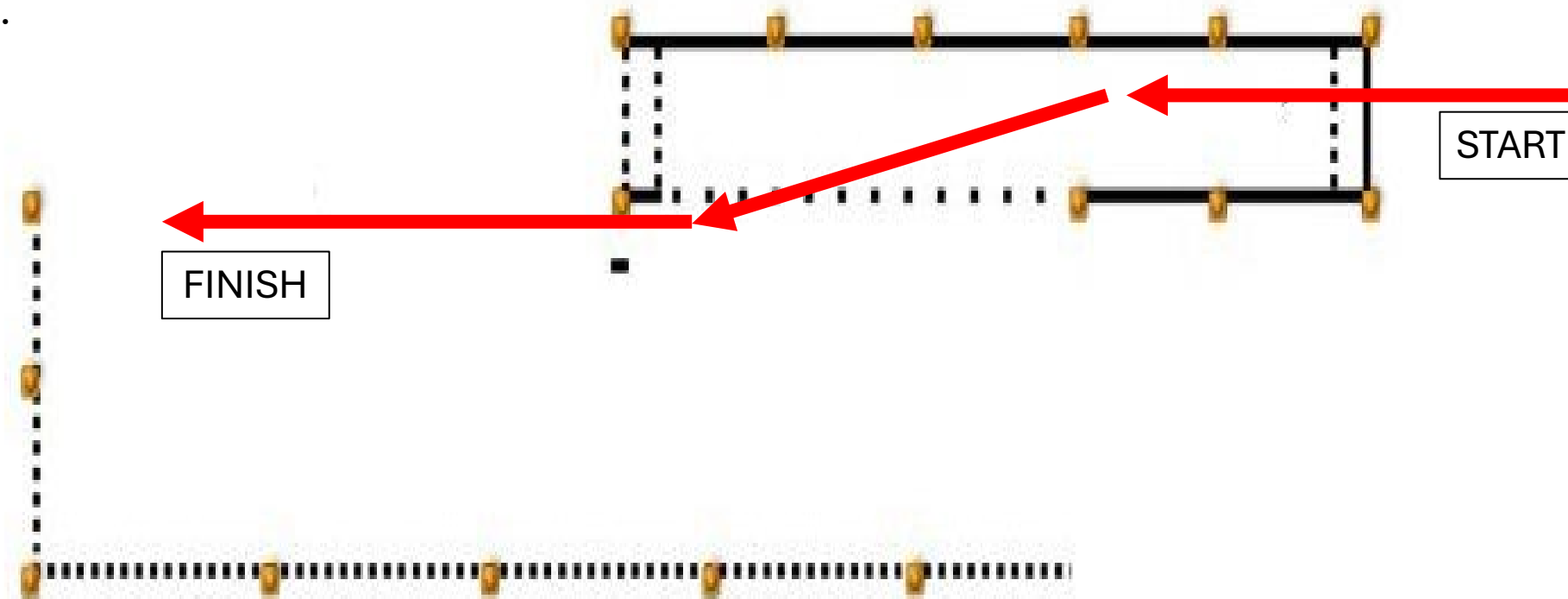




Then back straight through the alley until the front of your vehicle has cleared the last set of cones at the far end of the alley. You will be scored for pull-ups, encroachments and final position.

# 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. There are NO free back-ups, and you are NOT permitted to exit the vehicle during this exercise





**PULL FORWARD AND EXIT THROUGH THE OPENING  
TO THE LEFT**





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. There are NO free back-ups, and you are NOT permitted to exit the vehicle during this exercise





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**Right Side POV**





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**Right Side POV**





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**As you pull out and get straight in your mirrors, check your right mirror and line up with the outside cone.**





Stop your vehicle when you are parallel to the outer boundary, prior to or at the cones at the far end of the exercise. Then, set your parking brake, shift to neutral and sound your horn. Do you have any questions?

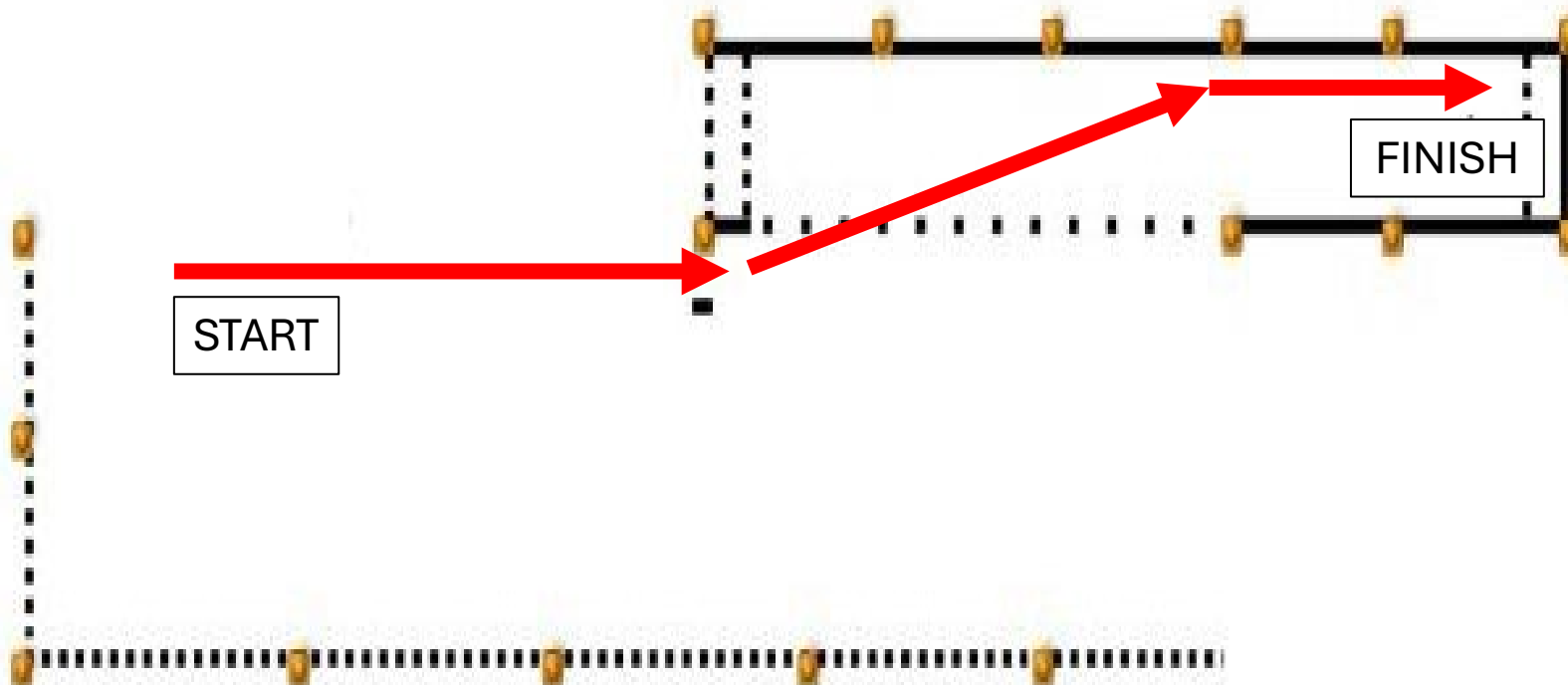
**Right Side POV**





# 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 (other than unique vehicle parts higher than the door mirrors, such as a bucket truck) within three (3) feet of the rear of the alley. Stop with the rear most part of the vehicle (other than unique vehicle parts) in the three (3) foot box at the end of the alley.

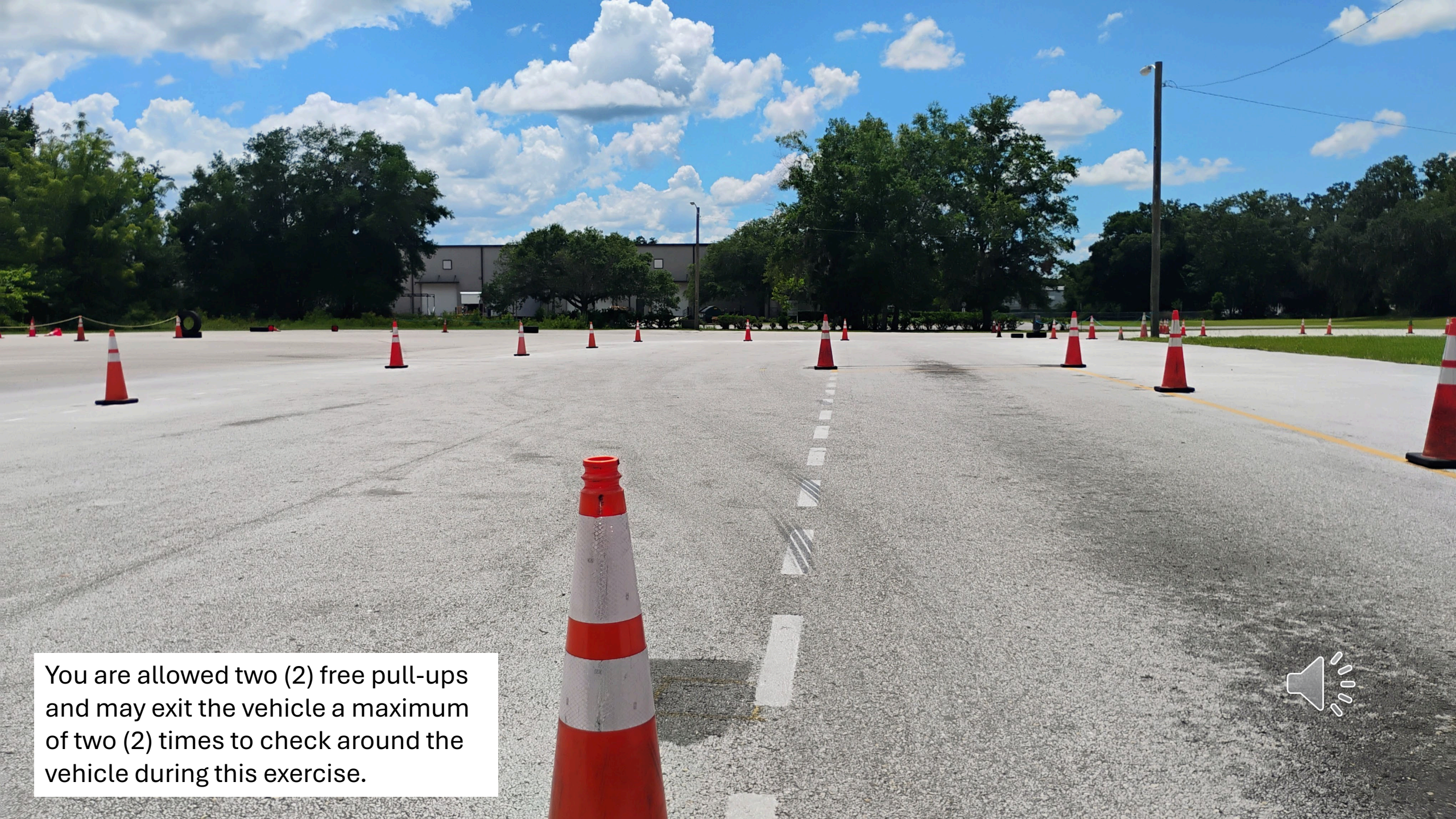


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**Right Side POV**







You are allowed two (2) free pull-ups and may exit the vehicle a maximum of two (2) times to check around the vehicle during this exercise.





As you start backing up begin to turn the steering all the way, left to swing the trailer to the right, when you see the landing gear stop. Turn the steering all the way right. As the truck swings around stop when you are straight in your mirrors.

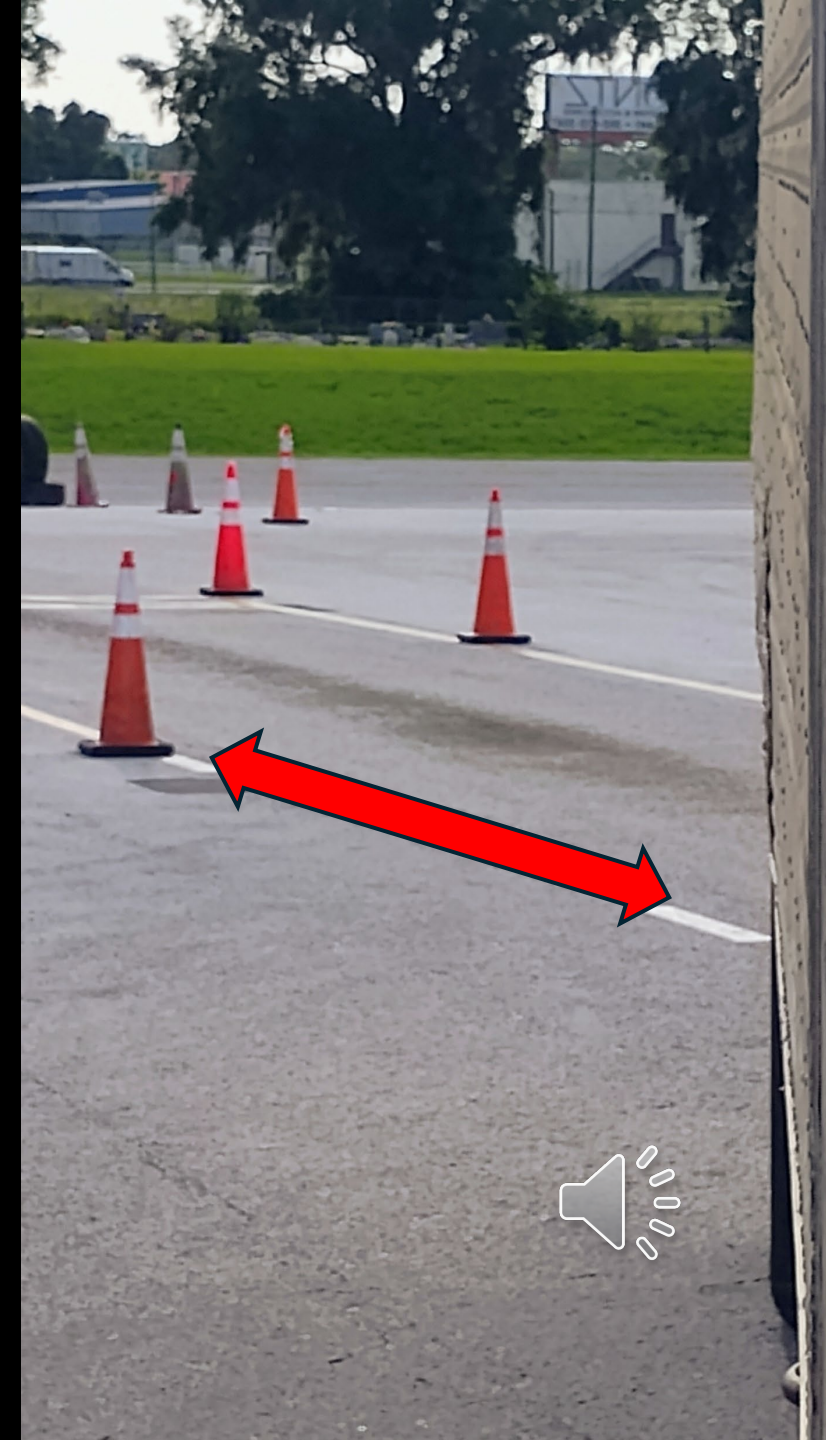
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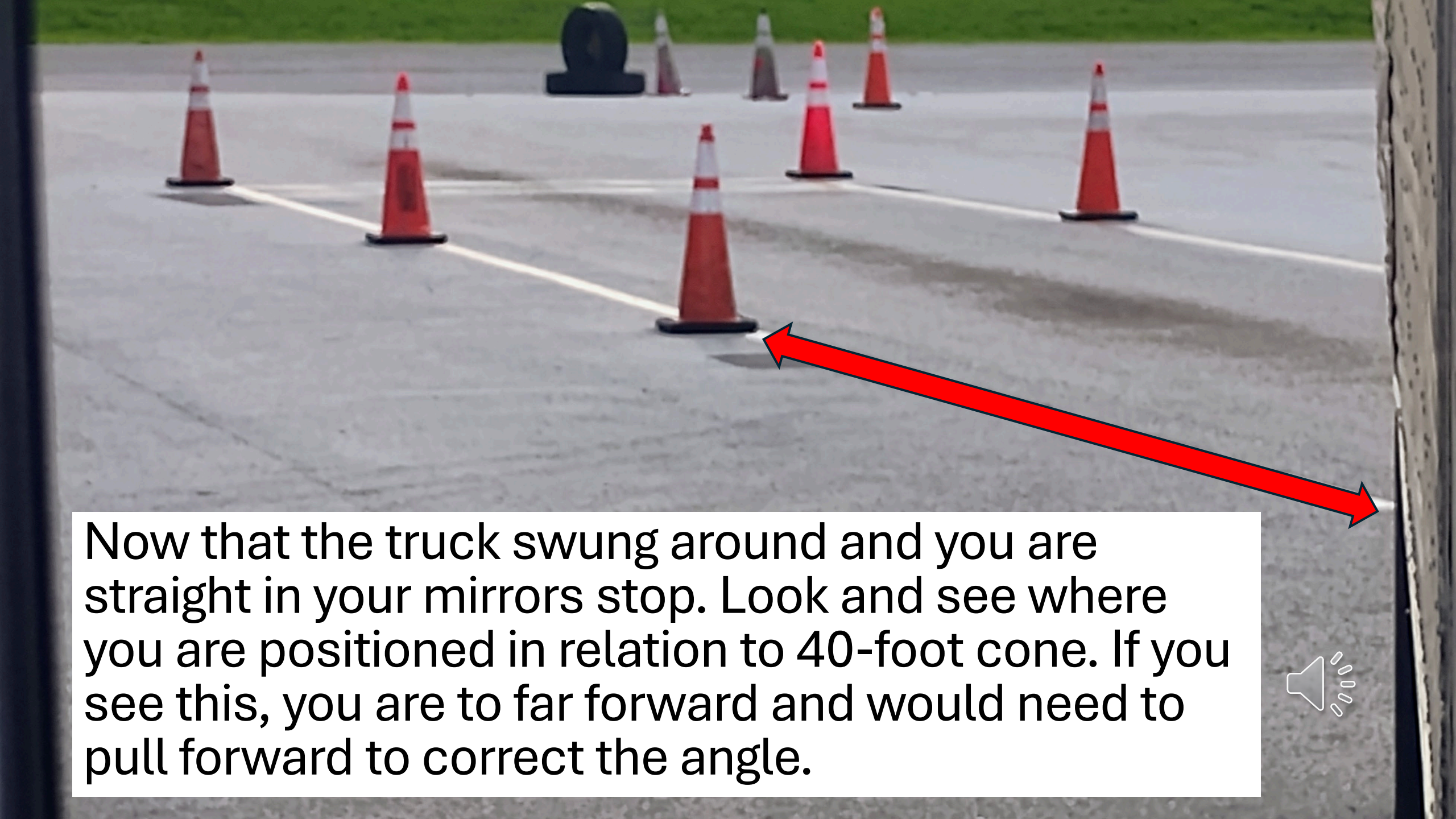




Now that the truck swung around and you are straight in your mirrors stop. Look and see where you are positioned in relation to 40-foot cone.

**Left Side POV**





Now that the truck swung around and you are straight in your mirrors stop. Look and see where you are positioned in relation to 40-foot cone. If you see this, you are too far forward and would need to pull forward to correct the angle.







Pull forward to correct the angle by aiming at the second cone of the outside boundary. You will aim the front left part of your vehicle as if you are trying to run the cone over with the trailer tires.



Now that you pulled forward to correct the angle by aiming at the second cone, as you get into position get straight in your mirrors and line up with the 40-foot cone.





Start backing up and stay as straight as you can, while at the same time you aim just ahead of the 40-foot cone.

**Left Side POV**





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**Left Side POV**





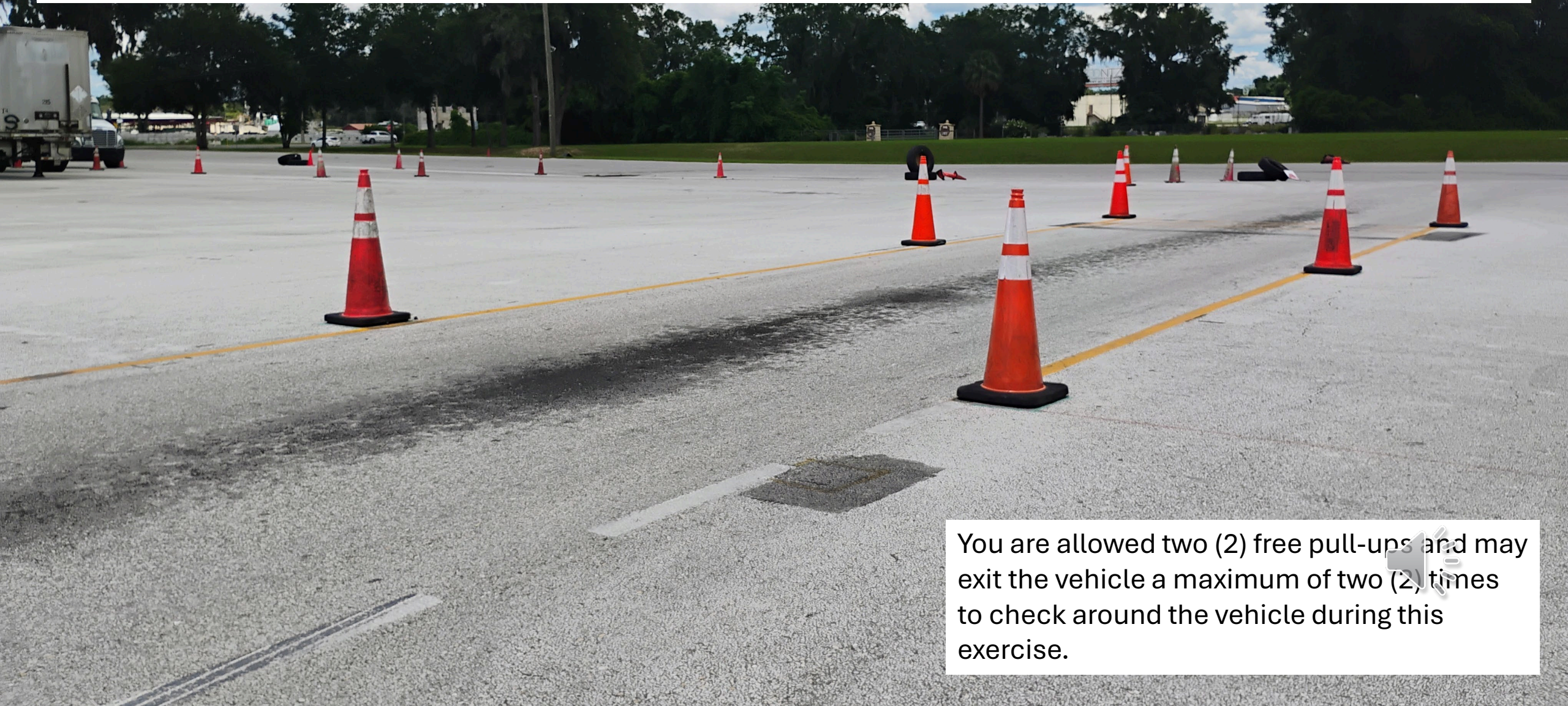
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**Left Side POV**





You are allowed two (2) free pull-ups and may exit the vehicle a maximum of two (2) times to check around the vehicle during this exercise. When you have completed the exercise, set your parking brake, shift to neutral and sound your horn. This will inform the examiner you have completed the exercise and allow them to score your final position.



You are allowed two (2) free pull-ups and may exit the vehicle a maximum of two (2) times to check around the vehicle during this exercise.



As you get closer to the 40-foot cone, once the trailer tire is split by the dotted line, turn hard right to push the trailer back into the box.

**Left Side POV**





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**Left Side POV**





Once you're in the box turn hard left until you are straight in the mirrors.





If you happen to come in a little bit crooked no worries just stop and pull up again, you have two free pull ups. Pull up and get straight in your mirrors, and in the box. Do not pass the last set of cones. Start to back up again.

**Left Side POV**





Now that you pulled forward and are straight in your mirrors, begin to back up into the rear 3-foot box.

**Left Side POV**





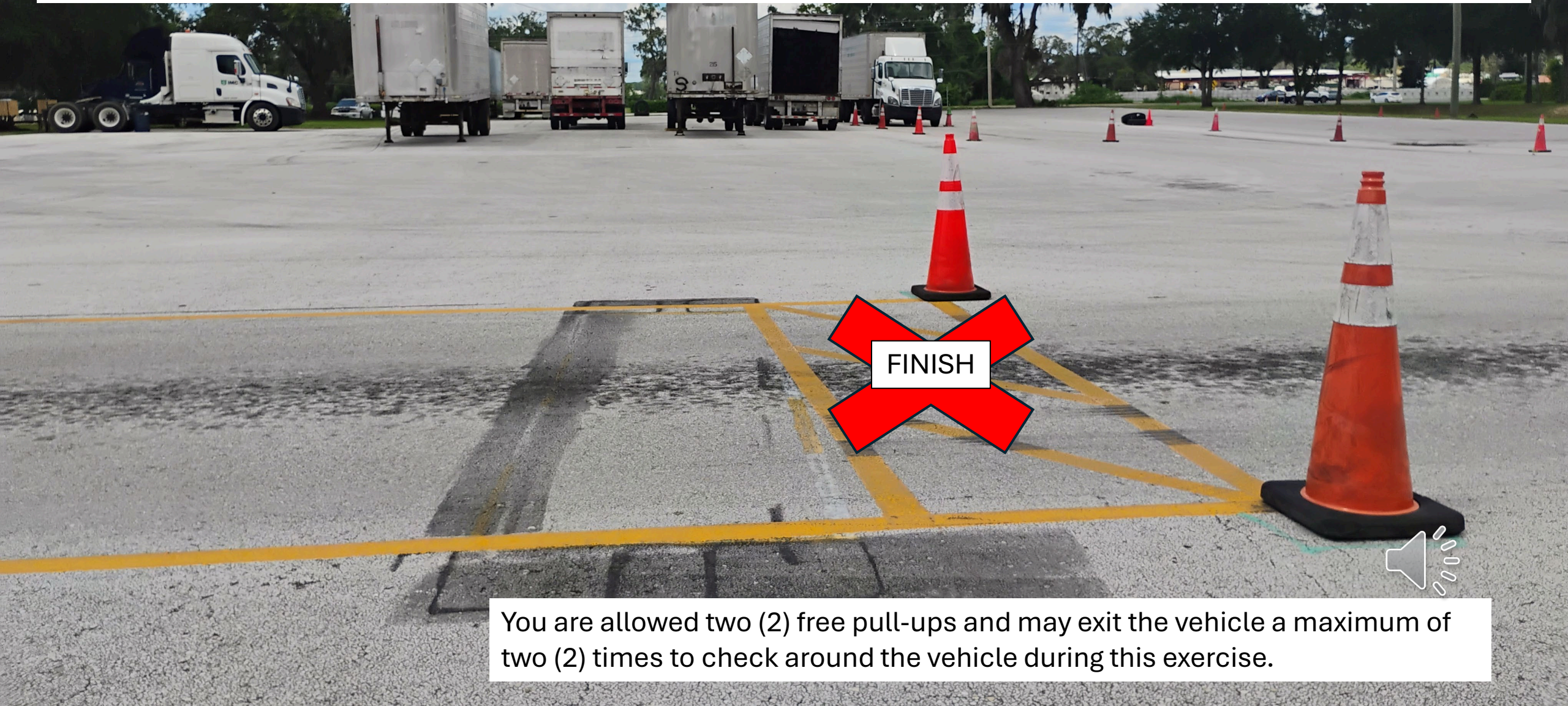
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**Left Side POV**





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**If you go past the box on the last exercise, you will need to pull all the way forward to the front of the alley and would have to back up again. This will cost you 3 points.**



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