

MODERNIZED CDL VEHICLE INSPECTION TEST INSTRUCTIONS

The time is _____. You have **90 minutes** to complete the Vehicle Inspection.

Using the Vehicle Inspection List provided in **Section 11M of the CDL Driver's 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 Driver's Manual.

You are 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.

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.**

During the test, you will only inspect items down the truck driver's side of the vehicle. If there are any items that are unique to the other side of the vehicle, please inspect those items as well. When inspecting the lights, inspect ALL lights on the vehicle.

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 the vehicle by **facing the vehicle and always maintaining three points of contact.**

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

MODERNIZED CDL BASIC CONTROL SKILLS TEST GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

The time is _____. You have 45 minutes to complete the Basic Control Skills Test.

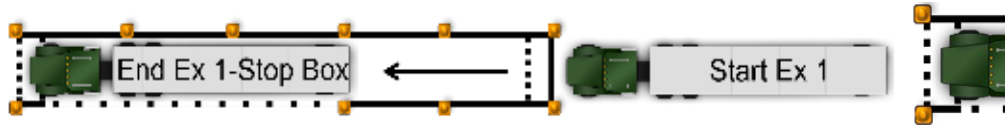
For the Basic Control Skills Test, you will demonstrate your ability to maneuver a commercial vehicle around other objects as described in Section 12M of the CDL Driver's Manual. You will receive points for changing direction to gain a better position, crossing over or touching boundary lines or cones 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. 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?



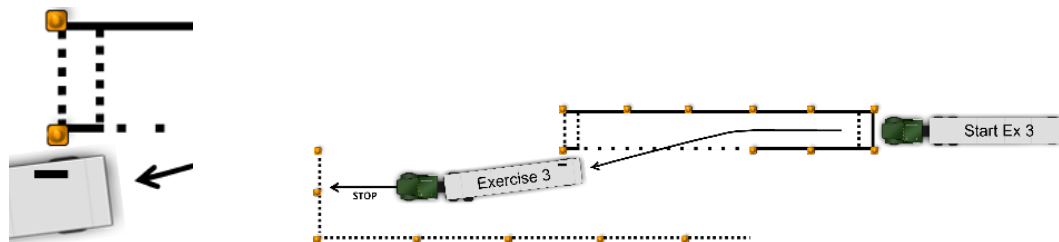
Exercise 2 – Straight-Line Backing

You will demonstrate your ability to back a vehicle in a straight line. Pull forward and stop when I raise my hand. 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?



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.** 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?



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.

Your examiner will point out the rear most part of your vehicle when giving instructions for this exercise. Your vehicle must be straight within the alley when completed. Your vehicle must be completely within the defined exercise boundaries when completed (other than mirrors or other unique vehicle parts higher than the door mirrors, such as a bucket truck). You may not go beyond the outer boundary line. **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.



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 driver's 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 instructions, 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 operations 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.

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 – hazmat. Do you have any questions
