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## Developing a Driver Road Test Program

A comprehensive road test should be given to prospective drivers to ensure that they possess the minimum skills necessary, and to evaluate what training may be required before the driver is assigned to a vehicle.

As with any selection tool, the road test should be standardized for all applicants. All tests should be conducted using the type of equipment the applicant will be driving. The person doing the evaluation should be familiar with the locations of items on the road test form, as well as being an experienced "good" driver.

The road test should be conducted in two parts. The first part should be "off the road" in the terminal yard, parking lot, or designated test area. This should include vehicle inspection, coupling and uncoupling procedures, and low speed vehicle handling such as backing, turning, and parking. If the driver performs the first part successfully, the second part should be conducted "on the road." This should always be done on a predetermined course which presents the widest variety of driving and operating conditions the driver might encounter. Here, the evaluation includes the normal vehicle operations such as gear shifting, accelerating, braking, lane changing, turning, maintaining a safe following distance, and other defensive-driving techniques. The driver's attitude is of particular interest.

All trucking involves some delicate maneuvers such as parallel parking, backing into alley docks, and basic maneuvering in traffic. To ensure that the potential driver can handle these situations, it is best to set up traffic cones "off the road" which would simulate parallel parking, alley dock, offset alley travel, and the basic "serpentine" around barrels.

You can be assured the driver will try to perform in the best possible manner. However, improper driving habits are not easily hidden and should be evident to the qualified evaluator. An evaluation form should be used and the driver graded as passed or failed. A sample Driver Road Test form is attached.

When a potential driver has completed the road test satisfactorily, he should receive a Certification of Road Test. A copy should be kept on file. The road test evaluation form should also be maintained on file.

Any unsatisfactory driving practices will require specific training should the applicant be hired. Training should continue until the driver has satisfactorily completed all requirements of the road test.

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# Driver Road Test

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

License No. \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Equipment Driven \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security No. \_\_\_\_\_

Road Test Miles \_\_\_\_\_ Evaluator \_\_\_\_\_

Pass	Fail	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Pre-Trip Inspections</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Checks general condition of vehicle.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Checks for proper operation of parking and service brake systems.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Checks steering mechanism.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Checks all lighting devices and reflectors.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Checks condition of tires.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Checks horn and windshield wipers.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Checks and adjusts rearview mirrors.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Checks emergency equipment.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Placing Vehicle in Operation:</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Uses seat belt.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Starts vehicle properly.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Checks air pressure.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Shifts gears properly.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Checks traffic conditions.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Does not allow vehicle to roll while stopped.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Drives with both hands on wheel.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Steers smoothly.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Maintains proper speed for conditions, within speed limit.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Backing and Parking:</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stops in correct position.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Avoids backing from blind side.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gets out of vehicle and checks entire area, including overhead, before backing.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Uses mirrors properly.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Intersections:</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Prepares to stop vehicle if necessary, even if traffic signal is green.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Checks in all directions for traffic conditions.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stops vehicle in proper location when required.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Does not allow vehicle to roll when stopped.

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Pass Fail Turning :</b> Make sure vehicle is in proper lane for turn.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Signals intention to turn well in advance.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Approaches at proper speed.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Checks traffic conditions and turns only when intersection is clear.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Keeps vehicle in proper lane during turn.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Does not shift gears during turn.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Railroad Crossing:</b> Check in all directions when approaching crossing.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Comes to complete stop when necessary or required by law.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stops at a safe distance when necessary.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Does not shift gears when crossing tracks.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Passing:</b> Only passes in safe location where legally allowed.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Checks ahead and behind to make sure passing room is adequate.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Warns vehicle ahead of intention to pass.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Uses directional signals properly.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Leaves sufficient space before cutting back into lane.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Does not exceed limit.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Coupling and Uncoupling Combination Unit:</b> Checks that fifth wheel jaws are open.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lines up properly with trailer.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Connects brake and electrical lines.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Charges trailer brakes.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Backs slowly.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Visually checks for proper coupling of fifth wheel.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ensures that fifth wheel handle is in locked position.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Raises landing gear and removes wheel chocks.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Applies trailer brakes and gently tries to pull away from trailer.
Evaluator's Comments		<input type="checkbox"/> PASS <input type="checkbox"/> FAIL

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Training Requirements \_\_\_\_\_  
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