

## MODERNIZED CDL VEHICLE INSPECTION TEST GENERAL INSTRUCTION



Using the vehicle inspection checklist 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 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.

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, or recognize any defects that are present, you will not get credit.

If there are any items that are unique to the other side of the vehicle, please inspect those items as well. When inspecting the operation of the lights, inspect 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 Air Brake Check and the In-Vehicle/Engine Start Procedures.

**Do you have any questions?**

## CDL ROAD TEST GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS



During the 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 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 road test, I will be making marks on the score form. This does not necessarily mean that you have done something wrong. At this time, I need to notify you of automatic failures.

These automatic failures include:

- Failure to use safety belt
- Moving violation or disobeyed signs or signals
- Avoidable crash or incident
- Any kind of dangerous act
- Put the vehicle over a sidewalk or curb (if not necessary)
- (Passenger only) Any unsatisfactory behavior during the railroad crossing
- (School bus only) Any unsatisfactory behavior during the student discharge

**Do you have any questions?**

### SIMULATED RAILROAD CROSSINGS

Imagine that the (point of reference) ahead is a railroad crossing on a four-lane road. Describe and demonstrate the procedures that you would use to cross railroad tracks on a four-lane road (HAZMAT, Standard or Passenger). Do you have any questions?

### LANE CHANGES

We will be driving on this road for about \_\_\_ miles. When it is safe to do so, move one lane to the left. When it is safe to do so, change lanes back to the right.

### ROAD SIDE STOP

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.

### SIGN

We just passed a road sign. Can you tell me what the sign indicated?

### 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?

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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 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 (Hand Fisted Appearance) 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.

**Do you have any questions?**

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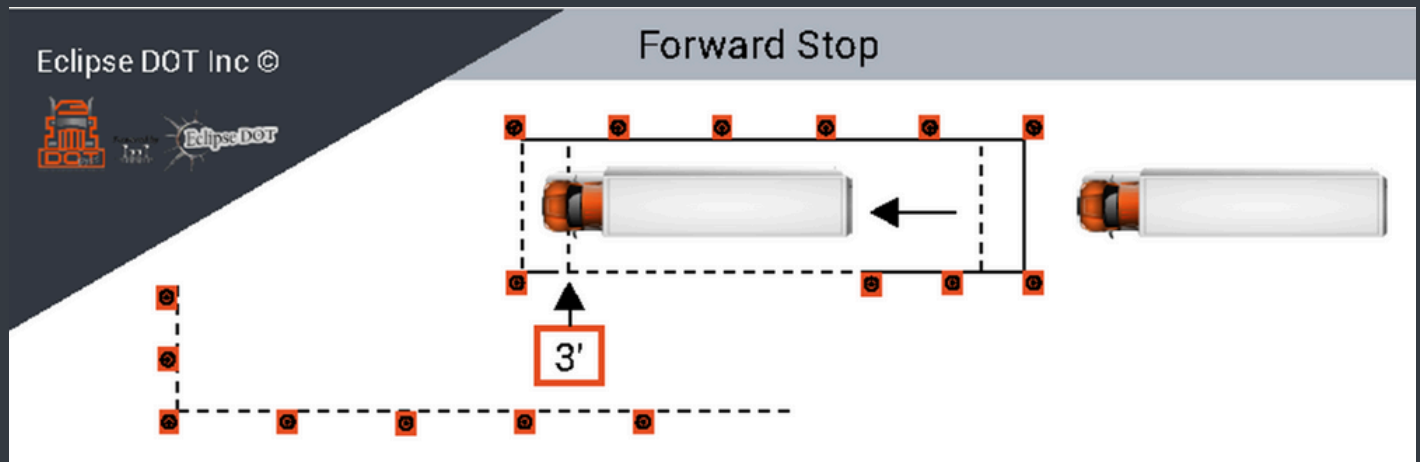
## STEP 1 - FORWARD STOP

Alright, here's how this part works:

You'll show us your skill in judging the front of your vehicle during a controlled stop. **Drive forward through the alley and stop with the front part of your vehicle in the box without going past the front of the alley.** (I'll point to the part of the vehicle that we'll be scoring.)

**You can only stop once.** When you've stopped, set your parking brake, shift to neutral, and honk the horn.

Got any questions?



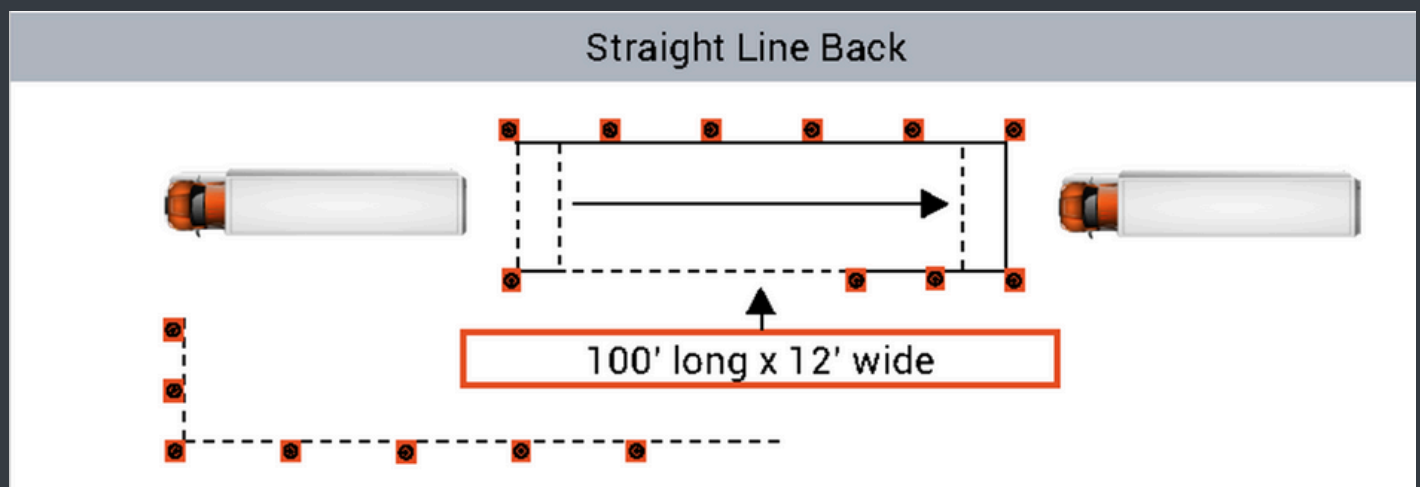
## STEP 2 - STRAIGHT-LINE BACKING

Alright, here's Step 2 - **Straight-line Backing**:

You'll show us 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 clears the last set of cones at the far end of the alley.**

You get **one free pull-up** and can **safely exit the vehicle once to check around.** When you're done, set your parking brake, shift to neutral, and honk the horn.

Got any questions?



### STEP 3 - FORWARD OFFSET TRACKING

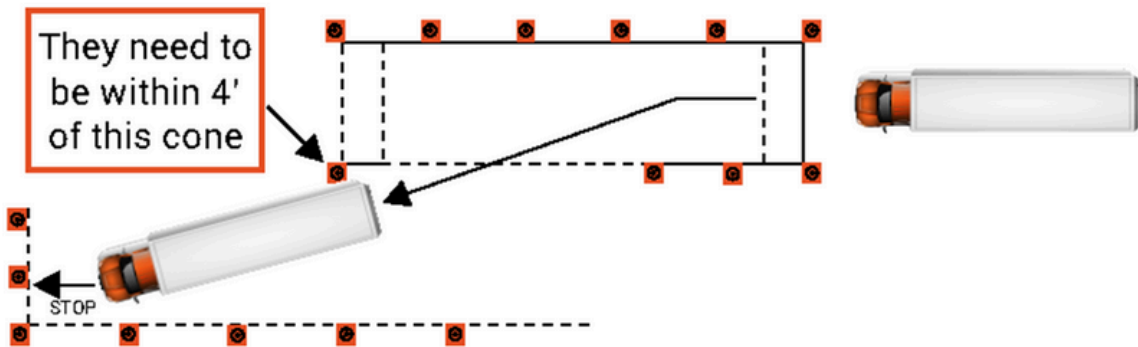
Alright, next up, you'll show us **how to maneuver a vehicle around other objects while moving forward.**

**Drive forward and steer** to the left through the opening into the opposite lane without stopping, keeping the rightmost rear tire between the cone and the line. **There are NO free back-ups, and you're NOT allowed to exit the vehicle during this exercise.**

**Stop your vehicle when you're parallel to the outer boundary**, before or at the cones at the far end of the exercise. Once you've stopped, set your parking brake, shift to neutral, and honk the horn.

Got any questions?

#### Forward Off Track



### STEP 4 - REVERSE OFFSET BACKING

Alright, here's the next challenge:

You'll demonstrate your ability to **offset back and park a vehicle at the end of an alley.** Start parallel with the outer boundary and offset back into the alley, bringing the rear part of your vehicle **within 3 feet of the rear of the alley.** Stop with the rear part of the vehicle in the box. (I'll point to the rear part that we'll be scoring.)

**Your vehicle must stay within all boundary lines when finished.** You can't go beyond the outer boundary line (I'll point to it). **You're allowed 2 free pull-ups and can exit the vehicle up to 2 times to check around.**

When you're done, set your parking brake, shift to neutral, and honk the horn.

Got any questions?

#### Reverse Offset Backing

