

Commercial Driver Guide Insert

The following are updates to the Commercial Driver Guide, Rev 9/16.

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All applicants must wait 24 hours after passing a CDL skills test before visiting a Licensing Service Office to have their CDL issued.

Page 1-4: Commercial Learners Permit

You may add an endorsement (upgrade) to an existing CLP by taking the applicable CDL knowledge test(s). When upgrading a CLP, you must wait 14 days prior to taking a skills test. You may not upgrade a CLP that has been renewed.

Page 1-11: Skills Test

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The following is additional information that you will need to know for the vehicle inspection portion of your skills test.

Page 11-9: Engine Compartment Unit/Belts

Driver must be prepared to provide additional criteria for the following:

- Identifies and checks all belts for snugness, not frayed, no visible cracks or signs of wear, (1/2 to 3/4 inch play at center of belt, explain not physically check).

Power steering unit/belt.

- Directly identify (point to or touch).
- Check that unit is mounted securely.

Water Pump unit/ belt

- Directly identify (point to or touch).
- Check that it's mounted properly and not loose.

Alternator unit/belt

- Directly identify (point to or touch).
- Check that the alternator is securely mounted and all wires are securely fastened.

Air compressor unit/belt

- Directly identify (point to or touch).
- Check that the compressor is securely mounted and not leaking.

Pages 11-11 & 12: Lights/Reflectors/Reflector Tape Condition (Sides & Rear)

Lighting Indicators

- Left turn signal.
- Right turn signal.
- Four-way emergency flashers.
- High beam headlight.
- Anti-lock Braking System (ABS) indicator for tractor and trailer (if equipped)

Lights/Reflectors/Reflector Tape Condition

- Check that all external lights and reflective equipment are clean and functional, not missing or broken and are

the proper color (red on rear, amber elsewhere). Light and reflector checks include:

- Clearance lights (identify proper color).
- Headlights (high and low beams).
- Taillights
- Turn signals.
- Four-way flashers.
- Brake lights.
- Red reflectors (on rear) and amber reflectors (elsewhere).

Reflector tape – present and affixed securely to the vehicle.

Note: Checks of brake, turn signal and four-way flasher functions must be done separately.

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Hydraulic Brake Check: Warning buzzer or light not applicable.

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Before first bullet: You must demonstrate and verbalize the following:

- **Second bullet:**

Note: The driver must tell the examiner the parameter when the Low Air Warning device should activate (at 60 psi or above).

- **After the third bullet:**

Note: Not performing and verbalizing the above steps in the correct sequence in a single attempt will result in an automatic disqualification.

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Driver must be prepared to provide additional criteria for the following:

Mounting Bolts

- Check the pintle hook for cracks or breaks and excessive wear.

Driver must be prepared to inspect additional items:

Safety Devices

- Check to make sure the latch is secured and locked in place, cotter pin is not missing, is in place and not damaged.
- Safety chains are hooked and crisscrossed, free of kinks and excessive slack, cotter pins to hooks are in place and hooks are secured with hooks pointing in an outward position.
- If trailer is equipped with electric brakes, check that breakaway chains or cables with battery backup are not missing or damaged.

Pages 11-21 & 11-25

The correct reference for Remainder of Trailer is in Section 11-5