

Road Test Evaluation

The road test not only assists with the overall driver selection process, but also serves as an effective tool to evaluate safe driving performance.

The following are suggested areas that should be evaluated by a qualified driver during the road test. Note that the involved driver should not be road tested “cold.” He should be shown a map of the route and given time to familiarize himself with the vehicle he should drive. A course of approximately ten to twelve miles, which includes city, rural, and interstate driving should be utilized for the road test.

Note that the involved driver should not be road tested “cold.”

1. Inspection Of Equipment

Be sure the driver makes all the necessary checks before he starts to drive.

- Makes visual check of vehicle including lights and reflectors, tires, coupling devices, air lines and trailer hookup.
- Familiar with starting procedure.
- Checks brakes, steering mechanism, horn, windshield wipers and adjusts mirrors.
- Checks air pressure, instruments and tractor protection valve.

2. Intersections

- Approaches intersections at a speed where vehicle could stop if necessary.
- Stops soon enough to avoid running over crosswalk.
- Does not allow vehicle to roll or creep while waiting for traffic lights.
- Brings vehicle to full stop at stop signs.
- Checks cross traffic regardless of traffic controls.

3. Passing

- Does not attempt to pass when traffic is moving at posted speed.
- Maintains proper following distance, does not tailgate waiting chance to pass.
- Does not attempt to pass without adequate passing distance.
- Does not pass on hills, curves, intersections or R.R. tracks.
- Allows adequate clearance before pulling back into right lane.

4. Coupling & Uncoupling Tractor Trailer Units

- Lines up units properly.
- Makes sure lines are clear.
- Makes sure trailer is secure.
- Backs under slowly.
- Checks hookup visually.
- Handles landing gear properly.



5. Vehicle Operation, Straight Road

- Checks traffic conditions before pulling into traffic
- Drives with both hands on the wheel.
- Stays in traffic flow.
- Maintains proper speed within posted speed limits but not too slow.
- Signals intent before changing lanes.
- Maintains proper following distance.
- Brakes smoothly and uses engine to reduce speed by shifting to lower gears.

6. Turns

- Approaches intersection in proper lane
- Begins turn signal at least 100 feet from the corner.
- Checks position of other vehicles well in advance of turn.
- On right turns makes allowance for off track or back end cutting short.
- While waiting to make left turns has wheels pointing straight ahead.
- Maintains proper lane during turns.

7. Backing and Parking

- Stops in correct position to back.
- Gets out of cab and checks to rear and sides if necessary.
- Backs slowly and smoothly without excessive use of clutch or brake.
- Makes full use of mirrors.
- Chocks trailer at loading docks.
- Parks off pavement and secures vehicle before leaving.

8. General Habits

- Is alert and aware of changing traffic conditions.
- Adjusts driving to meet changing traffic conditions.
- Performs routine functions without taking eyes from road.
- Displays self-confidence in driving.

The information presented in this publication is intended to provide guidance and is not intended as a legal interpretation of any federal, state or local laws, rules or regulations applicable to your business. The loss prevention information provided is intended only to assist policyholders in the management of potential loss producing conditions involving their premises and/or operations based on generally accepted safe practices. In providing such information, Great American does not warrant that all potential hazards or conditions have been evaluated or can be controlled. It is not intended as an offer to write insurance for such conditions or exposures. The liability of Great American Insurance Company and its affiliated insurers is limited to the terms, limits and conditions of the insurance policies underwritten by any of them.

The Great American Insurance Group eagle logo and the word marks Great American® and Great American Insurance Group® are registered service marks of Great American Insurance Company. © 2016 Great American Insurance Company. All rights reserved. Great American Insurance Group, 301 E. Fourth St., Cincinnati, OH 45202. F13532-LP (1/16)

