

# Sample Road Test for Drivers of Trucks

Driver's Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Operator's License:

Issuing State \_\_\_\_\_ License Number \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

Endorsement(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration \_\_\_\_\_

Type of vehicle employed in evaluation: \_\_\_\_\_

## Instructions to Examiner

Possession of a driver's license does not verify that a driver can safely operate a vehicle. All drivers should be required to take a road test to evaluate their safety awareness. This checklist can help a supervisor administer a road test. Place a check mark: in the Yes box for items that the driver performs satisfactorily; in the No box when further training is recommended; and in the N/A box when the item does not apply to the operation of the vehicle that the driver will be assigned. Additional criteria may be necessary to meet a company's specific needs.

## Pre-Trip Inspection

	YES	NO	N/A
Checks general condition of vehicle			
Checks for proper operation of parking and service brake systems			
Checks steering mechanism			
Checks condition of tires			
Checks all lighting devices and reflectors			
Checks horn and windshield wipers			
Checks and adjusts rearview mirrors			
Checks emergency equipment			

## Coupling and Uncoupling Combination Unit

	YES	NO	N/A
Checks that fifth wheel jaws are open			
Lines up properly with the trailer			
Connects brake and electrical lines			
Charges trailer brakes			
Backs up slowly			
Visually checks for proper coupling of fifth wheel			
Assures that fifth wheel handle is in locked position			
Raises landing gear and removes wheel chocks			
Applies trailer brakes and gently tries to pull away from trailer			

## Placing Vehicle in Operation

	YES	NO	N/A
Uses seat belt			
Starts vehicle properly			
Checks air pressure in brake system			
Tests operation of brakes			
Checks traffic conditions			

## Driving

	YES	NO	N/A
Drives with both hands on the steering wheel			
Checks mirrors frequently, especially when backing			
Accelerates, steers, and brakes smoothly			
Shifts gears properly			
Uses directional signals properly			
Maintains proper speed for conditions, within speed limit			
Able to slow vehicle other than by braking			
Stops vehicle in proper location			
Does not allow vehicle to roll, while it should be stopped			
Checks in all directions for traffic conditions			
Prepares to stop vehicle at an intersection, even if traffic signal is green			



**Check one of the following:**

Qualified     Qualified With Additional Training     Not Qualified

Road Test Conducted by (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Location / Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Road Test: \_\_\_\_\_

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