

VEHICLE CHECK QUESTIONS (“SHOW ME – TELL ME”) FOR LGV & PCV with TRAILERS - Category C1+E, C+E, D1+E, D+E

At the start of the practical test, you will be required to undertake basic vehicle safety checks to ensure knowledge of safety related issues. You will not be asked to undertake tasks such as physically checking tyre pressures, engine oil or radiator water levels. Rather, a list of standard questions of the “tell me” and “show me” format will be used.

For large vehicle and trailer tests, examiners will ask one “tell me” and one “show me” question on each test. For example, “Tell me how you would check the oil level” and “show me how you would check the wheel nuts are secure”. One incorrect answer will result in a driving fault being recorded and both questions answered incorrectly will result in a serious fault being recorded and you will fail the test.

A list of the questions to be used on test is as follows:-

E1 Body – Tell

- **Tell me how you would check the condition of the body is safe on this vehicle.**

As part of a daily walk-round check, ensure the body is fully roadworthy and there are no significant defects. No loose panels or items, which could endanger other road users. All inspection panels must be secure.

E2 Loading - Tell

- **Tell me how you would operate the loading mechanism on this vehicle (Vehicle specific. e.g.Tail Lift).**

Candidates should be able to explain briefly the correct operation and safe working practice of specific machinery fitted to the vehicle, e.g. tail lift, kneeling bus.

E3 Wheel nuts - Show

- **Show me how you would check that the wheel nuts are secure on this vehicle.**

A visual check to identify any nuts that are obviously loose and check that the wheel nut indicators (if fitted) are in alignment.

E4 Wipers - Tell

- **Tell me how you would check the condition of the windscreen wipers on this vehicle.**

Windscreen wipers must operate. Blades should be in good condition.

E5 Doors - Show

- **Show me how you would check that all doors including cargo doors are secure.**

All doors must be closed and locking levers for cargo doors set in the recommended secured position.

E6 Reflectors - Tell

- **Tell me how you would check the condition of the reflectors on this vehicle.**

Ensure that all reflectors are fitted, clean, and functional (not cracked or broken)

E7 Mudguards - Show

- **Show me how you would check the condition of the mudguards on this vehicle.**

As part of daily walk-round check ensure mudguards and spray suppression equipment are secure.

E8 Suspension - Tell

- **Tell me how you would check the condition of the suspension on this vehicle.**

As part of a daily walk-round check, suspension should be checked for any obvious signs of deterioration or damage.

E9 Instruments – Show

- **Show me what instrument checks you would make before and after starting the engine on this vehicle.**

Check to make sure all gauges and warning systems are working. Ensure that all gauges are reading correctly and that warning lights / audible warning devices are extinguished before moving away.

E10 Loading - Tell

- **Tell me the main safety factors involved in loading this vehicle.**

The load should be evenly distributed throughout the length of the vehicle so as not to affect control while the vehicle is being driven. Any load must be carried so that it does not endanger other road users. It must be securely stowed within the size and weight limits for the vehicle. The load needs to be secure so that it cannot move or fall from the vehicle when cornering or braking.

E11 Air - Show

- **Show me how you would check for air leaks on this vehicle.**

Charge the air tanks; consult gauges for drops in air pressure. Walk round vehicle listening for any obvious leaks.

E12 Windscreen Washers - Show

- **Show me how you would clean the windscreen using the windscreen washer and wipers.**

Operate control to wash and wipe windscreen (turn ignition on if necessary).

E13 Windscreen Demister - Show

- **Show me how you would set the windscreen demister to clear the windows effectively.**

Set all relevant controls including; fan, temperature, air direction / source and heated screen to clear windscreen and windows. Engine does not have to be started for this.

E14 Rear fog light - Show

- **Show me how you would switch on the rear fog light(s) and explain when you would use it/them. (No need to exit vehicle).**

Operate switch (turn on ignition and dipped headlights if necessary). Check warning light is on. Explain use.

E15 Headlights - Show

- **Show me how you switch your headlight from dipped to main beam. (No need to exit vehicle).**

Operate switch (with ignition or engine on if necessary), check with main beam warning light.

E16 Brake lights - Show

- **Show me how you would check that the brake lights are working on this vehicle. (I can assist you, if you need to switch the ignition on, please don't start the engine).**

Operate brake pedal, make use of reflections in windows, garage doors, etc, or ask someone to help.

Questions covered by procedures already in place will continue to be asked as at present. These will be in addition to the combination used on test.

- 1. Are you satisfied that your cab locking mechanism is secure?***
- 2. Show me where the emergency exits are and how you would check that they are operating correctly.***
- 3. Show me where your fire extinguisher is located.***
- 4. Show me where the fuel cut off switch is.***