

VEHICLE CHECK QUESTIONS (“SHOW ME – TELL ME”) FOR LORRY AND PASSENGER CARRYING VEHICLES – Category C1, C, D1 & D

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 tests, examiners will ask five “tell me” and “show me” questions 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”. A driving fault will be recorded for each question answered incorrectly, but if all five are answered incorrectly, this 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:-

CD1 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 are set in the recommended secured position.

CD2 Air - Show

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

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

CD3 Loads - 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.

CD4 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).

CD5 Windscreen - Tell

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

The windscreen and windows must be clean, clear and free from defects. No mascots or sticker that restricts view.

CD6 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.

CD7 Tyres - Tell

- **Tell me how you would check your tyres to ensure that they are correctly inflated, have sufficient tread depth and that their general condition is safe to use on the road.**

Follow manufacturer's guide, using appropriate equipment, check and adjust pressures when tyres are cold. They must have a tread depth of at least 1mm across $\frac{3}{4}$ of the breadth of the tread and in a continuous band around the entire circumference. There should be no cuts, damage or signs of cord visible at the sidewalls.

ICD8 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.

CD9 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.

CD10 Air - Show

- **Show me how you would check for the correct air pressure on this vehicle.**

Ensure gauges are reading the correct pressures for the vehicle and that all warning lights are extinguished and audible warning devices are not sounding.

CD11 Oil - Tell

- **Identify where you would check the engine oil level and tell me how you would check that the engine has sufficient oil.**

Identify dipstick / oil level indicator, describe check of oil level against the minimum/maximum markers.

CD12 Wheel Nuts - Show

- **Show me how you would check 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.

CD13 Audible Warning - Show

- **Show me how you would check the operation (specify horn, warning device for reversing) of the audible warning devices on this vehicle.**

Demonstrate use of control.

CD14 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.

CD15 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.

CD16 Coolant - Tell

- **Identify where you would check the engine coolant level and tell me how you would check that the engine has the correct level.**

Identify high/low level markings on header tank where fitted or radiator filler cap, and describe how to top up to correct level.

CD17 Lights - Tell

- **Tell me how you would check that the headlamps, sidelights & tail lights are working.**

Explain. Operate switch (turn on ignition if necessary), walk round vehicle.

CD18 Tail lift etc. - Tell

- **Tell me how you would operate the loading mechanism on this vehicle (vehicle specific i.e. 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.

CD19 Steering - Show

- **Show me / explain how you would check that the power assisted steering is working.**

If the steering becomes heavy the system may not be working properly. Before starting a journey two simple checks can be made. Gentle pressure on the steering wheel, maintained while the engine is started, should result in a slight but noticeable movement as the system begins to operate. Alternatively turning the steering wheel just after moving off will give an immediate indication that the power assistance is functioning.

CD20 Indicators - Show

- **Show me how you would check that the direction indicators are working.**

Applying the indicators or hazard warning switch and check functioning of all indicators.

CD21 Washer fluid - Tell

- **Identify where the windscreen washer reservoir is and tell me how you would check the windscreen washer level.**

Identify reservoir and explain how to check level.

CD22 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.

CD23 First Aid - Show

- **Show me where the first aid equipment is kept on this vehicle.**

Candidate to indicate equipment if carried. Where equipment is not present, candidates should be able to explain under what circumstances (i.e. vehicle types, loads carried) it must be provided.

CD24 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).

CD25 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 demonstration.

CD26 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.

CD27 Headlights - Show

- **Show me how you switch your headlight from dipped to main beam.**

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

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.**