
Overview

What this standard is about

This standard is about checking a goods vehicle before driving it on the public road. It covers the physical checks that a driver needs to make and the documentation that they need to complete to comply with legal and organisational requirements before the start of each driving duty.

Who this standard is for

This standard is relevant to drivers of goods vehicles and those who are responsible for goods vehicles within logistics organisations.

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Performance criteria

You must be able to:

- P1 make sure all **vehicle systems** are working and the **vehicle** is legal and roadworthy
- P2 adjust steering wheel, mirrors and seat for optimum control, observation, and comfort
- P3 ensure the **vehicle** has the sufficient amount of fuel, additives, oil and water
- P4 take appropriate action when any problems with the **vehicle** are identified, whether new or previously reported
- P5 identify the person responsible for officially releasing the **vehicle**
- P6 check that ancillary equipment if fitted or supplied is in working order
- P7 comply with the organisation's procedures and all relevant **legal, safety and operating requirements** relating to preparing the vehicle for driving, at all times

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- K1 how to find information on the operation of instruments and **controls**
- K2 how to check instruments, controls, gauges and **vehicle systems**
- K3 the importance of ensuring the correct seating position in relation to observation, control and comfort
- K4 the responsibilities of the driver for the **vehicle** and **load**
- K5 what the indications are of any electrical or mechanical problems
- K6 what the procedures are for reporting defects and how to obtain information on previously-reported problems
- K7 what **documents** your organisation requires you to carry with you in the **vehicle**
- K8 what the relevant **legal, safety and operating requirements** are, relating to prepare the vehicle for driving

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Additional Information

Glossary

1. **Controls:** accelerator, clutch, footbrake, handbrake, steering wheel, gears, indicators, lights, windscreen wipers, demisters, heating and ventilation, Power Take Off (PTO), differential lock
2. **Instruments:** gauges, warning lights, displays, audible alerts, tachograph
3. **Legal, safety and operating requirements relating to preparing the vehicle for driving:** highway code, transport regulations, safety regulations, codes of practice, load restrictions, drivers' hours, working time directive
4. **Load:** containers, liquids, goods, materials, livestock, ADR
5. **Vehicle systems:** ignition, electrical, lights, brakes, transmission, engine, fuel, tyres, coupling
6. **Vehicle:** the vehicle you normally drive, includes trailer when connected and ancillary equipment
7. **Legal documents:** insurance, road tax, vehicle plate, trailer plate, MOT, Transport operator's licence

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