

ROAD TEST-DRIVER PERFORMANCE EVALUATION-TRACTOR TRAILER

Driver's Name _____ License # _____ State _____ Exp Date _____
 Medical Exp Date _____ Tractor _____ Trailer _____ Miles Tested _____

1 = UNSATISFACTORY; 2 = NEEDS IMPROVEMENT; 3 = SATISFACTORY

Check mark = PROPERLY DONE; X = IMPROPERLY DONE/NEEDS IMPROVEMENT/NOT DONE

- 1 2 3
- PRE-TRIP INSPECTION:
- Fluid leaks & external damage
 - 4-point check before starting engine
 - Safety equipment
 - Permits, registration & plates
 - Clutch free play
 - Lights, reflectors, turn signals, 4-ways & horn
 - Windshield, wipers, door glass & mirrors
 - Handrails, steps & fuel tank securement
 - Tires, wheels & lug nuts
 - Wheel bearing oil reservoirs
 - Steering & suspension parts
 - Brakes
 - Fifth wheel assembly
 - Landing gear assembly
 - Mud flaps & brackets
 - Trailer tandem slider
 - Trailer doors & seals
 - Heater/defroster/AC

- 1 2 3
- COUPLING:
- Aligns unit with rear drive wheels underneath nose of trailer
 - Visually inspects trailer height/alignment
 - Connects air lines & electrical cord
 - Secures trailer from movement
 - Backs under trailer slowly
 - Tests hook-up / pulls against pin
 - Visually checks jaws
 - Cranks up dollies/secures properly

- 1 2 3
- UNCOUPLING:
- Checks ground surface/provides protection
 - Lowers dollies (3 pt.)
 - Uncouples air lines / electrical cord & secures properly
 - Pulls pin
 - Pulls from under trailer, stops after 5th wheel clears & secures tractor (checks for sinking)

- 1 2 3
- INJURY PREVENTION:
- Entry into tractor (3 pt.)
 - Exit from tractor (3 pt.)
 - Seasonal clothing/footwear
 - Lifting and loading techniques
 - Trailer doors opened safely/secured properly
 - Trailer entry / exit (3 pt.)

SUMMARY / RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1 2 3
- PULLOUT:
- Checks all gauge readings
 - Adjusts seat
 - Fastens seatbelt
 - Adjusts mirrors properly
 - Checks for air leaks
 - Pumps down air / check low air device(s)
 - Warms up engine at least 1 minute
 - Tests parking brakes
 - Tests all brakes (foot brake)
 - Starts without rollback
- 1 2 3
- CLUTCH:
- Proper use of clutch brake
 - Double clutches
 - Doesn't rest foot on clutch
 - Proper clutch & accelerator coordination
 - Doesn't use clutch to hold unit on a hill
 - Engages and disengages smoothly

- 1 2 3
- SHIFTING:
- Correct gear selection
 - Upshifts smoothly
 - Downshifts smoothly
 - Doesn't power downshift to slow unit
 - Recovers gears correctly
 - Pre-selects at proper time
 - Uses basic shifting
 - Skip shifts properly
 - Doesn't shift on railroad tracks
 - Uses progressive shifting techniques
- 1 2 3
- ACCELERATOR:
- Idles off on level ground
 - Advances steadily
 - Maintains steady road speed
 - Lugs engine
 - Over-revs engine

GENERAL PERFORMANCE

- _____ Satisfactory
- _____ Needs Improvement
- _____ Unsatisfactory

- 1 2 3
- INTERSECTIONS & TURNS:
- Determines decision point ____ft-
 - Looks left, right, left before entering
 - Signals in advance ____ft.
 - Turns from left lane to left lane
 - Turns from right lane to right lane
 - Proper technique. Wheels ____ft. from curb
 - Button Hooks
 - Proper gear before turn
 - Safe speed during turn
 - Yields right of way/Takes right of way
 - Doesn't shift gears while turning
 - Cancels signal after turn is completed

- 1 2 3
- SLOWING & STOPPING:
- Tests brakes
 - Checks mirrors
 - Uses engine deceleration to slow the vehicle
 - Applies steady brake pressure
 - Avoids sudden stops
 - Engine brake applied
 - Stops behind crosswalks/stop signs/stop lines
 - Stopped ____ft. behind vehicle in front

- 1 2 3
- DEFENSE DRIVING:
- Adjusts speed for road & traffic conditions
 - 3 & 9 hand position on steering wheel
 - Watches mirrors at 5-8 seconds
 - Exhibits high eye lead time
 - Minimum 4-second following distance

- 1 2 3
- BACKING & PARKING:
- Lines up unit properly
 - Uses 4-way flashers
 - Gets out and checks clearances
 - Backs slowly with no acceleration
 - Backing observed (circle one) Straight 90° 45°
 - Sets parking brakes properly
 - Parks clear of traffic lane
 - Cools engine down 1 minute
 - Parks in gear
 - Over/under steers

SIGNATURE OF EXAMINER _____

SIGNATURE OF DRIVER _____

DATE _____