

Cab Drill Bullet Points 5x6 = 30

SEAT Posture (1)

Adjust seat position

BELT On (2)

Condition checked

STEERING WHEEL Adjusted (3)

Unlock lever, adjust wheel, lock lever

NEUTRAL Gear (4)

PARKING BRAKE On (5)

KEY IN IGNITION Switch (1)

Turn on ignition only

Dash warning lights check (2)

look and say:

oil pressure; (a)

battery charge; (b)

stop/tail lights; (c)

parking brake; (d)

brake-air light; (e)

CLUTCH pressed to floor (3)

START ENGINE by turning key (4)

CHECK Dash warning lights

look and say:

oil pressure good within 4 seconds (5)

battery charge light must go off

water temperature good; (a)

fuel contents good; (b)

air brake needles good; (c)

rev counter; (d)

speedo. (e)

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Cab Drill continued:

Demonstrate & *look and say:*

- (1) **hot or cold climate control;**
- (2) **blower fan ON to setting 2;**
- (3) **demister switch ON to screen vents;**
- (4) **hand in air flow at windscreen vents;**
- (5) **set Air-Con to ON if required and**
decide if cab recirculate is required.

Equipment care: plastic switches are designed for finger strength activation; arm muscle pressure is not permitted due to damage caused.

CHECK Washers/wipers/HWL/EB/horn:

- (1) **washers working;**
- (2) **wipers working;**
- (3) **engine brake on, then must be off;**
- (4) **hazard warning lights working;**
- (5) **horn working.**

CHECK signals, lights & *look and say:*

- (1) **left signal;**
- (2) **right signal;**
- (3) **park lights;**
- (4) **low beam;**
- (5) **high beam & flash beam.**

Windscreen cluster:

- (1) **no cracks to screen;**
- (2) **registration documentation;**
- (3) **left mirrors correctly set;**
- (4) **nothing loose on the floor;**
- (5) **right mirrors correctly set.**

Cabin Drill completed:

Worthwhile to think; have I demonstrated all the required checks to the satisfaction of the assessor?

Vehicle registration, licence requirements & OH&S compliance

Current rego label affixed to windscreen; Driver's Licence on person; OH&S compliance demonstrated.

Moves off demonstrating smooth clutch operation

Clutch released smoothly without application of accelerator (gas pedal);

Smooth is defined as: having an even, uninterrupted movement or flow.

Smooth clutch release is easier to achieve when the driver's eyes are viewing the road ahead.

Moves off on an incline demonstrating smooth clutch operation

Clutch released smoothly without application of accelerator (gas pedal);

Smooth is defined as: having an even, uninterrupted movement or flow.

Smooth clutch release is easier to achieve when the driver's eyes are viewing the road ahead.

Hill starting truck necessitates smooth coordinated release of the foot brake as the clutch "friction (biting) point is achieved.

Minimum vehicle roll back is a requirement for assessment purposes.

Moves off in reverse demonstrating smooth clutch operation

Clutch released smoothly without application of accelerator (gas pedal);

Smooth is defined as: having an even, uninterrupted movement or flow.

Smooth clutch release is easier to achieve when the driver's eyes are viewing the road ahead.

Reversing and turning smooth clutch operation is demonstrated

Clutch released smoothly without application of accelerator (gas pedal);

Smooth is defined as: having an even, uninterrupted movement or flow.

Smooth clutch release is easier to achieve when the driver's eyes are viewing the road ahead.

Before attempting to reverse establish the appropriate vehicle pathway into an obstacle free zone.

Get out and look (GOAL) can be a good idea if the driver is not confident of the nature of obstacles in the reverse pathway.

Engine Shutdown checks demonstrated

After parking the vehicle in an appropriate location, with the engine idling:

check neutral gear selected;

Park brake is on;

Aircon, recirculate and blower fan is off;

Engine oil pressure and temperature are satisfactory and all other warning lights and gauges are also satisfactory;

After an appropriate engine idle period the ignition key is switched off and stored as per organisational guidelines.

Important note regarding truck clutch operations:

Proper clutch operation in a modern truck is different to that of a small or light vehicle. It is imperative that a student truck driver develops the appropriate control of clutch skills without unnecessary delay, if serious clutch damage is to be avoided.

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