



# Commercial Defensive Driver's Test: Checklist for Examiners

**Driver's Name:**

**Operator's License:**

**Issuing State:**

**Type of Equipment:**

	<b>Pre-Trip Inspection</b>	<b>Pass</b>	<b>Fail</b>
1.	Checks general condition of vehicle	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.	Check cargo/freight properly secured	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.	Check proper operation parking/service brake systems	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.	Check steering mechanism	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.	Check all headlights, turn signals, rear brake signals	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6.	Check conditions of tires	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7.	Check horn and windshield wipers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8.	Check view of all mirrors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9.	Check emergency equipment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<b>Vehicle Operations</b>	<b>Pass</b>	<b>Fail</b>
1.	Uses seat belt	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.	Turns lights on for safety	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.	Checks air pressures in brake systems	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.	Check traffic conditions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.	Does not allow vehicle to roll while stopped	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6.	Drives with both hands attending to the steering wheel	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7.	Maintain proper speed for conditions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8.	Adheres to all operating laws and speed limits	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9.	Maintains proper following distances	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10.	Looks ahead at traffic patterns	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11.	Prepares emergency routes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<b>Fifth Wheel Connection</b>	<b>Pass</b>	<b>Fail</b>
1.	Checks fifth wheel jaws are open	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.	Connects brake and electrical lines	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.	Charges trailer brakes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.	Backs slowly	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.	Visually checks for proper coupling	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6.	Assures fifth wheel handle is in locked position	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7.	Raises landing gear and removes wheel chocks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8.	Tests connection	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

		<b>Backing and Parking</b>		Pass	Fail
1.	Stops in correct position	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
2.	Avoids backing from blind side	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
3.	Gets out of vehicle and checks entire area, including overhead, before backing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
4.	Uses mirrors properly	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
		<b>Intersections</b>		Pass	Fail
1.	Prepares to stop vehicle if necessary	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
2.	Checks in all directions for oncoming traffic	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
3.	Stops vehicle in proper location when required	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
4.	Does not allow vehicle to roll when stopped	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
		<b>Turning</b>		Pass	Fail
1.	Makes sure vehicle is in proper lane	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
2.	Signals intention to turn well in advance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
3.	Approaches at proper speed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
4.	Checks traffic conditions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
5.	Keeps vehicle in proper lane during turn	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
6.	Does not shift gears during turn	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
		<b>Passing</b>		Pass	Fail
1.	Only passes in safe location, where legally allowed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
2.	Checks ahead and behind to make sure passing room is adequate	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
3.	Warns vehicle ahead of intention to pass	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
4.	Uses directional signals properly	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
5.	Leaves sufficient space before cutting back into lane	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
6.	Does not exceed speed limit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
		<b>Railroad Crossing</b>		Pass	Fail
1.	Checks in all directions when approaching crossing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
2.	Comes to complete stop when necessary or required by law	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
3.	Stops at a safe distance when necessary	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
4.	Does not shift gears when crossing tracks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Comments:					
Areas for improvement:					
Qualified	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>			
<b>Examiner signature:</b>				<b>Date:</b>	
<b>Driver signature:</b>				<b>Date:</b>	