

INTRODUCTION OF VEHICLE SAFETY QUESTIONS SEPTEMBER 2003

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Advice and information on how to carry out vehicle safety checks can be found in the manufacturer's handbook and/or the appropriate DSA publication.

COMBINATIONS OF QUESTIONS TO BE USED ON TEST

LORRY, BUS & COACH TESTS (Categories C, C1, D, & D1)

Safety check questions for Lorry, Bus & Coach tests

Combination 1

- **Show me how you would check that all doors including cargo doors are secure.**

Source: The Official DSA Guide to Driving Buses and Coaches OR
The Official DSA Guide to Driving Goods Vehicles.

NB: The manufacturer's handbook should also be consulted.

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

Source: The Official DSA Guide to Driving Buses and Coaches OR
The Official DSA Guide to Driving Goods Vehicles.

NB: The manufacturer's handbook should also be consulted.

- **Tell me the main safety factors involved in loading this vehicle.**

Source: The Official DSA Guide to Driving Buses and Coaches OR
The Official DSA Guide to Driving Goods Vehicles.

NB: The manufacturer's handbook should also be consulted.

- **Tell me how you would check the condition of the reflectors on this vehicle.**

Source: The Official DSA Guide to Driving Buses and Coaches OR
The Official DSA Guide to Driving Goods Vehicles.

NB: The manufacturer's handbook should also be consulted.

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

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The Official DSA Guide to Driving Goods Vehicles.

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Combination 2

- **Show me how you would check the condition of the mudguards on this vehicle.**

Source: The Official DSA Guide to Driving Buses and Coaches OR
The Official DSA Guide to Driving Goods Vehicles.

NB: The manufacturer's handbook should also be consulted.

- **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.**

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The Official DSA Guide to Driving Goods Vehicles.

NB: The manufacturer's handbook should also be consulted.

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

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The Official DSA Guide to Driving Goods Vehicles.

NB: The manufacturer's handbook should also be consulted.

- **Tell me how you would check the condition of the body is safe on this vehicle.**

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The Official DSA Guide to Driving Goods Vehicles.

NB: The manufacturer's handbook should also be consulted.

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

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The Official DSA Guide to Driving Goods Vehicles.

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Combination 3

- **Show me how you would use the demister controls to clear all the windows effectively.**

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The Official DSA Guide to Driving Goods Vehicles.

NB: The manufacturer's handbook should also be consulted.

- **Show me how you would check the wheel nuts are secure on this vehicle.**

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The Official DSA Guide to Driving Goods Vehicles.

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

Source: The Official DSA Guide to Driving Buses and Coaches OR
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NB: The manufacturer's handbook should also be consulted.

- **Tell me how you would check the condition of the suspension on this vehicle.**

Source: The Official DSA Guide to Driving Buses and Coaches OR
The Official DSA Guide to Driving Goods Vehicles.

NB: The manufacturer's handbook should also be consulted.

- **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.**

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The Official DSA Guide to Driving Goods Vehicles.

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Combination 4

This combination is only used when the vehicle is fitted with a loading mechanism.

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

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The Official DSA Guide to Driving Goods Vehicles.

NB: The manufacturer's handbook should also be consulted.

- **Tell me how you would check that the headlights and tail lights are working.**

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- **Show me how you would replace the tachograph disc on this vehicle.**

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

Source: The Official DSA Guide to Driving Buses and Coaches OR
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NB: The manufacturer's handbook should also be consulted.

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

Source: The Official DSA Guide to Driving Buses and Coaches OR
The Official DSA Guide to Driving Goods Vehicles.

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Combination 5

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

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The Official DSA Guide to Driving Goods Vehicles.

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

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- **Show me what instrument checks you would make before and after starting the engine on this vehicle.**

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

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Combination 6

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

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The Official DSA Guide to Driving Goods Vehicles.

NB: The manufacturer's handbook should also be consulted.

- **Show me how you would check the wheel nuts are secure on this vehicle.**

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- **Tell me the main safety factors involved in loading this vehicle.**

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

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Combination 7

- **Show me how you would clean the windscreen using the windscreen washers and wipers, please don't start the engine.**

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- **Show me how you switch your headlight from dipped to main beam and explain how you would know the main beam is on whilst inside the vehicle, please don't start the engine.**

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Combination 8

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

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- **Show me how you would switch on the rear fog light(s) and explain when you would use it (them), please don't start the engine.**

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