

LGV & PCV Show Me Tell Me Questions

External Questions

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

As part of a daily walk-round check, ensure the body is fully roadworthy and there are no significant defects. No loose panels or items, which could endanger other road users. All inspection panels must be secure.

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

All doors must be closed and locking levers for cargo doors are set in the recommended position.

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

The load should be evenly distributed throughout the length of the vehicle so as not to affect the control is being driven. Any load must be carried so that it does not endanger other road users. It must be securely stowed within the size and weight limits for the vehicle. The load needs to be secure so that it cannot move or fall from the vehicle when cornering or braking.

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

Ensure that all reflectors are fitted, clean and functional (not cracked or broken)

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

Charge the air tanks, consult gauges for drop in pressure. Walk around the vehicle and look and listen for any obvious leaks.

Tell me how you could check the condition of the windscreen and windows on this vehicle

The windscreen while the vehicle and windows must be clean, clear and free of defects. No mascots or sticker that restrict view.

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

Windscreen wipers must operate. Blades should be in good condition.

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

As part of a daily walk-round check, suspension should be checked for any obvious signs of damage, leaking, or deterioration to leaf springs.

Tell me how you would check the condition of the mudguards on this vehicle.

As part of daily walk-round check ensure mudguards and spray suppression equipment are secure.

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

A visual check to identify any nuts that are obviously loose, and check that the wheel nut indicators (if fitted) are in alignment)

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.

Follow manufacturer's guide, using appropriate equipment (reliable tyre pressure gauge), check and adjust pressures when tyres are cold. Must have a tread depth of at least 1mm across 3/4 of the breadth of the tread and in a continuous band around the entire circumference. There should be no cuts damage or signs of cord visible at the sidewalls.

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

Candidates should be able to explain briefly the correct operation and safe working practice of specific machinery fitted to the vehicle, e.g. tail lift, kneeling bus.

Under the Bonnet Questions

Identify (show me) where you would check the engine oil level and tell me how you would check that the engine has sufficient oil.

Identify dipstick/oil level indicator, describe check of oil level against the minimum/maximum markers. Explain how to top up oil if low.

Identify (show me) where you would check the engine coolant level and tell me how you would check that the engine has the correct level.

Identify high/low level markings on header tank where fitted or radiator filler cap, and describe how to top up to correct level.

Identify (show me) where you would check the brake fluid level and tell me how you would check that the engine has the correct level.

Identify reservoir, and explain that the fluid should be between high/low level markings.

Identify (show me) where you would check the power steering fluid level and tell me how you would check that the engine has the correct level.

Identify reservoir, and explain that the fluid should be between high/low level markings.

Identify (show me) where the windscreen washer reservoir is and tell me how you would check the windscreen washer level.

Identify reservoir and explain how to check level.

Cockpit Questions

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

Check to make sure all gauges and warning systems are working. Ensure that all gauges are reading correctly and that warning lights/audible warning devices are extinguished before moving away.

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

Ensure gauges are reading the correct pressures for the vehicle and that all warning lights are extinguished and audible warning devices are not sounding.

Show me how you would replace the Tachograph disc on this vehicle.

Candidate to demonstrate how to insert Tachograph disc. Digital Tachograph may require an explanation if the candidate does not have a digital card.

Show me how you would demist the windows on this vehicle.

Switch on demister (if fitted), and turn heater dial to point to windscreen.

Tell me how you would know if there is a problem with the anti-lock braking system (ABS)

Explain that a warning light will illuminate on the dash.

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

Demonstrate use of control.

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

Applying the indicators or hazard warning switch and check functioning of all indicators.

Tell me how you would check that the headlamps, sidelights and tail lights are working.

Explain that you would operate switch (turn on ignition if necessary), and then walk round vehicle and make a visual inspection that all lights/bulbs are working.

Show me how you would switch the lights from dipped beam to main beam.

Turn lights onto dipped beam (turn ignition on if necessary). Then operate main beam switch, and show the illuminated light on the dash.

Show me how you would tell that the rear fog light is switched on.

Operate switch and show warning display on dash board.

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)

Operate brake pedal, make sure use of reflections in windows, garage doors, etc, or ask someone to help.

Tell me how you would make sure the head restraint is properly adjusted.

The top of the head restraint should be in level with the top of the ears/eye level, and be as close to the back of the head as comfortable.

Show & explain how you would check the parking brake (handbrake) for excessive wear.

Apply footbrake firmly. Release handbrake and re-apply showing that the handbrake secures itself, and is not at the end of its working travel.

Tell me you would check the brakes are working before starting a journey?

Brakes should not feel spongy or slack. The brakes should be tested as you pull off, and the vehicle should not pull to one side.

Show me / explain how you would check that the power assisted steering is working

If the steering becomes heavy the system may not be working properly. Before starting a journey two simple checks can be made. Gentle pressure on the steering wheel, maintained while the engine is started, should result in a slight but noticeable movement as the system begins to operate. Alternatively turning the steering wheel just after moving off will give an immediate indication that the power assistance is functioning.