

**Minnesota Dept. of Public Safety Driver & Vehicle Services**  
**“Practice Test” for Commercial Driver’s Permit**

**\*\*\*THIS TEST HAS BEEN REDUCED TO INCLUDE ONLY THE  
REQUIRED INFORMATION FOR METRO TRANSIT BUS DRIVERS\*\*\***

**Test Your Knowledge**

The vehicle inspection report tells the motor carrier about problems that may need fixing. Keep a copy of your report in the vehicle for one day. That way, the next driver can learn about any problems you have found.

1. What is the most important reason for doing a vehicle inspection?
2. What things should you check during a trip?
3. Name some key steering system parts.
4. Name some suspension system defects.
5. What three kinds of emergency equipment must you have?
6. What is the minimum tread depth for front tires? For other tires?
7. Name some things you should check on the front of your vehicle during the walk around inspection.
8. What should wheel bearing seals be checked for?
9. How many red reflective triangles should you carry?
10. How do you test hydraulic brakes for leaks?
11. Why put the starter switch key in your pocket during the pre-trip inspection?

***These questions may be on your test. If you can't answer them all, re-read subsection 2.1.***

**Test Your Knowledge**

1. Why should you back toward the driver's side?
2. If stopped on a hill, how can you start moving without rolling back?
3. When backing, why is it important to use a helper?
4. What's the most important hand signal that you and the helper should agree on?
5. What are the two special conditions where you should downshift?

6. When should you downshift automatic transmissions?
7. Retarders keep you from skidding when the road is slippery. True or False?
8. What are the two ways to know when to shift?

*These questions may be on the test. If you can't answer them all, re-read subsections 2.2 and 2.3.*

### **Test Your Knowledge**

1. How far ahead does the manual say you should look?
2. What are two main things to look for ahead?
3. What's your most important way to see the sides and rear of your vehicle?
4. What does "communicating" mean in safe driving?
5. Where should your reflectors be placed when stopped on a divided highway?
6. What three things add up to total stopping distance?
7. If you go twice as fast, will your stopping distance increase by two or four times?
8. Empty trucks have the best braking. True or False?
9. What is hydroplaning?
10. What is "black ice"?

*These questions may be on the test. If you can't answer them all, re-read subsections 2.4, 2.5 and 2.6.*

### **Test Your Knowledge**

1. How do you find out how many seconds of following distance space you have?
2. If you are driving a 30-foot vehicle at 55 mph, how many seconds of following distance should you allow?
3. You should decrease your following distance if somebody is following you too closely. True or False?
4. If you swing wide to the left before turning right, another driver may try to pass you on the right. True or False?
5. What is a hazard?
6. Why make emergency plans when you see a hazard?

*These questions may be on the test. If you can't answer them all, re-read subsections 2.7 and 2.8*

### **Test Your Knowledge**

1. What are some tips to follow so you won't become a distracted driver?
2. How do you use in-vehicle communications equipment cautiously?
3. How do you recognize a distracted driver?
4. What is the difference between aggressive driving and road rage?
5. What should you do when confronted with an aggressive driver?
6. What are some things you can do to reduce your stress before and while you drive?

*These questions may be on the test. If you can't answer them all, re-read subsections 2.9 and 2.10.*

### **Test Your Knowledge**

1. You should use low beams whenever you can. True or False?
2. What should you do before you drive if you are drowsy?
3. What effects can wet brakes cause? How can you avoid these problems?
4. You should let air out of hot tires so the pressure goes back to normal. True or False?
5. You can safely remove the radiator cap as long as the engine isn't overheated. True or False?

*These questions may be on the test. If you can't answer all of them, re-read subsections 2.11, 2.12, 2.13, and 2.14.*

### **Test Your Knowledge**

1. What factors determine your selection of a "safe" speed when going down a long, steep downgrade?
2. Why should you be in the proper gear before starting down a hill?
3. Describe the proper braking technique when going down a long, steep downgrade.
4. What type of vehicles can get stuck on a railroad-highway crossing?

5. How long does it take for a typical tractor- trailer unit to clear a double track?

*These questions may be on the test. If you can't answer them all, re-read subsections 2.15 and 2.16.*

### **Test Your Knowledge**

1. Stopping is not always the safest thing to do in an emergency. True or False?
2. What are some advantages of going right instead of left around an obstacle?
3. What is an "escape ramp?"
4. If a tire blows out, you should put the brakes on hard to stop quickly. True or False?
5. How do you know if your vehicle has antilock brakes?
6. What is the proper braking technique when driving a vehicle with antilock brakes?
7. How do antilock brakes help you?

*These questions may be on the test. If you can't answer them all, re-read subsections 2.17, 2.18, and 2.19.*

### **Test Your Knowledge**

1. What are some things to do at an accident scene to prevent another accident?
2. Name two causes of tire fires.
3. What kinds of fires is a B:C extinguisher not good for?
4. When using your extinguisher, should you get as close as possible to the fire?
5. Name some causes of vehicle fires.

*These questions may be on the test. If you can't answer them all, re-read subsections 2.20 and 2.21.*

### **Test Your Knowledge**

1. Common medicines for colds can make you sleepy. True or False?
2. What should you do if you become sleepy while driving?
3. Coffee and little fresh air will help a drink sober up. True or False?
4. What is a hazardous materials placard?
5. Why are placards used?

6. What is “sleep debt?”
7. What are the danger signals of drowsy driving?

*These questions may be on the test. If you can't answer them all, re-read subsections 2.22, 2.223 and 2.24*

### **Test Your Knowledge**

1. Name some things to check in the interior of a bus during a pre-trip inspection?
2. What are some hazardous materials you can transport by bus?
3. What are some hazardous materials you can't transport by bus?
4. What is a standee line?
5. Does it matter where you make a disruptive passenger get off the bus?
6. How far from a railroad crossing should you stop?
7. When must you stop before crossing a drawbridge?
8. Describe from memory the “prohibited practices” listed in the manual.
9. The rear door of transit bus has to be open to put on the parking brake. True or False?

*These questions may be on your test. If you can't answer them all, re-read Section 4.*

### **Test Your Knowledge**

1. Why must air tanks be drained?
2. What is a supply pressure gauge used for?
3. All vehicles with air brakes must have a low air pressure warning signal. True or False?
4. What are spring brakes?
5. Front wheel brakes are good under all conditions. True or False?
6. How do you know if your vehicle is equipped with antilock brakes?

*These questions may be on your test. If you can't answer them all, re-read subsection 5.1.*

### **Test Your Knowledge**

1. What is a dual air brake system?
2. What are the slack adjusters?

3. How can you check slack adjusters?
4. How can you test the low pressure warning signal?
5. How can you check that the spring brakes come on automatically?
6. What are the maximum leakage rates?

*These questions may be on your test. If you can't answer them all, re-read subsections 5.2 and 5.3.*

### **Test Your Knowledge**

1. Why should you be in the proper gear before starting down a hill?
2. What factors can cause brakes to fade or fail?
3. The use of brakes on a long, steep downgrade is only a supplement to the braking effect of the engine. True or False?
4. If you are away from your vehicle only a short time, you do not need to use the parking brake. True or False?
5. How often should you drain air tanks?
6. How do you brake when you drive a tractor- trailer combination with ABS?
7. You still have normal brake functions if your ABS is not working. True or False?

*These questions may be on your test. If you can't answer them all, re-read subsection 5.4.*