



Vehicle & Operator Services Agency

HGV DRIVER'S DAILY WALKAROUND CHECK

SECURITY OF LOAD

- Check that:
- any load is secured adequately; and
 - any container has an effective secondary locking device fitted.

MARKERS

- Check that marker boards are:
- present if the type of vehicle requires them;
 - not obscured by dirt or other objects;
 - securely fastened;
 - of the correct type; and
 - clearly visible.

REFLECTORS

- Check that the reflectors are not:
- obscured;
 - missing;
 - broken; or
 - of the wrong colour.

TYRES AND WHEEL FIXING

- Check as much of each tyre/wheel as you can see. There must be:
- minimum tread depth of 1mm;
 - sufficient inflation of each tyre;
 - no deep cuts in the sidewall;
 - no cord visible anywhere on tyre; and
 - no missing or insecure wheel-nuts.

SPRAY SUPPRESSION

- Check that spray suppression flaps are:
- fitted (where required);
 - stiff and secure;
 - undamaged; and
 - not clogged with mud or debris.

SECURITY OF BODY/WINGS

- Check that:
- all fastening devices are present, complete, secure and in working order;
 - cab doors and trailer doors are secure when closed;
 - no body panels on tractor unit or trailer are loose and in danger of falling off; and
 - no landing legs, where fitted, are likely to fall from the vehicle.

BRAKE LINES

- Check that:
- couplings are free from debris and located properly;
 - there are no leaks from the lines themselves; and
 - there is no bulging, kinking, corrosion, stretching, chafing or general damage/wear to any brake lines.
- If the engine is left running until pressure has built up after the initial brake test, it will be easier to hear leaks as the rest of the walkaround test is carried out.

ELECTRICAL CONNECTIONS

- Check that:
- all visible wiring is insulated and is not in a position where it's likely to get chafed; and
 - all electrical switches operate their components correctly.

HORN

- Check that:
- horn control is easily accessible from driver's seat; and
 - horn unit works when control is operated.

MIRRORS AND GLASS

- Check that all mirrors that should be there:
- are aligned properly and are secure.
- Check that your view of the road (especially in the driver's side swept area) isn't obscured by:
- damaged/discoloured glass; or
 - obstructions (stickers, etc.).

STEERING

- Check steering for excessive play
- When checking for leaks underneath vehicle, check the major steering components to ensure that they are present and undamaged.

BRAKES

- Check that:
- the service brake operates both the tractor and trailer (where applicable) brakes; and
 - the parking brake for the tractor is operational

These checks can be done by listening for the air releasing from the tractor and the trailer or by asking a colleague to watch the trailer brakes operating as you press the pedal.

- Check that:
- the service brake pedal doesn't have excessive side play or missing, loose or incomplete anti-slip provision; and
 - the trailer parking brake works by operating it as you do the walkaround check.

EXCESSIVE ENGINE EXHAUST SMOKE

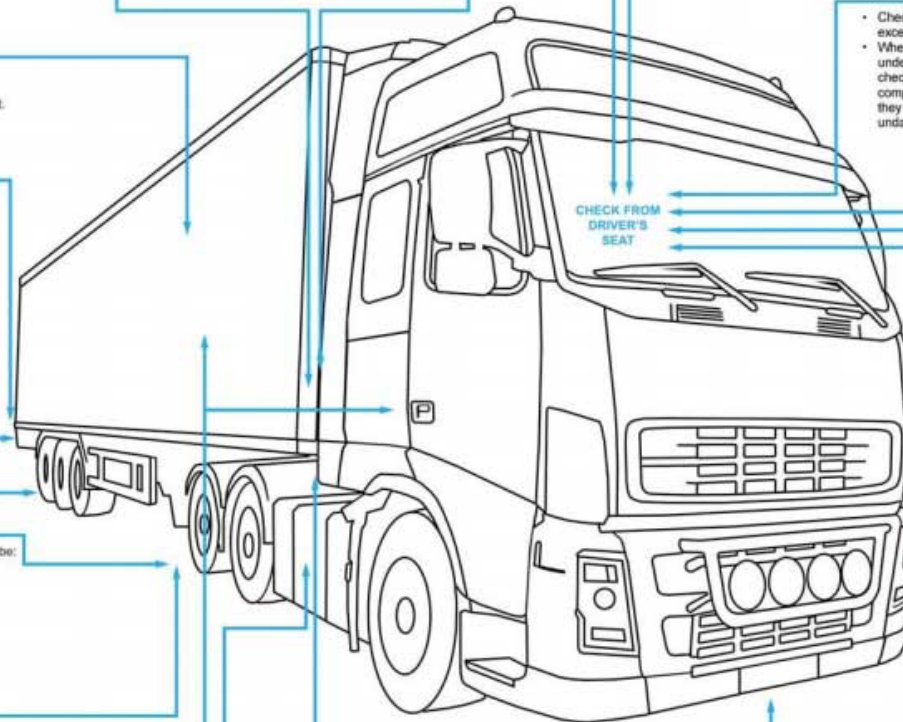
- Check that:
- the exhaust doesn't emit excessive amounts of smoke.

WINDSCREEN WIPERS AND WASHERS

- Check that:
- wipers move continually when switched on;
 - wiper blades are not so deteriorated that they don't clear the screen effectively when used with washers; and
 - washers point at screen and are operational.

LIGHTS AND INDICATORS

- Check that:
- all lights and indicators work correctly;
 - all lenses are present, clean and are of the correct colour;
 - stop lamps come on when the service brake is applied and go out when released;
 - marker lights are present and work (where applicable); and
 - all dashboard warning lamps work correctly (e.g. the ABS warning lamp, full headlamp warning lamp, parking brake warning lamp, etc.).



CHECK FROM DRIVER'S SEAT

BATTERY SECURITY/CONDITION

- Check that:
- battery is held securely in place by the correct means, not by its cables; and
 - battery is not leaking.

The battery must be replaced if it is leaking.

COUPLING SECURITY

- Check that:
- the trailer (if applicable) is located correctly in the fifth wheel; and
 - the security bar is in the correct position for its use.

FUEL/OIL LEAKS

- With engine on, check:
- underneath vehicle for any leaks of fuel/oil; and
 - that fuel filler cap is properly located.

If leaks are detected that aren't fuel or oil, trace the cause (i.e. power steering fluid, water, etc.).

HGV Drivers' Walk Around Check

BRAKE LINES

Check that

- couplings are free from debris and located properly and that the safety locking devices are present, and the coupling is secure
- there are no leaks from the lines themselves
- there is no bulging, kinking, corrosion, stretching, chafing or general damage to any brake lines

If the engine is left running until pressure has built up after the initial brake test, it will be easier to hear leaks as the rest of the walk around test is carried out

ELECTRICAL CONNECTIONS

Check that

- all visible wiring is insulated and is not in a position where it is likely to get chafed
- all electric switches operate their components correctly
- electrical plugs are correctly located and secured in the sockets

MIRRORS AND GLASS

Check that all mirrors that should be there

- are aligned properly and are secure

Check that your view of the road (especially in the swept area viewed from the driver's seat) is not obscured by

- damaged/discooured glass
- obstructions (stickers, etc)

Check that the side windows are not damaged or discoloured in a way that obscures the view to a mirror

STEERING

- Check for excessive play
- When checking for leaks underneath vehicle, visually check the major steering components to ensure that they are present, secure and undamaged

HORN

- the unit works correctly when control is operated

BRAKES

Check that

- the service brake operates both the tractor and trailer (where applicable) brakes
 - the parking brake for the tractor is operational
- These checks can be done by listening for the air releasing from the tractor and the trailer or by asking a colleague to watch the trailer brakes operating as you press the pedal.

Check that

- the service brake pedal does not have excessive side play or missing, loose or incomplete anti-slip provision
- the trailer parking brake works by operating it as you do the walk around check

Also check that the air pressure gauges and low air pressure warning are working correctly

SECURITY OF LOAD

Check that

- any load is secured adequately
- any container has an effective secondary locking device fitted

SECURITY OF BODY/WINGS

Check that

- all fastening devices are present, complete, secure and in working order
- cab doors and trailer doors are secure when closed
- no body parts on tractor unit or trailer are loose and in danger of falling off
- no landing leg component, where fitted, is likely to fall from the vehicle

MARKERS

Check that marker boards/consistency markings are

- present if the type of vehicle requires them
- not obscured by dirt or other objects
- securely fastened
- of the correct type
- clearly visible

REFLECTORS

Check they are not

- obscured
- missing
- broken
- of the wrong colour

TYRE AND WHEEL FIXING

Check as much of each tyre/wheel as you can see. There must be

- minimum tread depth of 1mm
- sufficient inflation of each tyre
- no deep cuts or bulges in the sidewall
- no cord visible anywhere on tyre
- no missing or insecure wheel nuts

SPRAY SUPPRESSION

Check that flaps are

- fitted (where required)
- rigid and secure
- undamaged
- not clogged with mud or debris

BATTERY SECURITY/CONDITION

Check that it

- is held securely in place by the correct means, not by its cables
 - is not leaking
- The battery must be replaced if it is leaking

COUPLING SECURITY

Check that

- the trailer (if applicable) is located correctly in the fifth wheel
- the security bar is in the correct position for its use and any locking devices are in good condition and correctly deployed

FUEL/OIL LEVELS AND LEAKS

Check

- fuel, engine oil, coolant, windscreen washer and (if fitted) urea levels
 - fuel filler cap and seal are properly located
- With the engine on, check
- underneath vehicle for any leaks of fuel/oil
 - if leaks are detected that are not fuel or oil, trace the cause (ie power steering fluid, water etc)

WINDSCREEN WIPERS AND WASHERS

Check that

- wipers work correctly when switched on, and cover the full swept area of the screen
- wiper blades are not so deteriorated that they do not clear the screen effectively when used with washers
- washers point at screen and are operational

EXCESSIVE ENGINE EXHAUST SMOKE

Check that

- the exhaust does not emit excessive amounts of smoke

LIGHTS AND INDICATORS

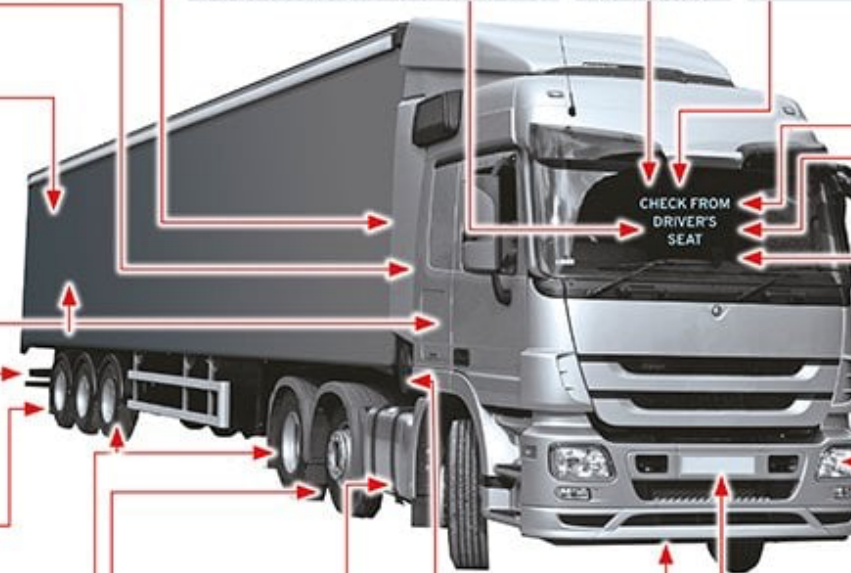
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- all lights and indicators work correctly
- all lenses are present, clean and are of the correct colour
- stop lamps come on when the service brake is applied and go out when released
- marker lights are present and work (where applicable)
- all dashboard warning lamps work correctly (eg the ABS warning lamp, headlamp main beam warning lamp, parking brake warning lamp, etc)

REGISTRATION PLATES (FRONT AND REAR)

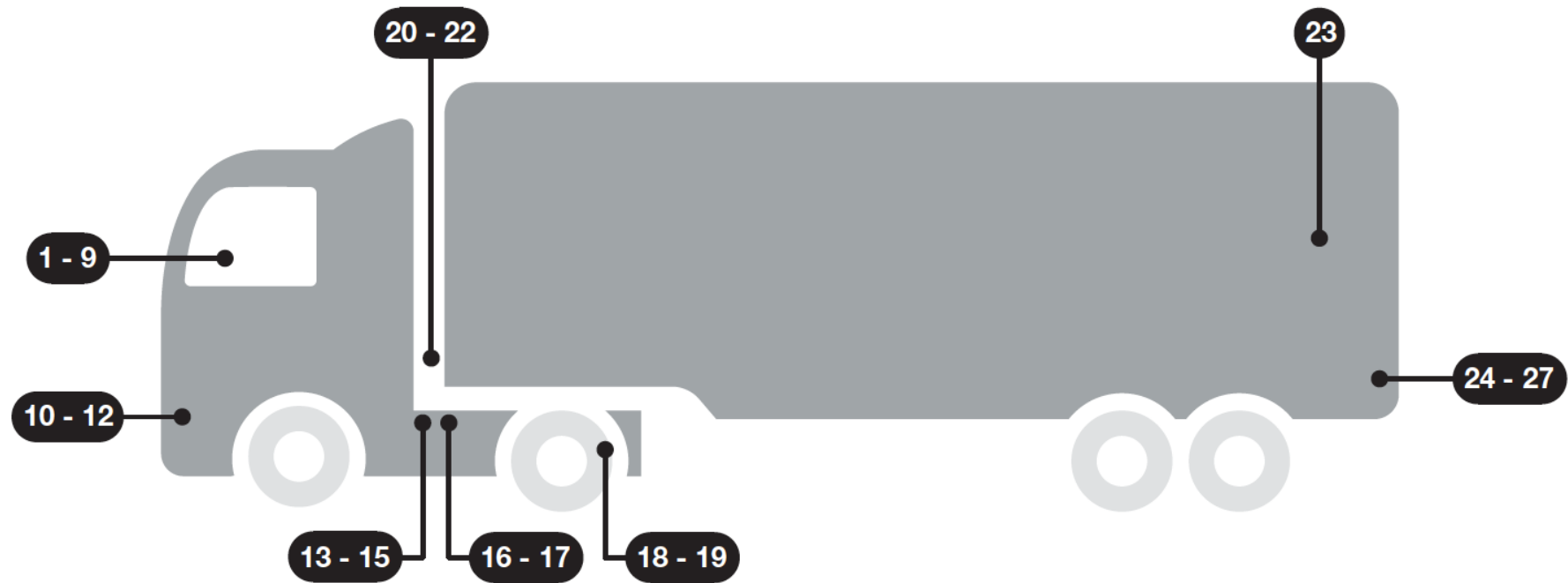
Check they are

- visible
- of the correct mark
- secure and clean



HGV walkaround check

Allow plenty of time to check your vehicle is safe before you drive and remember this counts as working time. If your vehicle is not safe, you risk an incident, prohibition, fine and penalty points on your licence.



Check inside the vehicle

1. Front view (mirrors, cameras, and glass)
2. Windscreen wipers and washers
3. Dashboard warning lights and gauges
4. Steering
5. Horn
6. Brakes and air build-up
7. Height marker
8. Seat belts and cab interior
9. Security and condition of cab, doors and steps

Check outside the vehicle

10. Lights and indicators
11. Fuel and oil leaks
12. Security of body and wings
13. Battery security and condition
14. Diesel exhaust fluid (AdBlue)
15. Excessive engine exhaust smoke
16. High voltage emergency cut-off switch
17. Alternative fuel systems and isolation
18. Spray suppression
19. Tyres and wheel fixing
20. Brake lines and trailer parking brake
21. Electrical connections
22. Coupling security
23. Security of load
24. Number plate
25. Reflectors
26. Markings and warning plates
27. Other equipment