# Tractor Driver Description

Tractor drivers operate and maintain heavy-duty construction vehicles. They work for private construction companies, pavement contractors, and local, state and federal government agencies. Tractor drivers work in loud environments and in tight quarters for long hours. Good coordination, eyesight and quick decision-making ability are essential qualities in this construction profession.

## Duties

Tractor drivers move large amounts of dirt, gravel, sand and road materials at construction sites. They smooth road foundations and transport construction materials and refuse. Tractor drivers perform daily preventative maintenance procedures and safety inspections of their equipment.

## Key Traits

Successful tractor drivers must have excellent hand-eye coordination and manual dexterity. The ability to work in noisy and cramped areas is integral. Good physical condition, precise hand movements and mechanical aptitude are important. Tractor drivers work in diverse weather conditions and often in dangerous locales. They must be available for night or weekend work during emergency situations