

# ROADMASTER DRIVERS SCHOOL

## STUDY GUIDE FOR THE COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE

### INTRODUCTION

COMMERCIAL DRIVER LICENSE (CDL) ENDORSEMENT EXAM

## PASSENGER VEHICLE

**SUPPORTING  
TEXT  
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COMMERCIAL DRIVER LICENSE MANUAL VERSION 2.0  
SECTION 4, TRANSPORTING PASSENGERS SAFELY  
YOUR STATE DEPARTMENT OF DRIVER LICENSING

### STUDY GUIDE USE INFORMATION

This Study Guide is designed to help you learn and understand the information necessary to successfully pass the CDL endorsement exam, **TRANSPORTING PASSENGERS**. All persons seeking a commercial driver's License to transport passengers in a vehicle designed to seat 16 or more persons must take this written test. Refer to the Commercial Driver License Manual to help you understand the correct information. Each question is referenced in the section the correct information can be found.

The study guide consists of 3 major parts. 1. **Key facts you need to know to pass the written test.** 2. **One practice test to measure your knowledge of the subject.** 3. **Answer sheet for self-grading the practice test.**

Study and learn all key facts in the study guide. This is the information you need to know to pass the test. When you feel you have read and understood the key facts, take the practice test without using the answer sheet. Self-grade your first practice test. Re-study the key facts that refer to the questions you missed. If you missed 3 questions or less, you are ready to challenge the **PASSENGERS VEHICLES** written Test.

You have the option of taking this test at the same time you take your other written tests or waiting until after you have your **CDL Class A permit or license**. It is recommended that you take the three written tests you need to get your CDL Class A License first. If you pass the three you need and fail the PASSENGERS test; the testing center will hold all your tests until you successfully pass all the tests you challenged. It is recommended you take this test after you have additional training or more experience and your CDL permit or license.

Roadmaster Drivers School has no relationship with the CDL testing facilities. You must pass the **General Knowledge, Air Brakes and Combination Vehicles** test in order to receive a **CDL Class A Permit**. Once you have the Class A CDL permit, you will be qualified to attend the Skills portion of the Truck Driver Course. You can also challenge other written endorsement tests at this time.

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## **TRANSPORTING PASSENGERS**

### **KEY FACTS YOU NEED TO KNOW TO PASS THIS TEST.**

**Study these key facts until you are sure you know the information. More detailed information can be found in your Commercial Drivers License Manual in Section 4.**

1. Bus drivers must have a CDL if the vehicle is designed to hold more than 16 persons including the driver.
2. Before driving a bus, you must be sure it is safe. During the pre-trip inspections check defects reported by previous drivers.
3. Inspect: Service brakes, parking brakes, steering, lights and reflectors, tires, horn, windshield wipers, mirrors, coupling for towing devices, wheels and rims.
4. Front wheels must not have recapped or regrooved tires.
5. Close any open emergency exits or access panels before driving.
6. Always check the interior of the bus before driving.
7. Interior inspection should include Handholds and railings, floor coverings, signaling devices and emergency exit.
8. All seats must be securely fastened to the bus. One exception is a charter bus carrying agricultural workers.
9. Never drive with an open emergency exit door or window.
10. Red emergency exit lights must work and must be turned on at any time outside lights are used.
11. Some emergency roof hatches may be partly open while driving for fresh air.
12. All buses must have a fire extinguisher, reflective triangles and spare fuses unless equipped with circuit breakers.
13. Do not allow riders to leave baggage in a doorway or the aisle.
14. Secure baggage to allow the driver to move freely and easily, allow riders access to doors and emergency exits, and protect riders.
15. The law requires shippers to mark containers of hazardous materials with the materials name; ID number and diamond shaped hazardous labels.
16. Watch for hazardous materials labels and do not transport the package unless the rules allow it.
17. Buses may carry small amounts of some hazardous materials if the shipper cannot send them any other way.

18. Buses may never carry: Class “A” poison, liquid class “B” poison, tear gas, irritating material, explosives except small arms ammunition, radioactive material, more than 500 pounds of allowed hazardous material, or more than 100 pounds of any one class.
19. Do not allow riders to carry on common hazards such as car batteries or gasoline.
20. All standing riders must be behind the standee line or behind the rear of the driver’s seat.
21. Be sure to announce all company safety rules about smoking, drinking, or use of radios and other players.
22. If you have a drunk or disruptive rider, don’t discharge such a rider where it would be unsafe for them.
23. Bus crashes often occur at intersections, never assume other drivers will give you room when you signal, or start to pull out into traffic.
24. Reduce speed at curves before you enter the curve.
25. Stop a bus between 15 and 50 feet before railroad crossings.
26. If your bus has a manual transmission, don’t change gears while crossing railroad tracks.
27. Stop at least 50 feet before a drawbridge.
28. Avoid fueling a bus with riders aboard unless absolutely necessary.
29. Never fuel a bus in a closed building with riders aboard.
30. Do not tow or push a disabled vehicle with passengers on board unless getting off would be unsafe for passengers.
31. When calculating the space needed ahead of a bus, one second for every ten feet of bus length. For speeds over 40 mph add an extra second
32. Avoid backing up a bus unless it is absolutely necessary.
33. Extra caution should be used when driving down a steep hill, by shifting to a lower gear and using the brakes.
34. Never have a disabled bus towed with the passengers on board.

**Now that you know the key facts in section (4), take the practice test without referring to the answer sheet. Self-grade your test and re-study the missed questions. (That is if you have any missed questions) You may want to put your answers on a separate sheet of paper so you can take the test more than once. If you don’t understand the question, go to your CDL manual and review the section that is referenced at each question. You can find the correct information in the referenced sections.**

## **TRANSPORTING PASSENGERS PRACTICE TEST**

**Read each question and all the answers carefully. Select the most correct answer. After answering all questions in the practice test, check them with the answer sheet for correctness. You can also check your answers for correctness by reading the Commercial Drivers License Manual, section 4. The questions listed are only similar to the ones that you can expect to find on the actual CDL written test. By studying this guide, you will be able to determine the most correct answer when you take the CDL written PASSENGERS Test.**

**When taking the CDL written test, follow these basic test-taking rules:**

- 1. Read the entire question and all answers before selecting your answer. Remember there maybe more than one right answer and you need to select the most correct answer.**
- 2. Do not read words into the questions that are not there.**
- 3. Watch for words that may change the meaning of the question, i.e. (NOT, EXCEPT, etc.)**
- 4. Follow all instructions, oral or written.**

### **SECTION 4 – TRANSPORTING PASSENGERS**

1. Before signing the previous drivers defect report you should: (4.1)
  - A. Do a pre-trip inspection.
  - B. Sign only if defects reported earlier have been fixed.
  - C. Confer with the previous driver concerning the defects.
  - D. Read the report and evaluate the validity of the defects reported.
2. While checking access doors and panels you should:(4.1.1)
  - A. Make sure they are snug and fit properly before driving.
  - B. Check for faulty warning devices before driving.
  - C. Close any open emergency exits and access panels before driving.
  - D. Make sure the proper number of exits and panels exist before driving.
3. Shifting gears in a passenger transport vehicle is not permitted when: (4.3.5)
  - A. Crossing a bridge.
  - B. Crossing a school crossing.
  - C. Crossing a railroad track.
  - D. None of the above.

4. Buses may have recapped or regrooved tires: (4.1.1)
  - A. On all axles.
  - B. Front axle only.
  - C. Rear axles only.
  - D. Spare tire only.
5. Buses may carry hazardous materials in the area occupied by people labeled: (4.2.2)
  - A. ORM-D.
  - B. Class B solid poison.
  - C. ORM-E.
  - D. Miscellaneous dangerous substance.
6. In the space not occupied by passengers you may carry: (4.2.1)
  - A. 500 pounds total weight of a single hazardous material class
  - B. 100 pounds of a single hazardous material.
  - C. 100 pounds of class A poison
  - D. 250 pounds of solid class B poison.
7. Do not allow passengers to carry on common hazards such as: (4.2)
  - A. Gasoline in metal containers.
  - B. Gasoline in plastic containers.
  - C. Auto batteries.
  - D. Any of the above.
8. The "Standee Line" is: (4.2.3)
  - A. The area the person is standing on.
  - B. The line where the person is waiting for the bus.
  - C. A queue.
  - D. A two inch line behind the driver's seat.
9. If your bus leans to the outside on a curve, you: (4.3.4)
  - A. Have too many standees which make your bus top heavy.
  - B. Have low air pressure in the outside tires.
  - C. Should brake to reduce the chance of a roll over.
  - D. Are driving too fast.

10. The posted speed on a curve: (4.3.3)
- A. Always safe.
  - B. Never safe.
  - C. Is usually safe for cars but may be too high for many buses.
  - D. Is usually lower than necessary so a safety factor exists.
11. You do not have to stop but slow down at: (4.3.5)
- A. Railroad tracks used for switching within a business district.
  - B. Where a policeman or flagman is directing traffic.
  - C. At a crossing marked "exempt crossing"
  - D. All of the above.
12. At a railroad crossing stop your bus before the crossing: (4.3.5)
- A. Between 15 and 50 feet.
  - B. Between 10 and 40 feet.
  - C. Between 50 and 125 feet.
  - D. Between the railroad crossing signs.
13. When stopping for a draw bridge, stop at least \_\_\_\_\_ feet before the draw: (4.3.6)
- A. 50.
  - B. 15.
  - C. 40.
  - D. At or before the signal light.
14. A Commercial Motor Vehicle with passengers aboard may not be fueled: (4.5)
- A. With the windows open.
  - B. With the emergency exits closed.
  - C. With the brake door interlock engaged.
  - D. In a closed building.
15. When you discharge an unruly passenger, you should choose a place that is: (4.5)
- A. Off the regular route.
  - B. As safe as possible.
  - C. The next bus stop.
  - D. The terminal

16. The brake door interlocks are used: (4.6)
- A. To apply the brakes.
  - B. To hold the throttle in idle position.
  - C. As a parking brake.
  - D. Both A and B.
17. Your bus is disabled at a regular bus stop: (4.5)
- A. Have it pushed to an adjacent parking lot with the passengers on board to await a replacement bus.
  - B. Have it towed to an adjacent parking lot with the passengers on board to avoid a replacement bus.
  - C. Discharge the passengers, have the bus towed to the adjacent lot and reload the passengers on a replacement bus.
  - D. All of the above.
18. When should you brake for a curve? (4.3.4)
- A. Before you enter it.
  - B. Just as you enter it.
  - C. After you are in it.
  - D. You should never brake for a curve.
19. While checking the inside of a bus you should always check: (4.1.3)
- A. Each handhold and railing.
  - B. Floor covering.
  - C. Emergency exit handles
  - D. All of the above.
20. While driving the emergency exits should be closed except for: (4.1.2)
- A. The front exit.
  - B. The side exit.
  - C. The roof exit.
  - D. None of the above.
21. With passengers aboard, you must never fuel your bus \_\_\_\_\_(4.5)
- A. With the windows closed.
  - B. Without a static chain.
  - C. In a closed building.
  - D. With a higher grade fuel.

22. Driving for an interstate carrier, the driver must complete a written inspection report for each bus driven. (4.4)

- A. True
- B. False

23. Which of the following is required to be on the bus? (4.1.3)

- A. Spare circuit breakers, accident report, accident reporting kit
- B. Fire extinguisher, spare electrical fuses, reflectors
- C. Hydraulic Jack, fire extinguisher, flares
- E. Reflectors, Fire extinguisher, accident reporting kit.

24. Busses may have recapped or re-grooved tires(4.1.1)

- A. Anywhere except the front wheels
- B. Only on the front wheels
- C. Only when traveling less than 40 MPH
- D. On any or all of the wheels.

25. You should not change gears in the bus while crossing railroad tracks.

- A. True
- B. False

### CONGRATULATIONS

**YOU HAVE COMPLETED TRANSPORTING PASSENGERS SAFELY PRACTICE TEST SELF-GRADE YOUR TEST AND RE-STUDY THE QUESTIONS YOU MISSED. IF YOU MISSED 3 OR LESS, YOU ARE READY TO CHALLENGE THE CDL ENDORSEMENT TEST.**



**TRANSPORTING PASSENGERS  
PRACTICE TEST  
ANSWER SHEET**

1. B
2. C
3. C
4. C
5. A
6. A
7. D
8. D
9. D
10. C
11. D
12. A
13. A
14. D
15. B
16. D
17. C
18. A
19. D
20. D
21. C
22. A
23. B
24. B
25. A