

HGV Driver Walkaround Checks

In Cab Checks

- Check driving controls, seat position, safety belt (if fitted)
- Tachograph: Correct hours, calibrated & speed limiter plaque displayed
- ABS/EBS warning lights working
- Instruments, gauges & warning devices working
- Wipers, washers, horn, demister & temperature controls working correctly

Load Security

- Loaded correctly
- Weight distributed across axles
- Not overloaded
- Load restrained & contained

External Checks

- Check underneath front of vehicle for fluid leaks
- Exhaust: No excessive noise or smoke
- Landing legs fully raised & handle in position
- Trailer park brake operates correctly & is fully released
- Air suspension correctly set
- Number & marker plates in place, clean & in good condition
- Check vehicle sitting square & not leaning to one side
- Check engine oil, coolant, windscreen wash & fuel for levels & leaks
- Check for sounds of air leaks or drop in air pressure
- Fuel cap seal in good condition & no leaks
- Side & rear reflective markings fitted, clean & in good condition

Windows (Windscreen & Side Windows)

- Undamaged
- Clean
- View not obstructed e.g. by stickers, etc.
- Valid Tax/insurance discs present
- Windscreen washers & wipers working correctly & in good condition

Vehicle Access

- Steps undamaged
- Good unworn surface
- Clean
- Good handholds
- Proper access to catwalk & load area (if required)
- Safe access for driver
- Safe access to Suzie Connections

Lights & Indicators

- Working
- Clean
- Correct colour
- All in place & undamaged

Mirrors

- Cover side & rear blind spots (if fitted)
- Clean & in good condition
- Correctly aligned

Suzie Connections

- All required air & electrical Suzie connectors present & correctly located
- In good condition: No chaffing, stretching or any other damage
- ABS/EBS cable fitted (if required)
- No air leaks from connectors

Tyres, Wheels & Couplings

- Tyres correctly inflated
- Tyres correct tread depth
- Tyres undamaged: No abrasions, bulges or tears
- Wheel nut indicators correctly aligned (if fitted)
- Road wheel nuts all in place, correctly fitted & secure
- Road wheels in good condition
- Semi-trailer is correctly located in fifth wheel & locked in position (if applicable)
- Drawbar coupling in place & good condition

