

INTRODUCTION OF VEHICLE SAFETY QUESTIONS SEPTEMBER 2003
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Advice and information on how to carry out vehicle safety checks can be found in the manufacturer's handbook and/or the appropriate DSA publication.

COMBINATIONS OF QUESTIONS TO BE USED ON TEST

CAR + TRAILER TESTS (Category B + E)

Safety check questions for car + trailer tests

Combination 1

- **Identify where the brake fluid reservoir is and tell me how you would check that you have a safe level of hydraulic brake fluid.**

Source: The Official DSA Guide to Driving the Essential Skills.

NB: The manufacturer's handbook should also be consulted.

- **Show me how you would check that the direction indicators are working.**

Source: The Official DSA Guide to Driving the Essential Skills.

NB: The manufacturer's handbook should also be consulted.

- **Tell me the main safety factors involved in loading this vehicle.**

Source: The Official DSA Guide to Driving the Essential Skills.

NB: The manufacturer's handbook should also be consulted.

- **Tell me how you would make sure your head restraint is correctly adjusted so it provides the best protection in the event of a collision.**

Source: The Official DSA Guide to Driving the Essential Skills.

NB: The manufacturer's handbook should also be consulted.

- **Show me how you would check that your vehicle & trailer doors are secure.**

Source: The Official DSA Guide to Driving the Essential Skills.

NB: The manufacturer's handbook should also be consulted.

Combination 2

- **Tell me how you would check the tyres to ensure that they have sufficient tread depth and that their general condition is safe to use on the road.**

Source: The Official DSA Guide to Driving the Essential Skills.
NB: The manufacturer's handbook should also be consulted.

- Show me how you would check that the horn is working on this vehicle.

Source: The Official DSA Guide to Driving the Essential Skills.
NB: The manufacturer's handbook should also be consulted.

- Tell me the main safety factors involved in securing a load on this vehicle.

Source: The Official DSA Guide to Driving the Essential Skills.
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- Show me how you would check that the brake lights are working on this vehicle. I can assist you. If you need to switch the ignition on, please don't start the engine.

Source: The Official DSA Guide to Driving the Essential Skills.
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- Tell me how you would make sure your head restraint is correctly adjusted so it provides the best protection in the event of a collision.

Source: The Official DSA Guide to Driving the Essential Skills.
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Combination 3

- Identify where you would check the engine coolant level and tell me how you would check that the engine has the correct level.

Source: The Official DSA Guide to Driving the Essential Skills.
NB: The manufacturer's handbook should also be consulted.

- Show me how you would check the parking brake for excessive wear.

Source: The Official DSA Guide to Driving the Essential Skills.
NB: The manufacturer's handbook should also be consulted.

- Tell me the main safety factors involved in loading this vehicle.

Source: The Official DSA Guide to Driving the Essential Skills.
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- Show me how you would clean the windscreen using the windscreen washers and wipers, please don't start the engine.

Source: The Official DSA Guide to Driving the Essential Skills.
NB: The manufacturer's handbook should also be consulted.

- Show me how you would check that your vehicle & trailer doors are secure.

Source: The Official DSA Guide to Driving the Essential Skills.
NB: The manufacturer's handbook should also be consulted.

Combination 4

- **Tell me the main safety factors involved in securing a load on this vehicle.**

Source: The Official DSA Guide to Driving the Essential Skills.
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- **Show me how you would use the demister controls to clear all the windows effectively, this should include both front and rear screens.**

Source: The Official DSA Guide to Driving the Essential Skills.
NB: The manufacturer's handbook should also be consulted.

- **Tell me how you would check the tyres to ensure that they have sufficient tread depth and that their general condition is safe to use on the road.**

Source: The Official DSA Guide to Driving the Essential Skills.
NB: The manufacturer's handbook should also be consulted.

- **Show me how you would switch on the rear fog light(s) and explain when you would use it (them), please don't start the engine.**

Source: The Official DSA Guide to Driving the Essential Skills.
NB: The manufacturer's handbook should also be consulted.

- **Show me how you switch your headlight from dipped to main beam and explain how you would know the main beam is on whilst inside the car, please don't start the engine.**

Source: The Official DSA Guide to Driving the Essential Skills.
NB: The manufacturer's handbook should also be consulted.