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CLASS A & B CDL

Theory Instruction

Syllabus: All materials for the classes, written, audio and visual, must be listed in the syllabus

1. Basic Operation

- A. Orientation
- B. Control Systems/Dashboard
- C. Pre- and Post-Trip Inspections
- D. Basic Control
- E. Shifting/Operating Transmissions
- F. Backing and Docking
- G. Coupling and Uncoupling (Class A)

2. Safe Operating Procedures

- A. Visual Search
- B. Communication
- C. Distracted Driving
- D. Speed Management
- E. Space Management
- F. Night Operation
- G. Extreme Driving Conditions

3. Advanced Operating Practices

- A. Hazard Perception
- B. Skid Control/Recovery, Jackknifing, and Other Emergencies
- C. Railroad-Highway Grade Crossings

4. Vehicle Systems and Reporting Malfunctions

- A. Identification and Diagnosis of Malfunctions
- B. Roadside Inspections
- C. Maintenance

5. Non-Driving Activities

- A. Handling and Documenting Cargo
- B. Environmental Compliance Issues



- C. Hours of Service Requirements
- D. Fatigue and Wellness Awareness
- E. Post-Crash Procedures
- F. External Communications
- G. Whistleblower/Coercion
- H. Trip Planning
- I. Drugs/Alcohol
- J. Medical Requirements

Behind the Wheel – Range Class

- 1. Vehicle Inspection Pre-Trip/Enroute/Post-Trip
- 2. Straight Line Backing
- 3. Alley Dock Backing (45/90 Degree)
- 4. Off-Set Backing
- 5. Parallel Parking Blind Side
- 6. Parallel Parking Sight Side
- 7. Coupling and Uncoupling (Class A)

Behind the Wheel – Public Road

- 1. Vehicle Controls Including:
 - A. Left Turns
 - B. Right Turns
 - C. Lane Changes
 - D. Curves at Highway Speeds
 - E. Entry and Exit on the Interstate or Controlled Access Highway
- 2. Shifting/Transmission
- 3. Communications/Signaling
- 4. Visual Search
- 5. Speed and Space Management
- 6. Safe Driver Behavior
- 7. Hours of Service (HOS) Requirements
- 8. Hazard Perception
- 9. Railroad (RR)-Highway Grade Crossing
- 10. Night Operation
- 11. Extreme Driving Conditions
- 12. Skid Control/Recovery, Jackknifing, and Other Emergencies

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PASSENGER ENDORSEMENT

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1. Post-Crash Procedures
2. Other Emergency Procedures
3. Vehicle Orientation
4. Pre-Trip, Enroute, and Post-Trip Inspection
5. Fueling
6. Idling
7. Baggage and/or Cargo Management
8. Passenger Safety Awareness Briefing
9. Passenger Management
10. Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) Compliance
11. Hours of Service (HOS) Requirements
12. Safety Belt Safety
13. Distracted Driving
14. Railroad (RR)-Highway Grade Crossings and Drawbridges
15. Weigh Stations
16. Security and Crime
17. Roadside Inspections
18. Penalties and Fines

Behind the Wheel – Range and Public

1. Vehicle Orientation
2. Pre-Trip, Enroute, and Post-Trip Inspection
3. Baggage and/or Cargo Management
4. Passenger Safety Awareness Briefing
5. Passenger Management
6. Railroad-Highway Grade Crossings

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SCHOOL BUS ENDORSEMENT

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1. Danger Zones and Use of Mirrors
2. Loading and Unloading
3. Vehicle Orientation
4. Post-Crash Procedures
5. Emergency Exit and Evacuation
6. Railroad-Highway Grade Crossings
7. Student Management
8. Special Safety Considerations
9. Pre- and Post-Trip Inspections
10. School Bus Security
11. Route and Stop Reviews

Behind the Wheel – Range and Public Road

1. Danger Zones and Use of Mirrors
2. Loading and Unloading
3. Emergency Exit and Evacuation
4. Special Safety Considerations
5. Pre- and Post-Trip Inspections
6. Railroad-Highway Grade Crossings

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HAZARDOUS MATERIALS ENDORSEMENT

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1. Basic Introductory HM Requirements
2. Operational HM Requirements
3. Reporting HM Crashes and Releases
4. Tunnels and Railroad (RR)-Highway Grade Crossing Requirements
5. Loading and Unloading HM
6. HM on Passenger Vehicles
7. Bulk Packages
8. Operating Emergency Equipment
9. Emergency Response Procedures
10. Engine (Fueling)
11. Tire Check
12. Routes and Route Planning
13. Hazardous Materials Safety Permits (HMSP)

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