**HGV Drivers’ Walk Around Check**

### Mirrors and Glass
- Check all mirrors that should be there:
  - Are there
  - Are aligned properly
  - Are securely mounted
- Check your view of the road (especially in the swept area of the windscreen viewed from the driver's seat) isn't obscured by:
  - Damaged/discoloured glass
  - Obstructions (stickers etc.)
- Check that the side windows are not damaged or discoloured in a way that obscures your view to a mirror.

### Lights and Indicators
- Check that all lights and indicators work correctly in all their modes of operation (including 'hazard')
- Check that all lenses are present, secure and undamaged, not dirty and are of the correct colour.
- Check that stop lamps come on when the service brake is applied and go out when released.
- Check that marker lights are present and working (where applicable)
- Check that all dashboard warning lamps work correctly (e.g. the ABS warning lamp, headlamp warning lamp, service brake warning lamp, main beam warning lamp, parking break warning lamp).

### Brakes
- Check that the service brake operates both the tractor and trailer (where applicable) brakes
- Check that the parking brake for the tractor is operational
  (these checks can be done by listening for the air releasing from the tractor and the trailer or by asking a colleague to watch the trailer brakes operating as you press the pedal)
- Check that the service break pedal doesn’t have excessive side play or missing, loose or incomplete anti-slip provision
- Check that the trailer parking brake works by operating it as you do the walk around
- Check that air pressure gauges and low air pressure warning are working correctly.

### Steering
- Check the steering for excessive play
- Check for power steering fluid leaks under vehicle
- When checking for leaks underneath the vehicle, visually check the major steering components to ensure that they are present, secure and undamaged

### Windscreen Wipers & Washers
- Wipers work correctly when switched on and cover the full swept area of the screen
- Wiper blades are not so deteriorated that they don’t clear the screen effectively when used with washers
- Washers point at screen and are operational (where required)

### Electrical Connections
- Check that all visible wiring is insulated and isn’t in a position where it is likely to get chafed
- Check that all electric switches operate their components correctly
- Check that electrical plugs are correctly located and secured in the sockets

### Fuel/Oil Levels and Leaks
- Check fuel, engine oil, coolant, windscreen washer and (if fitted) urea levels
- Check fuel filler cap and seal are properly located
- With engine on:
  - Check underneath vehicle for any leaks of fuel/ oil
  - Check if leaks are detected that aren’t fuel or oil, trace the cause (i.e. power steering fluid, water etc.)

### Coupling Security
- Check that the trailer (if applicable) is located correctly in the fifth wheel
- Check that the security bar is in the correct position

### Tyres and Wheel Fixing
- Check as much of each tyre/wheel as you can see to ensure that:
  - There is a minimum tread depth of 1mm
  - There is sufficient inflation of each tyre
  - There are no deep cuts of bulges in the sidewall
  - There are no cord visible anywhere on tyre
  - There are no missing or insecure wheel nuts
  - Wheel nut indicators correctly aligned (if fitted)
  - Road wheel nuts all in place, correctly fitted &

### Security of Load
- Check that the load is secured adequately
- Check that any container has an effective secondary locking device fitted

### Battery (if easily accessible)
- Check that battery is held securely in place by the correct means, not by its cables
- Check that battery is not leaking and caps are fitted

### First Aid Kit
- Check that the first aid kit is present and complete (if applicable)
- Check that the first aid kit is in good condition
- Check that the first aid kit is easily accessible

### Markers
- Check that the marker boards/conspicuity markings are:
  - Present if the type of vehicle requires them
  - Not obscured by dirt or other objects
  - Securely fastened
  - Of the correct type
  - Clearly visible

### Security of Body/Wings
- Check that the driver’s seat correctly adjusted to ensure ease of operation of all necessary hand and foot controls
- Check all driving controls, seat & safety belt (if applicable)
- Check that number plates are In place, clean and secured in the sockets
- Check that the security bar is in the correct position

### Excessive Engine Exhaust Smoke
- Check that the exhaust doesn’t emit excessive amounts of smoke

### Reflectors
- Check that the reflectors are not:
  - Obscured, missing, broken or of the wrong colour

### Security of Body/Wings
- Check that the fire extinguisher is easily accessible
- Check that the fire extinguisher is in a good condition and not discharged

### Spray Suppression
- Check that the spray suppression flaps are:
  - Fitted (where required), rigid and secure; undamaged and not clogged with mud or debris

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