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Notice to CDL testers—

The attached files update guidance on which memory aids may be accepted, effective May 15, 2017.

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NOTICE TO CDL TESTERS: NEW CDL INSPECTION MEMORY AID

The Michigan CDL Manual (TS-004) was reprinted in 2016. The new manual included several updates, including a new introduction and a completely new Vehicle Inspection Memory Aid, which is in Appendix C of the manual.

The new memory aid meets the test standards prescribed by Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations. Old versions of the manual were removed from the warehouse in October 2016 and MDOS branch offices were instructed to immediately order the new manual and stop distributing the old version of the manual.

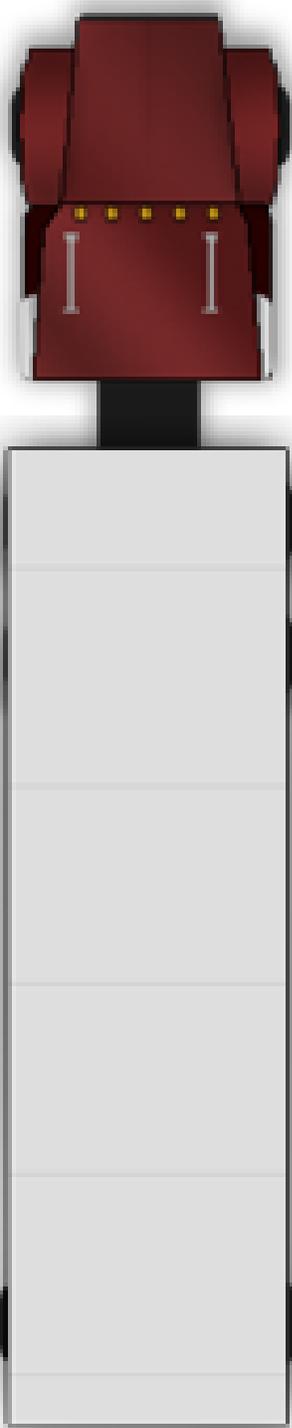
Effective May 15, 2017, the only approved memory aid will be the version available in the Michigan Commercial Driver's License Manual (TS-004, Rev 1/16). Customers who come to the test site without the correct version of the memory aid should be offered a copy of the correct memory aid. Examiners and other employees of testing businesses may not offer the old version.

Please email any questions to thirdpartytesting@michigan.gov or call Driver Testing Section.

CDL Vehicle Inspection Memory Aid

Combination Vehicles

Front of Vehicle, Lights/Reflectors,
Engine Compartment & Steering
Components



Steering Axle:

- Suspension
- Brakes
- Tires

Driver Door
Fuel Area

Under Vehicle

- Drive Shaft
- Exhaust
- Frame

Drive Axle(s)

- Suspension
- Brakes
- Tires

Coupling Devices

- Truck
- Trailer

Rear of Truck/Tractor
& Lights/Reflectors

Trailer Components
Front, Side, Lights &
Reflectors

- Frame
- Landing Gear
- Tandem Release

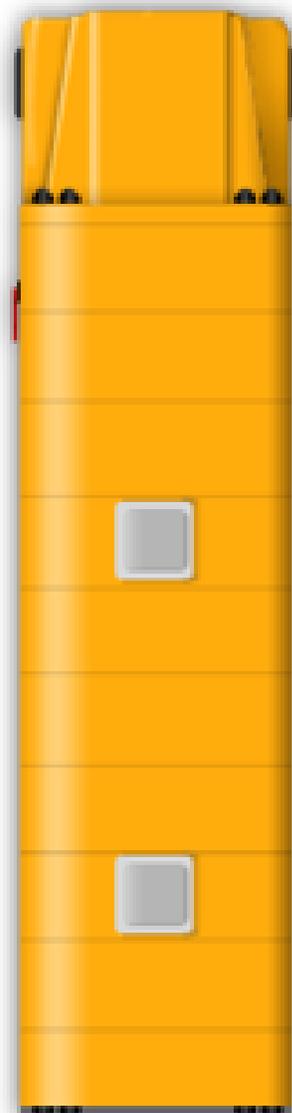
Trailer Axle(s)

- Suspension
- Brakes
- Tires

Rear of Trailer &
Lights/Reflectors

Straight Truck or Bus

Front of Vehicle, Lights/Reflectors,
Engine Compartment & Steering
Components



Steering Axle:

- Suspension
- Brakes
- Tires

Driver Door
Fuel Area
(Truck)

Under Vehicle

- Drive Shaft
- Exhaust
- Frame

Drive Axle(s)

- Suspension
- Brakes
- Tires

Rear of Bus/Truck
& Lights/Reflectors

Passenger Door
Fuel Area