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Cockpit Check

Generally the Examiner will not require you to carry out a Cockpit Drill. It is not part of the test.

Although you should for your own knowledge know what is required.

Explain that you normally drive this vehicle (if you do).

Describe the type of vehicle.

(Front / Rear wheel drive, Gears / Position of Reverse, A.B.S. fitted etc.).

Carry out Static Break Test.

Check seat / steering position.

Check ALL mirrors and adjust if needed.

Check doors are shut. Do not rely on warning lights.

Check in Neutral. Switch on ignition.

Check warning lights - explain if required.

Depress clutch & start engine.

Check warning lights are out except for Hand brake light.

Put on seat belt & ensure passengers have theirs on.

Ensure you have plenty of fuel before you drive.

A few other terms you may hear.

Static Brake Test

This is where the foot brake is applied with constant pressure and the movement of the brake pedal noted. The hand brake is then released and again any movement of the foot brake is noted. There should be no movement of the foot brake under pressure. Any movement may indicate that there is a leak of brake fluid.

Servo Brake Test

With the engine off apply constant pressure to the foot brake and start the engine. You should notice that the brake pedal sinks slowly towards the floor, which indicates that a vacuum is present in the servo.

Power Steering Test

With the engine off apply a slight pressure to the steering wheel without actually moving the wheels and start the engine. You should feel the steering wheel move which indicates that the power steering pump is functioning. Be careful not to dry steer.

Dry Steering

The practise of turning the wheels of the vehicle without the vehicle moving thus putting undue pressure and wear onto the steering components of the vehicle.