

Essential Skip Lorry Safety Checks

Initial Checks

- Valid road tax and insurance
- Valid CVRT
- Roadworthy condition
- Sitting level on ground
- No fluid leaks
- Number plates present, visible and clean

In Cab Checks

- Controls clearly marked
- Controls working
- Seats in good condition
- Driver seat adjusted for driver
- Safety belts in good condition and used
- All dashboard warning lights working
- Wipers and Washers working
- Hand brake working
- Steering and brakes working correctly
- Horn, demister and temperature controls [where fitted] working correctly
- Cab clean
- Cab floor clear of any obstructions
- High-visibility vest(s) available in cab

Driver

- Trained and competent
- Fit to drive
- Follows safety rules
- Valid licence for vehicle
- Safety gear worn; safety boots and high-visibility clothing. Eye goggles, gloves and hard hat available.
- Not fatigued

Windscreen and Side Windows

- All in place
- Undamaged and clean
- View not blocked by stickers, items on dashboard or hanging from internal mirror
- Windscreen wipers present and in good condition

Mirrors

- Correctly aligned
- All in place
- Clean and in good condition

Lighting system

- All in place
- Clean and in good condition
- Correct colour
- Lights and indicators working
- Flashing amber beacon (where fitted) working
- Reflectors clean



Tyres and Wheels

- Tyres correctly inflated
- Tyres have correct tread depth
- Tyres undamaged: No abrasions, bulges or tears
- Wheel nuts all in place, correctly fitted and secure

External Checks

- Vehicle washed down and clean
- Check hoist operation
- All chains, straps, nets/covers securely stowed
- Wheel chocks available and secure
- No loose items on the vehicle bed
- Check all fluid levels (oil, coolant, brake fluid, windscreen wash)
- Sufficient fuel and fuel cap secure
- Check radiator
- Steps undamaged and clean, not worn
- Doors and door handles working



Passengers

- Carry passenger(s) in passenger seat only
- Seat belt used
- High-visibility vest(s) for passenger available in cab

Safe Parking

- Reverse park safely
- Park in a safe area
- Apply parking brake
- Place in correct parking gear
- Switch off engine
- Remove key
- Get out of cab facing into cab with three points of contact

Skip-lorry Driver Walk-around Check Sheet

| Vehicle Registration Number | | Mileage | | OK  |
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| | | | | Defect  |
| Check Items | | | | |
| In-Cab Checks | | | | |
| 1 | Good visibility for driver through cab windows and mirrors. | | | |
| 2 | All required mirrors in place, correctly aligned, clean and in good condition | | | |
| 3 | Windscreen and windows undamaged and clean. View not obscured, e.g., by stickers etc. | | | |
| 4 | Driving controls, seat and driver safety belt adjusted correctly. | | | |
| 5 | Cab clean with no obstructions or loose material. | | | |
| 6 | Horn, windscreen washer, wipers, demister and temperature controls [where fitted] operating correctly. | | | |
| 7 | All instruments, gauges and other warning devices working correctly (including ABS/EBS in-cab warning lights). | | | |
| 8 | No air leaks or pressure drop. | | | |
| 9 | Safety gear: eye goggles, gloves and hard hat accessible in cab. | | | |
| External Vehicle Checks | | | | |
| 10 | Vehicle washed down and clean. | | | |
| 11 | Vehicle sitting square and not leaning to one side. | | | |
| 12 | Road tax, insurance and and CVRT discs present and valid. Number plates clearly visible. Waste permit displayed | | | |
| 13 | Tyres correctly inflated, correct tread depth, undamaged, no abrasions, bulges or tears. Wheel nuts all in place, correctly fitted and secure. | | | |
| 14 | All lights, reflectors and markings fitted, clean and in good condition. Reversing lights/camera (where fitted) working correctly. | | | |
| 15 | Hoist operating correctly. | | | |
| 16 | Exhaust secure with no excess noise or smoke. | | | |
| 17 | Vehicle access, doors, steps and bodywork in good condition. | | | |
| 18 | Fuel cap seal in place and not leaking. | | | |
| 19 | Engine oil, coolant, brake fluid, windscreen washer reservoir and fuel levels checked and no leaks. | | | |
| Prior to Leaving Depot | | | | |
| 20 | Steering and brakes, including hand brake, working correctly. | | | |
| 21 | Skip secured and weight distributed correctly. | | | |
| 22 | All chains, straps, nets securely stowed. No loose items on vehicle bed. | | | |
| 23 | Wheel chocks available and secure. | | | |
| On-the-Road | | | | |
| 24 | Speedometer and speed limiter (if fitted) operating correctly. | | | |
| 25 | ABS/EBS warning lights off. | | | |
| Defect details | | | | |
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| Signed | | | | Date |
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NOTE: This is a sample driver walk-around HGV checklist. It is recommended that operators prepare their own driver walk-around checklists to account for the type and use of their own vehicle.