

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 
				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				
Signed				Date

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.