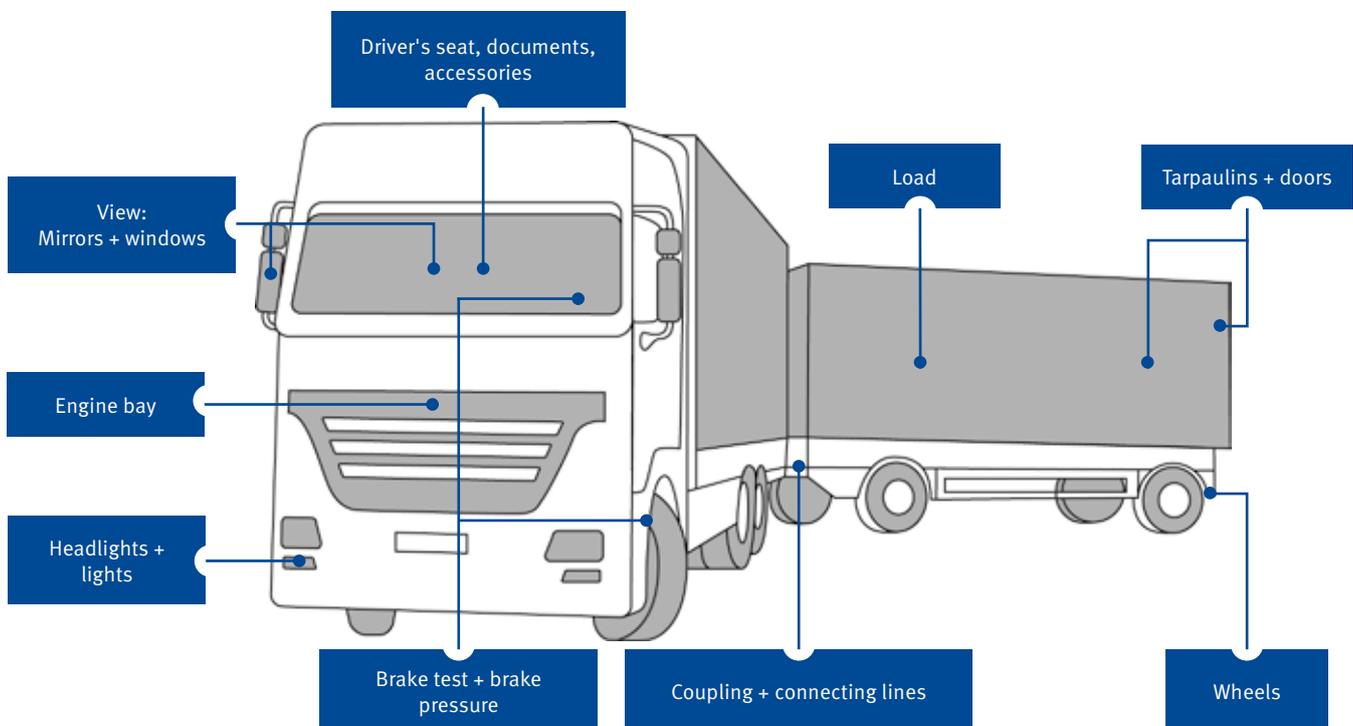


Departure check

Check the condition of your vehicle before each departure - for your own safety and the safety of others on the road. Ultimately, you are also responsible for ensuring that the vehicle is fit for the road.



Defects discovered, what now?

Defects such as damage, wear, failure or malfunctions which impair road safety or occupational safety must be rectified prior to departure. Information on this is provided in the operating manual of your vehicle. Should you need help with the rectification of defects, contact the responsible person at your company:

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(Name of responsible person, function, telephone number)

Note:

Further details on the departure check are provided in DGUV Principle 314-002 "Vehicle checks by drivers".

Tip:

Insert your driver card into the recording equipment before the departure check and set it to working time.

Departure check

Add items which are necessary due to the type of bodywork or the operating instructions as well as company requirements, e.g. when using waste collection vehicles (see instruction card E1 "Departure check for waste collection") or after off-road use before driving on public roads.

Everything around the vehicle.

Look at the vehicle

- Do the tyres have sufficient air pressure and tread?
- Are the wheels undamaged, securely fastened and free of any foreign objects?
- Is the brake system tight?
- Is the suspension undamaged (e.g. no air noises)?
- Are the wheel chocks intact and securely stowed?
- Is the coupling closed and secured during trailer operation?
- Are all lines between towing vehicle and trailer connected and undamaged?
- Are the headlights and lights clean, undamaged and functional?
- Are the license plates, warning signs, warning markings, etc., clean and ready for use?
- Are tarpaulins, drop sides, flaps, etc., closed?
- Is the body in driving position (e.g. tipper)?
- Are the ladders, handles, platforms and railings undamaged?

Engine bay

- Is the brake fluid level sufficient?
- Is the windscreen washer fluid sufficient?
- Is the engine oil and coolant level sufficient?
- Is there no liquid leakage?

Look at the cargo

- Is the vehicle suitable for the load?
- Are the load securing devices, such as e.g. lashing points and means of lashing, undamaged?
- Is the load sufficiently secured?
- Do the lashings have the correct tension?
- Are swap bodies, containers etc. properly fastened?
- Is the load distributed in such a way that axle loads do not exceed or undershoot limits?
- Is the permissible total mass in compliance?
- Is the outside of the body free of cargo residues?

In winter conditions

- Are the vehicle (possibly incl. trailer), particularly the roofs, and the load free of ice and snow?
- Is the set of tyres suitable (winter tyres with at least 4 mm profile)?
- If necessary, do you have snow chains (traction aid), grit, shovel, broom in the vehicle?
- Is sufficient antifreeze added to the windscreen washer fluid?

In the driver's cab

Correct setting

- Have you adjusted the driver's seat, headrest and steering wheel correctly?

Visibility

- Are the windows clean, ice-free and undamaged?
- Do the windshield wipers work without streaking?
- Is the field of vision clear?
- Are all mirrors clean and correctly adjusted?

Function check

- Is the preset supply pressure of the brake attained?
- Are any abnormalities apparent during the braking test?
- Is the steering smooth?
- Are the driver assistance systems switched on and ready for use?
- Is the ventilation system functional?
- Are the control devices operational?

Everything there

- Are the vehicle documents complete?
- Are the first-aid box, warning triangle, warning light and high-visibility clothing ready to hand and functional?
- Are the operating instructions available?
- Are objects in the cab safely stowed?

Additional items

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