

AUTOMOBILE ROAD SKILLS TEST TERMINATION LIST

May 2023 (Front)

Incomplete Test - Documents: Failure to provide driver license documents and vehicle documents will result in an incomplete test.

Incomplete Test - Equipment: Failure to provide a vehicle meeting mandatory safety standards will result in an incomplete test.

For inspection purposes, safety equipment is divided into two categories, **mandatory** and discretionary. Mandatory safety equipment appears in **bold** print and discretionary safety equipment is in regular typeface. All components listed must be checked each time a test is administered (no exceptions). **If any mandatory safety equipment is missing or inoperative, the test must be terminated.** If any discretionary safety equipment is missing or inoperative, the examiner will consider the weather conditions and passenger safety to determine whether the vehicle is safe enough to be used during the skills test.

Mandatory items:

Horn
Turn signals (front and rear)
Brake lights (including center-mount rear brake on 1986 and newer models)
Brakes
Tires
Left outside and inside rearview mirrors
Seats/safety belts
Speedometer

Discretionary items:

Headlights (low beam)/Taillights
Windshield (examiners should refuse to administer a skills test if the vehicle's windshield is cracked to the degree that it obstructs vision and/or renders the vehicle unsafe).
Windshield wipers/washers
Other – includes, but not limited to the following components: fuel level, fluid leaks, defective muffler/exhaust, suspension system, doors (the driver and passenger doors should open from the inside and outside) and heater/defroster.

Incomplete test – Other

Offer of bribe or gratuity: If a bribe or gratuity is offered any time during the testing process, the skills test will be terminated immediately and should be reported in writing to the Department.

Other non-performance reasons: must be documented on the score sheet why test was terminated (emergency, illness, weather, etc.).

Basic Control Skills – Point accumulation: If an applicant accumulates more than six (6) errors on the BCS exercises, the test will be terminated and recorded as a performance failure.

Basic Control Skills – Disregard Instructions/Failure to Perform Maneuver in Good Faith: If the applicant intentionally fails to follow instructions, document a verbal warning on the score sheet and ask them to repeat the exercise. If the applicant refuses to perform any maneuver in good faith (purposely avoiding performing the maneuver as instructed), after one documented warning will result in an automatic failure. Failure to follow instructions should not be confused with failure to understand instructions. If the driver does not understand the instruction, you may read the instruction over without penalty.

Basic Control Skills – Other

Any crash on the parking lot may be grounds for the test termination. Document the specifics on score sheet. All crashes must be reported in writing to the Department as soon as possible.

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Driving – Points

A failing score for performance during the driving phase of the automobile skills test is twenty-six (26) points or more.

Driving – Disregard instructions

Applicant refuses to wear safety belt. Unless the applicant has a physician's statement or waiver, they must always wear a safety belt during the on-road part of the skills test. Refusal to do so will result in test termination.

Interpreter continues to provide applicant with unnecessary communication (after **one warning** documented on score sheet).

Driving – Dangerously inexperienced

Applicant is unable to use gas/brake/clutch/gear shift safely (standard transmission).

Applicant is unable to use gas/brake/gear shift safely (automatic transmission).

Drive consistently **10 mph under** the **regulatory speed limit** (unless traffic or weather conditions warrant such behavior).

You must have documented on the score sheet **one warning**.

Uncontrolled steering resulting in travel off paved portion of the road or travel in opposing traffic lane.

Any loss of vehicle control requiring examiner intervention.

Driving – Traffic violation – Disregard Traffic Control Device (DTCD)

Run a red light, flashing red light or stop sign.

Fail to stop for a railroad signal or drive around railroad gate.

Turn left or right on red when prohibited.

Turn left or right from the wrong lane.

Drive the wrong way on a one-way street.

Drive on the wrong side of street.

Driving – Traffic violation – Speed

Sustained speed (**4-9mph**) over the regulatory speed limit (white regulatory sign) or the "basic speed limit" (reasonable and prudent for road and weather conditions). You must have documented on the score sheet **one warning**.

Sustained speed **10mph** or more over the posted regulatory speed limit sign (white regulatory sign) or the "basic control limit" (reasonable and prudent for road and weather conditions) with **no warning** necessary.

Sustained speed below required minimum on the expressway (unless traffic or weather conditions warrant such behavior).

Driving – Traffic violation – Failure to yield

Failed to yield (adversely affecting traffic/pedestrians).

Failed to yield right of way to a funeral procession.

Driving – Hazardous Action

Examiner, parent/guardian warns or prevents dangerous action or traffic violation.

Examiner, parent/guardian or other roadway users prevent traffic crash.

Applicant creates a serious hazard for other traffic.

Driving – Crash

If the applicant's actions were contributory to the crash, the test will be terminated immediately. If the applicant's actions were non-contributory, a determination of whether to continue the test will be made by the examiner. This decision will be based on the well-being of the examiner, applicant and/or required passenger and vehicle condition. All crashes must be reported in writing to the Department as soon as possible.

Driving – Other

Passing a stopped school bus with red flashing lights engaged.

Fail to take proper action for a moving emergency vehicle or stationary emergency vehicle.

Improper passing.

Following too closely (after **one documented warning** on the score sheet).

Non-Failing Speeding Violations

The following speeding violations will result in driving test errors with appropriate comments documented on the score sheet. There are no warnings or automatic failures associated with these violations:

Speeding 1-3mph over the posted regulatory speed limit or basic speed law.

Exceeding a caution advisory speed limit.