



Practical Test for N217 Road Sweeper

Test sequence	ACTIVITY GUIDELINES The learner must :- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete all pre-start and running checks before any activity takes place • Only complete the shutdown procedures at the end of the test • All additional test requirements can be completed in any order
Operator safety & observations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seat belt must be worn if stated in the employer's risk assessment / method statement • All PPE as per employer's risk assessment must be checked and worn • The road sweeper must be serviceable and meet the current legislation • Area must be kept clear of pedestrians during operations • Candidate must check all-round before moving off or changing direction • Candidate must check tip site for hazards and ground conditions before entering
Travelling to work area	The learner must <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Travel through a restriction in a forward and reverse direction • Travel at a speed with due regard for site conditions hazards etc. • Travel at a suitable speed to ensure correct sweeping operations
Setting up to sweep	Prepare and set up the machine for sweeping duties, checking the condition of the brushes and suction tubes and water jets prior to starting operations. Fill water tanks for washing and dust suppression if fitted
Sweeping safely and correctly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sweep an area set by the examiner using centre brush • Sweep a kerb line both straight and following a curve using channel brushes • Sweep with due regard to conditions and other site users • Use correct method of turning when changing direction • Stopping equipment as required to maintain safety and prevent damage • Use collection equipment safely and correctly
Sweeping near highways or footways	Take all necessary steps to ensure vehicle and pedestrian safety by using appropriate signage, cordoning off or banksman as required
Tipping spoil	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operator must check area prior to entering tip area • Body lock must be engaged when body raised • Operator remains clear of open rear door when raised • Hands and feet stay clear of tipped material • Fully lowers body before driving off • Check rear door seal is clean before closing door
Travel to parking area	Stop and disengage equipment and fitted transport locks (if applicable) before travelling
Shutdown procedures	Sweeper parked in a safe position with equipment lowered, the donkey engine (if applicable) and main engine shut down correctly and isolator key removed and handed to the instructor (as required) Cleaned and checked the machine, recorded and reported any defects, refuel correctly and safely



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Additional notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A verbal description to the instructor of the pre-start checks would be acceptable if the machine is hot• The operator's manual must be accessible• Barriers should be used to make a suitable chicane to see the operator manoeuvre forward and reverse to both left and right directions. (this may be replaced by site conditions if instructor can see suitable manoeuvres)• Refuelling and cleaning procedures may be covered verbally if machine is to be reused for following tests
Specifications	The area to be swept must be sufficient and have visible debris to observe the candidate sweeping with all brushes to allow instructor to see correct operation i.e. - 25m of kerb line straight and radius and an area of 10m x3m approx.
Test timings	The full test must be completed within 1hr 10 mins
Note	It is recommended that all learners completing basic training receive a minimum 7hr Health, Safety, Environment and Induction Training