

TEXAS COMMISSION ON FIRE PROTECTION
DRIVER/OPERATOR – PUMPER
Performance Standards Evaluation

Skill #3

DRIVING/OPERATING – Non-Emergency Driving on Public Roadway

PERFORMANCE STANDARD

Section 700

NFPA 1002- 4.3.1

Driver/Operator

OBJECTIVE:

Operate a fire apparatus, given a vehicle and a predetermined route on a public way that incorporates the maneuvers and features that the driver/operator is expected to encounter during normal operations, so that the vehicle is operated in compliance with all applicable state and local laws and departmental rules and regulations. (4.3.1)

- 1) Four left turns and four right turns
- 2) A straight section of urban business street or a two-lane rural road at least 1 mile (1.6 km) in length
- 3) One through-intersection and two intersections where a stop has to be made
- 4) One railroad crossing
- 5) One curve, either left or right
- 6) A section of limited-access highway that includes a conventional ramp entrance and exit and a section of road long enough to allow two lane changes
- 7) A downgrade steep enough and long enough to require down-shifting and braking
- 8) An upgrade steep enough and long enough to require gear changing to maintain speed
- 9) One underpass or a low clearance or bridge

INSTRUCTIONS - procedures for achieving the objective

Given a fire department pumper, the Driver/Operator-Pumper candidate shall complete a predetermined route on a public way that incorporates the maneuvers and features that the driver/operator is expected to encounter during normal operations, while demonstrating safe and legal driving procedures on public thoroughfares.

EXAMINER'S NOTE

The driver/operator – pumper candidate will not be allowed to review the performance steps at the time of testing.

TCFP recognizes that each of these driving elements may not exist in all areas. Where this occurs, those elements that do not exist in that area may be omitted. Components of this skill may be simulated as needed when performed on a closed driving course to effectively accomplish the intent of the skill, i.e., simulated railroad crossing, low clearance, intersections, etc. The examiner shall document on this form a justification for any elements that are not tested.

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PREPARATION & EQUIPMENT

Fire department pumper

Predetermined route on a public highway

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Candidate: _____ Notes: _____

Training Provider: _____

Test Site: _____

Driver/Operator – Pumper	TEST		RETEST	
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Skill #3				
Operate a fire apparatus, given a vehicle and a predetermined route on a public way that incorporates the maneuvers and features that the driver/operator is expected to encounter during normal operations, so that the vehicle is operated in compliance with all applicable state and local laws and departmental rules and regulations.(4.3.1)				
1) Four left turns and four right turns				
2) A straight section of urban business street or a two-lane rural road at least 1.6 km (1 mile) in length				
3) One through-intersection and two intersections where a stop has to be made				
4) One railroad crossing				
5) One curve, either left or right				
6) A section of limited-access highway that includes a conventional ramp entrance and exit and a section of road long enough to allow two lane changes				
7) A downgrade steep enough and long enough to require down-shifting and braking				
8) An upgrade steep enough and long enough to require gear changing to maintain speed				
9) One underpass or a low clearance or bridge (4.3.1)				
The candidate:	S	U	S	U
a) Wore seat belt and assured all passengers were secured				
b) Completed four left turns				
c) Completed four right turns				
d) Drove a straight section of urban business street or a 2-lane rural road at least 1 mile (1.6km) in length				
e) Drove one through-intersection and two intersections where a stop had to be made				

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f) Navigated one railroad crossing				
g) Navigated a left or right curve				
h) Drove a section of limited-access highway that included a conventional ramp entrance and exit and a section of road long enough to allow for two lane changes				
i) Drove a downgrade – steep and long enough to require downshifting and braking				
j) Drove an upgrade – steep and long enough to require gear changing to maintain speed				
k) Drove underpass, low clearance or bridge				
l) Maintained safe following distances				
m) Maintained control of the vehicle while accelerating				
n) Maintained control of the vehicle while decelerating				
o) Maintained control of the vehicle while turning				
p) Safely operated vehicle for given road, weather and traffic conditions				
q) Safely operated vehicle under adverse environmental or driving surface conditions				
r) Correctly used automotive gauges				
s) Correctly used automotive controls				
t) Followed all local and state laws				
u) Performed skill in a safe and proficient manner				

S = Satisfactorily completed/performed

U = Unsatisfactorily performed/failed to meet objective or grading step

Examiner/Candidate Comments

All steps of the skill objective are mandatory and must be scored as “Satisfactory” to pass the skill.

Certifying Examiner

Date

Re-Test Certifying Examiner

Date

Driver Skill Sheet	
Pass <input type="checkbox"/>	Fail <input type="checkbox"/>
Driver Skill Sheet Re-Test	
Pass <input type="checkbox"/>	Fail <input type="checkbox"/>

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