

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

Skill #6

DRIVING/OPERATING – Turning Vehicle 180 Degrees within a Confined Space

PERFORMANCE STANDARD

Sections 700

NFPA 1002, 4.3.4

Driver/Operator

OBJECTIVE

Turn a fire apparatus 180 degrees within a confined space, given a fire department apparatus, a spotter for backing up, and an area in which the vehicle cannot perform a U-turn without stopping and backing up, so that the vehicle is turned 180 degrees without striking obstructions within the given space. (4.3.4)

INSTRUCTIONS - procedures for achieving the objective

Given a pumping apparatus and a spotter for backing up, the Driver/Operator-Pumper candidate shall turn a pumping apparatus 180 degrees within a confined space, so that the vehicle is turned 180 degrees without striking obstructions within the given space.

EXAMINER'S NOTE

Performance Skills 4 through 7 may be conducted in one continuous exercise or individually. Each Performance Skill is to be graded independently, regardless of which way it is performed.

This exercise measures the driver's ability to turn the vehicle around in a confined space without striking obstacles. The turn is accomplished within an area 50 ft. x 100 ft. (15.24 m. x 30.5 m.). The driver moves into the area from a 12 ft. (3.7 m.) opening in the center of one of the 50 ft. (15.24 m.) legs, turns the vehicle 180 degrees, and returns through the opening. There is no limitation on the number of times the driver has to maneuver the vehicle to accomplish this exercise, but no portion of the vehicle should extend over the boundary lines of the space.

Note: For large vehicles, such as ARFF apparatus, this course might need to be modified.

PREPARATION & EQUIPMENT

Fire department pumping apparatus
Spotter
Cones

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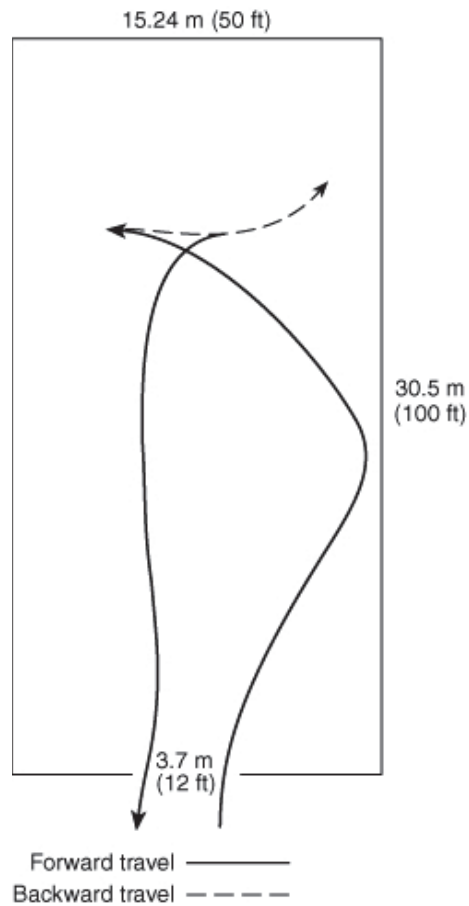
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Candidate: _____ Notes: _____

Training Provider: _____

Test Site: _____

Examiner: _____



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Driver/Operator Pumper	<u>TEST</u>		<u>RETEST</u>	
	S	U	S	U
Skill #6				
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The candidate:	S	U	S	U
a) Wore seat belt and assured all passengers were secured				
b) Turned vehicle 180 degrees within the confined space				
c) Did not strike an obstruction				
d) Correctly used mirrors				
e) Correctly judged vehicle clearance				
f) Entered and exited the confined space without striking obstacles				
g) 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.

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

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