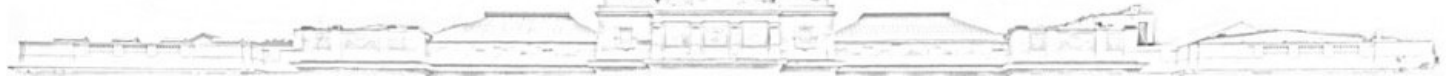




ADMINISTRATIVE RULES OF MONTANA



23.3.124 ROAD TEST DESCRIPTION AND SCORING

- (1) For purposes of this rule:
 - (a) "ACC" means accident;
 - (b) "DA" means dangerous action;
 - (c) "LV" means law violation;
 - (d) "NC" means lack of cooperation;
 - (e) "TD" means more than permitted deductions;
 - (f) "VC" means vehicle condition; and
 - (g) "INC" means incomplete.
- (2) The basic test is patterned on a figure eight. Subsections (3) through (20) contain the requirements and scoring for the test.
- (3) Starting from curb, parallel parking. Incorrect method scoring:
 - (a) Does not look, does not signal.....DA
 - (b) Uses mirror, does not signal6 points
 - (c) Looks properly, does not signal3 points
 - (d) Does not look, signals6 points
 - (e) Uses mirror, signals3 points
 - (f) In any case above, when street is not
clear.....DA
- (4) Starting from curb, angle parking. Incorrect method scoring:
 - (a) Does not look, backs quickly or unevenly.....DA
 - (b) Uses mirror, backs quickly or unevenly.....6 points
 - (c) Uses mirror, backs smoothly.....3 points
 - (d) In any case above when street is not
clearDA

(5) Right Turn. Incorrect method, scoring:

(a) Completes turn beyond center line of street entered:

- (i) Four lanes marked.....DA
- (ii) Two lanes not marked6 points

(b) Completes turn just to right of center street

entered:

- (i) Four lanes marked.....6 points
- (ii) Two lanes not marked3 points

(c) Begins turn from just to right of center of

street left.

- (i) Four lanes marked6 points
- (ii) Two lanes not marked3 points

(d) Right turning signals.

- (i) Wrong signal6 points
- (ii) No signal or less than 25 feet6 points
- (iii) Signals, 75 feet or less3 points
- (iv) Arm signal during turn3 points

(e) Right turning speed.

- (i) Has to stop abruptly, causing tires to skid
and squeal.....DA
- (ii) If not a proper speed for turn, reduces speed
by five miles per hour or less6
points
- (iii) Reduces speed by ten miles per hour or
less3
points

(6) Left Turn. Incorrect method scoring:

(a) Completes turn left of center line of

street entered.

- (i) Four lanes markedDA

- (ii) Two lanes not marked8 points
- (b) Completes turn to far left of street entered:
 - (i) Four lanes marked8 points
 - (ii) Two lanes not marked4 points
- (c) Begins turn from just to right of center of street left.
 - (i) Four lanes marked8 points
 - (ii) Two lanes not marked4 points
- (d) Left turning signals.
 - (i) Wrong signal8 points
 - (ii) No signal or less than 25 feet8 points
 - (iii) Signals, 75 feet or less4 points
 - (iv) Arm signals during turn4 points
- (e) Left turning speed:
 - (i) Has to stop abruptly, causing tires to
skid and squealDA
 - (ii) If not a proper speed for turn, reduce
speed by five miles per hour or less.....8 points
 - (iii) Reduce speed by ten miles per hours
or less.....4 points
- (7) Judgment at intersections. Incorrect method scoring:
 - (a) Does not look or reduce speed, conflicting
traffic presentDA
 - (b) Does not look or reduce speed.....8 points
 - (c) Looks one way, does not reduce speed8 points
 - (d) Looks carefully, does not reduce speed,
conflicting traffic present8 points
 - (e) Looks carefully, does not reduce speed4 points
 - (f) Looks carefully, reduces speed, does not
yield right of way4 points
 - (g) Stops for traffic when not necessary4 points

- (h) Stops and waits for traffic an unreasonable
time.....4 points
- (8) Lane change. Incorrect method scoring:
- (a) Does not look, does not signal, conflicting
traffic presentDA
- (b) Does not look, does not signal, street
clear6 points
- (c) Uses mirror, does not signal, street
clear6 points
- (d) Looks, does not signal, street clear.....3 points
- (9) Stop sign or stop light. Incorrect method
scoring:
- (a) Does not stop for stop light or sign.....LV
- (b) Creeping through sign or light.....8 points
- (c) Less than walking speed.....4 points
- (d) Stops in intersection at stop light or
sign.....8 points
- (e) Stops ahead of stop sign or in crosswalk.....4 points
- (10) Parallel parking. Incorrect method scoring:
- (a) Backs over curb with one or more wheels.....DA
- (b) Makes contact with other vehicle or object,
other than bumper contact, no damage.....DA
- (c) Makes contact with other vehicle or object,
causes damageACC
- (d) Is unable to park within a reasonable time,
two minutes.....8 points
- (e) Strikes other vehicle or object with
bumper (sharply) no damage.....8 points

- (f) Leaves vehicle more than twelve inches
in excess of legal limit from curb.....8 points
- (g) Leaves vehicle less than twelve inches
in excess of legal limit from curb.....4 points
- (h) Backs without looking.....4 points
- (i) Bumps curb (not just touch)4 points
- (j) Unnecessary jockeying to center vehicle.....4 points
- (k) Crowds other parked vehicles.....4 points
- (l) Makes right turn signal when stopping to
park (grade under slow signal)4 points
- (11) Slow signal, incorrect method, scoring:
 - (a) Does not signal.....8 points
 - (b) Wrong signal.....8 points
- (12) Judgment of distance, incorrect method scoring:
 - (a) Strikes another vehicle or object with other
than bumper, no damage.....DA
 - (b) Strikes another vehicle or object, causes
damage.....ACC
 - (c) Comes close to another vehicle or object,
creating hazard.....6 points
 - (d) Comes close to another vehicle or object,
no hazard.....3 points
- (13) Stalls motor, scoring (only if not a
mechanical defect) :
 - (a) Stalls in intersection.....8 points
 - (b) Other stalls.....4 points
- (14) Use of clutch. Incorrect method scoring:
 - (a) "Floor boards" accelerator when starting
or shifting.....4 points

- (b) Jumps clutch and stalls motor4 points
 - (c) Jumps clutch and does not stall motor2 points
 - (d) Slips or rides clutch unnecessarily2 points
 - (e) Grinds gears when shifting or starting2 points
 - (f) Does not use compression to slow2 points
- (15) Attention to driving. Incorrect method scoring:
- (a) Takes eyes off the road2 points
 - (b) Considerable irrelevant conversation2 points
- (16) Shifting ability. Incorrect method scoring:
- (a) Does not shift when necessary4 points
 - (b) Shifts while turning4 points
 - (c) Starts in improper gear4 points
 - (d) Coasts4 points
 - (e) Shifts too soon or too late (speeds)2 points
 - (f) Jerky shifts2 points
- (17) Following or overtaking. Incorrect method scoring:
- (a) Crowds other vehicles, less than one-half car's
length for each 10 miles per hour8 points
 - (b) Crowds other vehicles, more than one-half car's
length for each 10 miles per hour4 points
- (18) Right of way. Incorrect method. Scoring:
- (a) Does not yield right of way when required, makes
pedestrian or vehicle stop or use defensive action.....LV
 - (b) Does not yield right of way when making a left
 - (c) Makes left turn between traffic when not clear to do so (bluffs)8 points
 - (d) Yields but interferes with other traffic.....4 points
 - (e) Right of way not taken when rightfully yielded by
other•.....4 points
 - (f) Uses horn in attempt to gain right of way.....4 points
- (19) Scoring the road test. Each item must be graded

separately and compounded. In other words, each turn, stop,

intersection, etc. is a separate part of the test and should be so graded. If an applicant makes an improper maneuver more than once, he must be graded for each error. For example, if an applicant creeps through a stop sign constituting a four point deduction and at the next stop sign repeats the error, the examiner would deduct another four points.

- (20) Causes for disqualifications. If any of the following conditions are met the driver is disqualified. The road test must be discontinued. If a return to the starting point of the test might be hazardous, the vehicle must be left in a safe place, pending arrangements for its removal.
- (a) Accident, however slight: Any contact with another car except slight bumper to bumper, any contact with a pedestrian except from the pedestrian's intention, or any contact with a fixed object except a slight bumper.
 - (b) Dangerous action: Any action that would cause a driver or a pedestrian to take defensive action, stalls car in middle of busy intersection, or drives one or more wheels over curb or onto sidewalk.
 - (c) Clear violation of any traffic law: Any action for which a driver must be arrested.
 - (d) Lack of cooperation or refusal to perform: Offers bribe or gratuity, refuses to try to do any maneuver or states "I cannot do that," accuses examiner of discriminating against him.
 - (e) Various or repeated minor mistakes: Causes the deduction of more than the permitted number of points on the road test score.

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