



ADMINISTRATIVE RULES OF MONTANA



23.3.122 ROAD TEST PREPARATION

- (1) To make the road test fair to all applicants, and to assure uniformity in grading, the road test must be given over approved routes that must be as standardized as possible. There must be at least one such route at each examining station. In larger places there may be two or more test routes. Routes must involve neither too heavy nor too light traffic at the time the examination is being given. When one route is undesirable, because of construction work, unusual congestion or other conditions, an alternate must be available. The routes should run from three-fourths to one mile in length so that the ordinary driving demonstration may take not less than 8 minutes nor more than 12 minutes. A test must be mapped by the District Sergeant and a copy checked and approved by the Chief Examiner. One copy is given to the examiner. This map lists the location of the station where licenses are issued in each town. All road tests must be given over an official test route.
- (2) Prior to the start of the road test, the following items must be checked:
 - (a) Headlights (bright and dim);
 - (b) Signal Lights (front);
 - (c) Tail Lights;
 - (d) Brake Lights;
 - (e) Signal Lights (back);
 - (f) License Plate Light;
 - (g) Muffler;
 - (h) Tires (visually);
 - (i) Glass Enclosure;
 - (j) Vehicle license number. (Must be recorded. If no plate or sticker, no test. If foreign plate, one plate, or new ten day vehicle, proceed with test.);
 - (k) Brakes;
 - (l) Horn (during test);
 - (m) Condition of windshield wipers (observe); and
 - (n) Steering.

If in the examiner's opinion the brakes are unsafe or the brake lights are not working or the vehicle is unsafe, the examiner shall refuse to give the test.

Authorizing statute(s): Sec. 44-1-103

Implementing statute(s): 61-5-101 et seq. MCA

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