



Recommended Driver Training for Diesel Vehicles Checklist

The items below are recommended training requirements for drivers of medium/heavy duty trucks, and buses. Agencies are encouraged to tailor the checklist to meet their agency needs and current training plans.

- Commercial Drivers License (CDL)
 - **Mandatory** for vehicles over 26,000 GVWR
 - [Federal regulations](#) include the trailer in the combined GVWR calculation if the trailer is over 10,001 lbs
 - [State CDL requirements](#)

- Read vehicle owner manual or diesel supplement

- Diesel Exhaust Aftertreatment Training
 - [Cummins Aftertreatment System](#) - Driver Training for On-Highway Heavy-Duty Truck Engines
 - Review [Engine Lamp Guide](#)

OR

- Manufacturer Exhaust Aftertreatment Training
 - [Ford](#)
 - [International Truck](#)
 - [Ram/MOPAR](#)
 - Owner Manual dash light descriptions

- Professional Truck Driving Course (Specialized Defensive Driving Course)
 - [Course Information](#) (complementary for leasing customers)

- Acknowledge Driver Responsibility To Perform Regenerations
 - “Diesel Vehicles / Diesel Particulate Filters (DPF) / Regeneration. Most diesel vehicles require periodic regeneration of the DPF, which is the process of burning off excess soot from the filter. Drivers will be alerted to perform regeneration by a warning light and should follow the steps listed in the owner’s manual to complete the regeneration. Ignoring the warning light or performing incomplete regeneration may result in the engine shutting down and possible damage to the DPF and/or engine. Charges incurred for vendors to initiate a DPF regeneration and repairs resulting from improper or not performed regeneration will be the financial responsibility of the leasing agency.”
Guide to Your GSA Fleet Vehicle, October 2020

- Purchase Card Guidance - Diesel Exhaust Fluid (DEF)
 - DEF is considered an immediately consumable item that may be purchased at a fuel station or at a GSA approved maintenance vendor. The use of parts stores to purchase DEF or any other consumable is prohibited.