



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 4501-7-31 Vehicles used to train in the operation of commercial motor vehicles.

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[Comment: For dates and availability of material incorporated by reference in this rule, see paragraph (A) in rule 4501-7-39 of the Administrative Code.]

(A) Every driver training enterprise that provides students with behind-the-wheel instruction in commercial motor vehicles shall supply all the equipment necessary to give the required instruction for operating commercial motor vehicles.

(B) Every licensed commercial motor vehicle used to provide behind-the-wheel instruction shall meet all applicable regulations of the public utilities commission of Ohio and federal motor carrier safety regulations. Every commercial motor vehicle used to provide behind-the-wheel instruction shall be in compliance with all applicable provisions of Chapters 4513. and 5577. of the Revised Code.

(C) Safety belts that meet the standards set forth in section 4513.262 of the Revised Code shall be provided for all occupants of vehicles used for driver training. Such belts shall be in use by all occupants of a driver training vehicle at all times.

(D) Except for school buses, as defined in division (F) of section 4511.01 of the Revised Code and that comply with provisions set forth in section 4511.77 of the Revised Code, all commercial vehicles used on streets and highways to provide behind-the-wheel instruction shall be equipped with a securely fastened dual control brake that is easily accessible to the person seated in the front seat on the right side of the vehicle. In the absence of a dual control brake, the vehicle shall have a hand brake that is readily accessible to the instructor. The brake shall operate the vehicle's service brakes and shall permit the driver training instructor to bring the vehicle to a safe stop while the instructor is seated in the right front seat of the vehicle with the safety belt fastened. Such dual control or hand brake is not required on training vehicles used by driver training enterprises for commercial motor vehicles that are operated exclusively on off-highway driving ranges with no traffic other than the commercial motor vehicles used in training.



(E) All commercial motor vehicles used to provide behind-the-wheel instruction shall be equipped with outside driver and passenger-side mirrors to enable both the student and the instructor to see to the rear.

(F) Except for school buses as defined in paragraph (F) of section 4511.01 of the Revised Code and that comply with provisions set forth in section 4511.77 of the Revised Code, all commercial motor vehicles used on streets and highways to provide behind-the-wheel instruction by a driver training enterprise shall be equipped with a sign on the front and a sign on the rear of the vehicle containing the words, "Student Driver." The words of both signs shall be visible on both the front and rear of the vehicle, or combination of vehicles and shall clearly contrast any other lettering or art present. The words shall be a minimum of three inches high and shall reflect light at night. Any other wording on such signs shall not be more than two inches high. Any additional signs on the front, rear or doors that indicate that the vehicle is being used for a driver-training vehicle are permissible.

(G) Every motor vehicle used in the school's operations shall carry a current financial responsibility identification card or insurance identification card that complies with rule 4501:1-2-02 of the Administrative Code.

(H) The authorizing official or training manager of the school shall make all motor vehicles used by the school available for inspection by the director at any and all reasonable times.

(1) Every motor vehicle, with a license plate, used by the school shall be inspected annually by the Ohio state highway patrol. No motor vehicle shall be used for driver training unless it has been entered into the fleet list for the online school function.

(2) All range-only vehicles, without a license plate, used by the enterprise shall be inspected before being placed into service and annually thereafter by the department for compliance with Chapter 4513. of the Revised Code using a form prescribed by the director.

(3) Buses, as defined by sections 4513.50 to 4513.53 of the Revised Code, shall be inspected pursuant to Chapter 4501-52 of the Administrative Code.



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(4) School buses, as defined in division (F) of section 4511.01 of the Revised Code and that comply with provisions set forth in section 4511.77 of the Revised Code, shall be inspected pursuant to section 4511.761 of the Revised Code.