

HGV LOAD SECURITY CHECK SHEET

Driver and loader check sheet | HGV Consult (hgvconsult.com)

Driver name: _____ Vehicle reg (VRM): _____
Date: ____ / ____ / 20____ Trailer ID: _____
Time: ____ : ____ Load description: _____
Plated gross weight _____ (from plate /
(kg): certificate) Weighed gross (kg): _____ or ☐ not weighed

Vehicle / body type (tick one):

☐ Standard curtainsider ☐ XL-rated curtainsider (EN 12642 XL) ☐ Euroliner / tilt ☐ Flatbed ☐ Box / other

KNOW THE 400kg LIMIT

Following DVSA guidance: on a **standard curtainsider** the curtains are not designed to secure the load. Buckle straps or internal nets hanging from the roof rails can hold items or stacks up to a maximum of **400kg** only. Anything heavier must be secured another way, such as ratchet straps running across the load (rave to rave), blocking or an approved system. An **XL-rated** vehicle is accepted as holding 50% of the load to the side, but only with a positive fit (load tight to the headboard, no large gaps). Check the current DVSA guidance if in doubt.

1. Vehicle, weight and loading

Check item	Pass / Fail / N/A	Notes / corrective action
Vehicle, trailer and body are in sound condition, with no damage to the floor, headboard, curtains, rave rails or anchor points.	☐ Pass ☐ Fail ☐ N/A	
Vehicle and body type are suitable for the load being carried.	☐ Pass ☐ Fail ☐ N/A	
Weight is spread evenly. Heaviest items are low and towards the front. Lighter items are towards the sides and on top.	☐ Pass ☐ Fail ☐ N/A	
Total weight is within the plated gross weight. Axle weights are within the plate or plating certificate limits (weighed if in doubt).	☐ Pass ☐ Fail ☐ N/A	
Weights are not taken from delivery notes alone. Pallet and packing weights are allowed for.	☐ Pass ☐ Fail ☐ N/A	

2. Load restraint

Check item	Pass / Fail / N/A	Notes / corrective action
Load is tight to the headboard or bulkhead, or within 30cm. Any larger gap is blocked or strapped.	☐ Pass ☐ Fail ☐ N/A	
Positive fit: no large gaps along the sides, front or rear. (XL-rated vehicles only get side credit with a positive fit.)	☐ Pass ☐ Fail ☐ N/A	
Hanging straps or internal nets are used only on items or stacks of 400kg or less.	☐ Pass ☐ Fail ☐ N/A	
Every item or stack over 400kg is secured by another method (for example ratchet straps rave to rave, blocking, or approved lashing).	☐ Pass ☐ Fail ☐ N/A	
Straps and webbing: labelled with rating, not damaged, no knots, edge protectors used on sharp edges, ratchets locked off.	☐ Pass ☐ Fail ☐ N/A	
Anti-slip mats, if used, are in addition to lashing and not on their own.	☐ Pass ☐ Fail ☐ N/A	

Check item	Pass / Fail / N/A	Notes / corrective action
Rearward movement is prevented (rear doors, nets, blocking or straps).	☐ Pass ☐ Fail ☐ N/A	

3. Closure and final checks

Check item	Pass / Fail / N/A	Notes / corrective action
Curtains tensioned, buckled and locked. Rear and side doors, tail-lift and ramps closed and locked.	☐ Pass ☐ Fail ☐ N/A	
Twist locks (containers) engaged and locked.	☐ Pass ☐ Fail ☐ N/A	
No part of the load, sheeting or strapping is loose, protruding or obstructing the view.	☐ Pass ☐ Fail ☐ N/A	
Load re-checked shortly after setting off, and after every drop on multi-drop work (gaps and axle weights change as the load reduces).	☐ Pass ☐ Fail ☐ N/A	

4. Sign-off

<p>Driver declaration I have checked the load as above and it is secured safely.</p> <p>Signature: _____</p> <p>Date / time: _____</p>	<p>Loader / supervisor sign-off I confirm the load was checked and found safely secured.</p> <p>Signature: _____</p> <p>Print name: _____</p>
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If any item is marked Fail, do not move the vehicle until the problem is fixed and the check is repeated. Record the action taken in the notes column and tell your Transport Manager.

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