



Yorkshire Advanced Riders & Drivers (East)

Pre Drive/Test Drill

Making the right impression starts from when you first meet your examiner!

The examiner will be looking for a smooth polished and professional driver from the very outset of the RoADAR test.

The examiner will introduce themselves and their relevant qualifications, and during this introduction will explain the route, what is required on the test, an eyesight test and document check.

You should give a brief overview of your driving history, an unprompted explanation of your vehicle and the daily safety procedures you complete before driving.

To assist you with this drill the following set piece has been produced.

"Good day, I am (name) and my driving history is (driving since 17yrs, use car for work, drive at/for work, joined RoSPA /IAM group, weekly tutoring etc.)"

"This is my car, a (Make/Model/Capacity) and it is fitted with (ABS/Traction Control/Auxiliary Lights etc.)"

"Before driving I carry out a POWDERYS check as outlined in RoadCraft."

Rehearse a script such as:

" P - I have ensured there is sufficient fuel for today's test having filled the tank prior to arriving here. This vehicle will do around 400 miles to a full tank."

"O - I have checked the oil in accordance with the manufacturers recommendations when the machine was cold/warm whilst on level ground using the electronic system/dip stick (show location)"

"W - This vehicle is liquid cooled and I have checked the reservoir (show location) to ensure the car has sufficient coolant."

Continue making reference to other liquids

"I have checked the other liquid levels, screenwash and the Clutch/Brake reservoirs which are translucent/dip sticks (show locations)"

"D - Damage. I have checked the vehicle for any damage which could cause danger and found it to be damage free."



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"E - Prior to driving I checked the lights front and rear were working correctly, including the main beam. The indicators are also working correctly and the brake light operates when the brake is operated. These were checked whilst carrying out a static check of the brakes before driving as was the handbrake which is cable/electronically operated (demonstrate). The horn is working correctly.

"R - I checked my tyres for the correct pressure (give front and rear pressures) bulges, splits or damage and they are within the legal limits of 1.6mm tread depth over three quarters of the width around the entire circumference. I have also checked the windscreen wiper blades for splits or damage and ensured correct operation.

"Y - You. I am fit to drive. I have not had any alcohol or drugs including prescription drugs (think Night Nurse/Hay Fever etc.) that will effect me. I am not tired or emotionally upset.

"S - The steering is operating smoothly with no play in the system.

Explain that you have driven to the test site and the brakes have operated firmly and smoothly on all four wheels giving you no concern about their operation.

Ask if a moving brake test will be required. If not describe how one is undertaken:-

20mph in second gear, check mirrors for other road users, brake firmly down to 10 mph to check vehicle is braking firmly and evenly on all four wheels and it is safe to continue the journey.

If unable to do so explain you would brake early for the first hazard.

Spending a few minutes delivering the above pre - drive will give your examiner the impression of a dedicated professional driver who knows their 'stuff' and are fully prepared for the test they about to undertake.

It forms part of the polish and flair that can make a driver Gold Standard and by approaching the test with this frame of mind will put you in the right place and empower you.