

# Defensive driving for gravel roads

DRIVER'S NAME		DATE	
MAKE OF VEHICLE	REGISTRATION	KM READING	KM

All the items in the "ITEMS TO BE CHECKED" column must be checked by operators before operating equipment.

Indicate whether each item is in a serviceable condition (using a tick) or not (using a cross). If irrelevant, write n/a in the comments section. If defective, comment on the exact nature of the defect and do not operate until reported and corrected. A new checklist then needs to be filled in and retained indicating that all parts are serviceable.

ITEMS TO BE CHECKED	☒	ITEMS TO BE CHECKED	☒
<b>VEHICLE CONDITION:</b>		<b>COMMUNICATION:</b>	
TYRES CHECKED FOR PRESSURE AND WEAR		FULLY CHARGED PHONE	
SPARE TYRE AND TOOLS ACCESSIBLE		CAR CHARGER AVAILABLE	
BRAKES TESTED AND EFFECTIVE		UPDATED LIST OF EMERGENCY CONTACTS	
SUSPENSION IN OPTIMAL CONDITION		WALKIE-TALKIE IF TRAVELLING IN A CONVOY	
HEADLIGHTS AND TAILLIGHTS OPERATIONAL		<b>COMFORT AND WELL-BEING:</b>	
FLUID LEVELS CHECKED (OIL, BRAKE, ETC.)		AMPLE DRINKING WATER	
WINDSHIELD AND WIPERS IN GOOD SHAPE		NECESSARY TRAVEL DOCUMENTS	
MIRRORS ADJUSTED AND CLEANED		<b>MISCELLANEOUS:</b>	
<b>ROAD READINESS:</b>		CHECK FOR LOOSE OBJECTS IN THE VEHICLE	
UPDATED ROAD AND WEATHER CONDITION.		KNOWLEDGE OF LOCAL WILDLIFE	
FAMILIARITY WITH ROUTE AND ALTERNATES		EXTRA FUEL IN APPROVED CONTAINERS	
KNOWLEDGE OF NEAREST SERVICE STATIONS		CASH FOR UNFORESEEN EXPENSES	
EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS SAVED		LIST OF KEY LANDMARKS ON ROUTE	
<b>SAFETY GEAR:</b>		BASIC TOOLKIT AND JACK	
SEATBELTS IN WORKING CONDITION		FAMILIARITY WITH VEHICLE'S 4X4 FEATURES	
FIRST AID KIT STOCKED		TOW ROPE AND JUMPER CABLES	
FIRE EXTINGUISHER ACCESSIBLE		SAND TRACKS FOR TRACTION IF STUCK	
WARNING TRIANGLES AND REFLECTIVE VEST		SHOVEL FOR DIGGING OUT OF RUTS	
TORCH WITH EXTRA BATTERIES		LOCAL RADIO STATIONS FOR UPDATES	
GPS AND PHYSICAL MAP AVAILABLE		BATTERY-OPERATED WEATHER RADIO	
<b>DRIVING TACTICS:</b>		NOTEBOOK AND PEN FOR NOTES	
FAMILIARITY WITH GRAVEL ROAD TECHNIQUES		BINOCULARS FOR ENHANCED VISIBILITY	
KNOWLEDGE HOW TO COUNTERACT SKIDDING		KNOWLEDGE OF NEAREST TOWNS	
TECHNIQUES TO HANDLE DUST & LIMITED VIS		COMPREHENSIVE VEHICLE INSURANCE DETAILS	
SAFE FOLLOWING DISTANCES MAINTAINED		UNDERSTANDING OF LOCAL REGULATIONS	
KNOWLEDGE OF SAFE OVERTAKING PRACTICES		WHISTLE FOR SIGNALING EMERGENCIES	
APPROACH TO CORNERS AND BLIND RISES		DUCT TAPE FOR QUICK FIXES AND REPAIRS	

**Preparedness is the first line of defense;  
stay vigilant, stay safe**