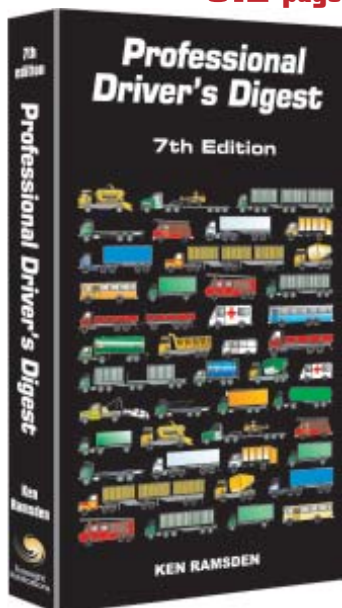


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312 pages packed with need-to-know information and explanatory diagrams



Completely revised and updated in line with changes in legislation, this popular and authoritative guide contains everything the professional driver needs to know to do his job professionally and legally. Professional drivers are an increasingly scarce asset as the pool of experienced drivers in southern Africa decreases with the AIDS assault. This book helps solve this problem by providing a comprehensive and essential mass of information for the new driver and a practical single-source reference for experienced drivers. Written in an easy-to-read straightforward style and generously accompanied by explanatory diagrams, it delivers

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Chapter 1 — You, the driver

What the law expects, Police powers and your rights, Duties and responsibilities, Driving licences and PrDPs, Heavy motor vehicle test, Personal safety, Health, etc, etc.

Chapter 2 — Your vehicle

Vehicle markings (including number plates, licence/operator discs, data plates, chevrons, reflective striping etc), Trailers (including hitching and unhitching), Brakes, Air brakes, Air lines, Anti-lock brakes, Retarders, Steering, Lubricant, Tachographs, Tyres, Wheel flaps, Windscreen and windows, Mirrors, Battery, Lighting requirements, Direction indicators, Horns, Noise, Smoke and exhaust, Fuel tank, Rear underrun bumper, Daily vehicle check, etc, etc.

Chapter 3 — Your load

Driver's responsibility, Loading regulations (including weight limits,

dimensions and marking), Passengers on a goods vehicle, Packaging symbols, Loading cargo, Cargo securement, Cargo security, Transportation of — Heavy machinery, Building sand and aggregates, Cargo containers, Sacks, Live animals, Foodstuff, Liquid bulk, Dangerous goods (including explanation of the hazard classes and warning diamonds, placarding and documentation requirements, mixed loads and load compatibility chart), etc, etc.

Chapter 4 — Your Driving

What is a public road?, Safety and professional courtesy, Speed limits (including traps and use of tachograph evidence), Braking, Following distance, Parking, loading and unloading (legal restrictions and correct procedures) Docking, Reversing, Cornering, Junctions, Vehicle clearance, Road traffic signs, Freeway driving (including lane discipline and yellow line rule, Driving in bad weather, etc), Overtaking, Driving economy, Correct use of gears, Mobile communication, etc, etc.

Chapter 5 — Emergencies

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Chapter 6 — Driver's directory

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