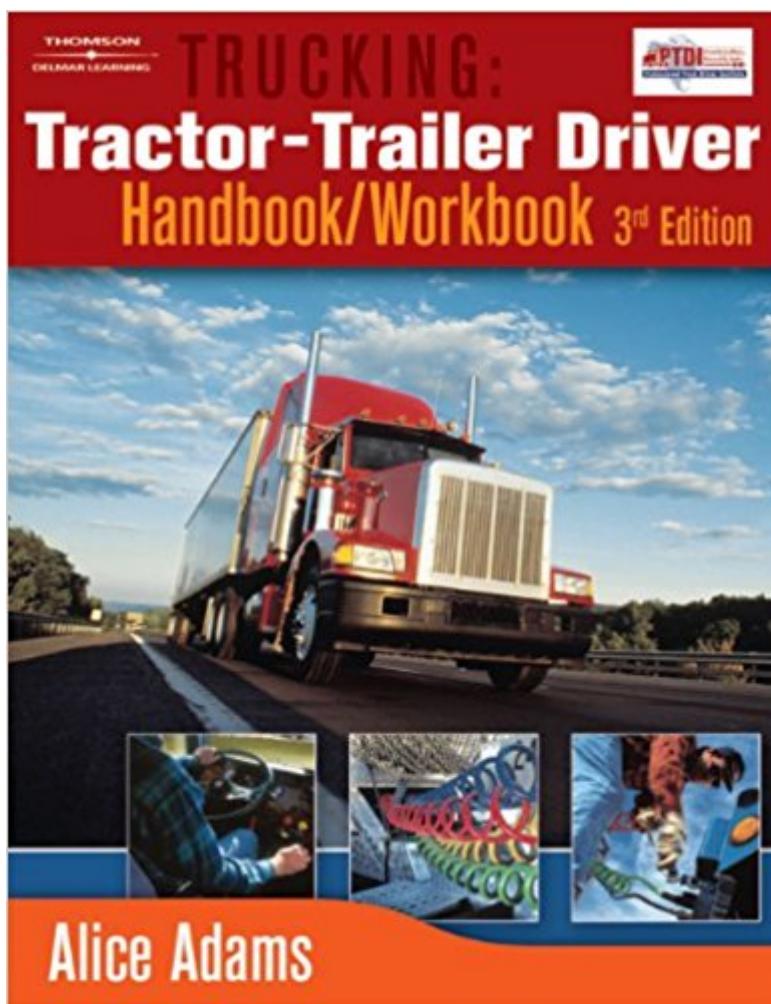


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# Trucking: Tractor-Trailer Driver Handbook/Workbook



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A severe shortage of trained tractor-trailer drivers faces the trucking industry and the nation. Trucking: Tractor-Trailer Driver Handbook/Workbook, Third edition and its ancillaries can help solve this problem by providing a great turnkey curriculum for the latest in tractor-trailer driver training, complete with up-to-date compliance and regulation standards. This new edition delivers not only the technical content the driver needs to know, but also teaches the procedures that, with practice, will enable the student to become a skilled driver. This book stresses the importance of developing the skills, traits and behaviors that characterize true professionals. Professional truck drivers must maintain safe standards throughout all facets of a trip, and this book provides the "must have" information new drivers need to stay safe before, during, and after a route. Coverage focuses on attaining and preserving safe standards throughout all aspects of a professional driving career, from securing one's load to hazardous materials handling, with helpful guidelines for maintaining a healthy lifestyle on the road. This edition delivers not only the technical content tractor-trailer drivers need to become skilled professionals, but also the healthful habits and "best practices" that can lead to improved safety and well-being.

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I actually bought this book because this was the text book we used in truck driving school. I wanted the book because we did the workbook as a team in class and each were responsible for several chapters. However after looking through the rest of the book, I found it beneficial to my learning.

Got a choice? Thinking about buying this? DON'T DO IT! Especially for the "new price." I got this used (here on ) for 14.95 + shipping. I was excited to get it, but when I started reading it I got nothing, but disappointment. At the end of each chapter you have "Key Terms." The easiest way for me to learn things are to look up the definition of each word and study it (thus not having to read the entire chapter) thus getting the same result as reading the chapter. When I looked at the key terms I notice that from chapter to chapter there are repeats of 'key terms'. Not all of them, but there ARE repeats. That's not too bad though. I guess they put that in there like that to try to drill these terms through your head and force you to remember them. My biggest complaint about this book is the information within it. A lot of the time the definitions are completely outdated and NOT completely accurate according to the actual definition. (TRUST ME) Another thing I didn't like is how some of the Key Terms are NOT in the glossary at the end of the book. This is irritating when you start on the definitions (and have a good thing going) just to realize the fifth one on the list isn't anywhere in

the glossary (not to mention some definitions are even hard to find on Google). Not all things are bad about this book though (thus the two stars). It is very informative about the (VERY) basic things in truck driving including CMV Regulations, and such things. In closing if you HAVE to pick this up for school take it's words with a grain of salt. There are so much better books out there; it's a shame we had to use this one.

This book didn't just have some markings...it was previously used workbook with ink notes on almost every page. Still the material is what I needed...would have liked to read it without the mess.

Needed this book for truck driving school. Came really fast. Just what I needed.

Good book to study for license.

Arrived quickly, exactly as described!

Been reading it for 2 weeks now. In my opinion it is has everything I would need to know. I plan on keeping this as a reference when I finish reading it.

Perfect textbook for the students enrolled in our CDL Training School!

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