# Behind the Wheel Range Class A CDL

There are no required minimum instruction hours for BTW range training, but the instructor must cover all topics set forth in the BTW curriculum. **The instructor must document the total number of clock hours** (one clock hour for each 60 minutes of instruction) each trainee takes to complete the BTW range curriculum.

The instructor must document that each trainee is proficient in all elements of the BTW range curriculum for the trainee to successfully complete this module. BTW range training must teach driving exercises related to basic vehicle control skills and mastery of basic maneuvers, as covered in 49 CFR §§ 383.111 and 383.113. The training providers must teach this unit on a driving range as defined in § 380.605. The training provider must teach “Get Out and Look” (GOAL) to the trainee as it applies to units A2.2-2.6.

* A2.1 Vehicle Inspection Pre-Trip/ Enroute/Post-Trip
* A2.2 Straight Line Backing
* A2.3 Alley Dock Backing (45/90 Degree)
* A2.4 Off-Set Backing
* A2.5 Parallel Parking Blind Side
* A2.6 Parallel Parking Sight Side
* A2.7 Coupling and Uncoupling

Note: BTW training must be conducted in a CMV for which a Class A CDL is required. Consistent with the definitions of BTW range training and BTW public road training in § 380.605, a simulation device may not be used to conduct training or to demonstrate proficiency.

# Behind-the-Wheel (BTW) Public Road (A)

There are no required minimum instruction hours required for BTW public road training, but the instructor must cover all topics set forth in the BTW curriculum, and must document the total number of clock hours (one clock hour for each 60 minutes of instruction) each trainee takes to complete the BTW public road curriculum.

The instructor must document that each trainee is proficient in all elements of the BTW public road curriculum for the trainee to successfully complete this module.

The instructor must engage in active twoway communication with the trainees during all active BTW public road training sessions. Skills described in units A3.8 through 3.12 of this section must be discussed during public road training, but not necessarily performed. Trainees are not required to demonstrate proficiency in the skills described in units A3.8 through 3.12; however, trainees are required to demonstrate their ability to recognize potential dangers, be familiar with how to operate a CMV safely at night and in extreme conditions, and know the causes of skidding and jackknifing and the techniques for avoiding and recovering from them.

* A3.1 Vehicle Controls Including: Left Turns, Right Turns, Lane Changes, Curves at Highway Speeds, and Entry and Exit on the Interstate or Controlled Access Highway
* A3.2 Shifting/Transmission
* A3.3 Communications/Signaling
* A3.4 Visual Search
* A3.5 Speed and Space Management
* A3.6 Safe Driver Behavior
* A3.7 Hours of Service (HOS) Requirements
* A3.8 Hazard Perception
* A3.9 Railroad (RR)-Highway Grade Crossing
* A3.10 Night Operation
* A3.11 Extreme Driving Conditions
* A3.12 Skid Control/Recovery, Jackknifing, and Other Emergencies

Note: BTW training must be conducted in a commercial motor vehicle (CMV) for which a Class A CDL is required. Consistent with the definitions of BTW range training and BTW public road training in § 380.605, a simulation device may not be used to conduct training or to demonstrate proficiency

# Behind-the-Wheel (BTW) Range Class B

There are no required minimum instruction hours for BTW range training, but the instructor must cover all topics set forth in the BTW range curriculum. The instructor must document the total number of clock hours (one clock hour for each 60 minutes of instruction) each trainee takes to complete the BTW range curriculum.

The instructor must document that each trainee is proficient in all elements of the BTW range curriculum for the trainee to successfully complete this module. .

This unit must teach driving exercises related to basic vehicle control skills and mastery of basic maneuvers, as covered in 49 CFR §§ 383.111 and 383.113. The training providers must teach this unit on a driving range as defined in § 380.605. The training provider must teach “Get Out and Look” (GOAL) to the trainee as it applies to units B2.2-2.6.

* B2.1 Vehicle Inspection Pre-Trip/Enroute/ Post-Trip
* B2.2 Straight Line Backing
* B2.3 Alley Dock Backing (45/90 Degree)
* B2.4 Off-Set Backing
* B2.5 Parallel Parking Blind Side
* B2.6 Parallel Parking Sight Side

Note: BTW training must be conducted in a CMV for which a Class B CDL is required. Consistent with the definitions of BTW range training and BTW public road training in § 380.605, a simulation device may not be used to conduct such training or to demonstrate proficiency.

# Behind-the-Wheel (BTW) Public Road (B)

There are no required minimum instruction hours required for BTW public road training, but the instructor must cover all topics set forth in the BTW public road curriculum, and must document the total number of clock hours (one clock hour for each 60 minutes of instruction) each trainee takes to complete the BTW public road curriculum.

The instructor must determine and document that each trainee is proficient in all elements of the BTW public road curriculum for the trainee to successfully complete this module.

The instructor must engage in active two-way communication with the trainees during all active BTW public road training sessions. Skills described in units B3.8 through 3.12 of this section must be discussed during public road training, but not necessarily performed. **Trainees are not required to demonstrate proficiency in the skills described in units B3.8 through 3.12.**

* B3.1 Vehicle Controls Including: Left Turns, Right Turns, Lane Changes, Curves at Highway Speeds, and Entry and Exit on the Interstate or Controlled Access Highway
* B3.2 Shifting/Transmission
* B3.3 Communications/Signaling
* B3.4 Visual Search
* B3.5 Speed and Space Management
* B3.6 Safe Driver Behavior
* B3.7 Hours of Service (HOS) Requirements
* B3.8 Hazard Perception
* B3.9 Railroad (RR)-Highway Grade Crossing
* B3.10 Night Operation
* B3.11 Extreme Driving Conditions
* B3.12 Skid Control/Recovery, Jackknifing, and Other Emergencies

Note: BTW training must be conducted in a CMV for which a Class B CDL is required. Consistent with the definitions of BTW range training and BTW public road training in § 380.605, a simulation device may not be used to conduct such training or to demonstrate proficiency