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Linehaul Driver, CDL A

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STRENGTHS

- ♥ **Safety focused driving**
Weather and traffic changed quickly on overnight routes. Careful scanning and steady decisions kept freight moving safely.
- 📌 **Accurate documentation**
Bills of lading, case counts, and logs received close attention. Dispatch gained confidence in submitted records.
- 🧊 **Food handling discipline**
Temperature checks became part of every refrigerated delivery. Product concerns reached receiving teams before handoff.
- 💬 **Customer communication**
Receiving teams appreciated clear arrival updates and respectful service. Small details made each stop smoother.
- 🔧 **Independent problem solving**
Route changes and trailer concerns required quick judgment. Practical updates helped operations adjust without confusion.

SKILLS

CDL A Linehaul driving
Shuttle routes DOT regulations
Electronic logs Food safety
Temperature control
Hazmat awareness Route planning
Bills of lading Load securement
Customer service Safe lifting
Basic math Vehicle inspections

SUMMARY

CDL A linehaul and shuttle driver with six years of commercial **tractor trailer** experience supporting food and general freight distribution across overnight and variable schedules. Safely operates three axle tractors, 45 to 48 foot trailers, straight trucks, onboard computer systems, pallets, load bars, SLS units, and two wheel hand carts. Completes **DOT electronic logs, vehicle inspections**, maintenance reports, **bills of lading**, invoice checks, and delivery records with consistent accuracy. Protects food safety through temperature control and careful product handling. Communicates route changes, equipment concerns, loading issues, customer questions, and product problems clearly with dispatch and receiving teams. Brings dependable attendance, practical math ability, safe lifting technique, independent route planning, and courteous customer service to demanding delivery operations.

EXPERIENCE

Linehaul Driver

Gateway Freight Logistics 📅 April 2024 - Present 📍 St. Louis, MO

Leads overnight linehaul movements between distribution points, managing tractor trailer equipment, transfer documentation, route communication, load security, and safety decisions that keep time sensitive freight moving.

- Operated three axle tractors with 48 foot trailers across overnight routes, sustaining dependable freight transfers.
- Completed **DOT electronic logs** and inspections before deadlines, escalating safety defects before equipment returned.
- Verified **bills of lading**, seals, loads, and **case counts**, resolving differences with dispatch before departure.
- Secured pallets with **load bars** and applied Hazmat awareness during freight preparation and transfer operations.
- Reported weather delays, **route deviations, loading concerns**, and equipment issues through onboard computer systems.
- Maintained alert driving through traffic and changing weather while following assigned routes and procedures.

CDL A Shuttle Driver

Riverbend Food Transport 📅 January 2022 - March 2024 📍 St. Louis, MO

Managed refrigerated and shelf stable food deliveries between warehouses and customers, combining temperature control, accurate receiving records, safe product movement, and dependable service across changing schedules.

- Transported refrigerated and shelf stable products between warehouses and customers using tractor trailers.
- Monitored trailer temperatures during food deliveries and reported exceptions before product handoff to **receiving teams**.
- Matched invoices with **bills of lading** and **case counts**, documenting discrepancies for operations review.
- Moved heavy products with two wheel hand carts using **safe lifting** methods down customer ramps.
- Built trusted receiving relationships through clear arrival updates, courteous communication, and orderly product placement.
- Adapted to **weekends**, holidays, overtime, **on call coverage**, and changing start times without attendance gaps.

Commercial Driver

Midwest Route Carriers 📅 June 2020 - December 2021 📍 Springfield, IL

LANGUAGES

English	Native
Spanish	Beginner

MY CAREER



- Linehaul Driver at Gateway Freight Logistics (2.4 Years)
- CDL A Shuttle Driver at Riverbend Food Transport (2.2 Years)
- Commercial Driver at Midwest Route Carriers (1.5 Years)
- Commercial Driver Trainee at Regional Driver Training Program (7 Months)

Handled **tractor trailer** and **straight truck** routes across urban and highway conditions, building independent trip planning, inspection discipline, onboard system use, freight security, and delivery record accuracy.

- Drove tractor trailers and straight trucks across mixed urban and highway routes with independent planning.
- Performed inspections covering tires, brakes, lights, coupling, and trailers before and after assigned runs.
- Recorded trip status and delivery completion through onboard computer tools while communicating with **dispatch**.
- Secured freight with **load control equipment** and checked conditions during scheduled stops to protect products.
- Reconciled shipment quantities, delivery paperwork, and returns using basic arithmetic before closing route records.
- Maintained safe performance through rain, heat, cold, **nighttime** conditions, and busy **traffic**.

Commercial Driver Trainee

Regional Driver Training Program 📅 October 2019 - May 2020 📍 Springfield, IL

Completed supervised commercial driver training focused on equipment handling, route planning, inspections, DOT requirements, cargo securement, safe **delivery practices**, and confident operation across varied conditions.

- Completed supervised tractor trailer instruction covering coupling, backing, turning, lane control, and positioning.
- Practiced **pre trip** and **post trip** inspections with structured checklists and instructor review.
- Studied **DOT regulations**, hours of service, Hazmat awareness, safe lifting, and cargo securement principles.
- Operated **tractor trailer** equipment during day and night sessions across changing traffic and **weather**.
- Planned training routes using mileage, time, and basic math calculations for realistic runs.
- Demonstrated safe equipment entry, trailer exit, hand cart use, and controlled load handling.

PROJECTS

Food Delivery Temperature Control 📅 2024

Supported refrigerated delivery quality by checking product temperatures, reporting exceptions, and coordinating accurate handoff records with receiving teams. Clear communication helped protect product condition during routine customer service work.

Overnight Freight Transfer Operations 📅 2025

Coordinated tractor trailer transfers across overnight routes by checking seals, pallet counts, bills of lading, and route updates. Dispatch communication kept downstream schedules informed during changing conditions.

LEADERSHIP & AWARDS

- Recognized by dispatch for dependable overnight route coverage and consistent attendance during variable schedules.
- Praised by receiving teams for courteous delivery communication, accurate paperwork, and orderly product placement.
- Completed commercial driver training with demonstrated proficiency in inspections, equipment handling, and safe route planning.

EDUCATION

Commercial Driver Training Certificate

Midwest Transportation Training Center 🎓 GPA: 4.0 📅 2020 📍 Springfield, IL

Coursework: Tractor trailer operation, DOT regulations, vehicle inspections, cargo securement

High School Diploma

Lanphier High School 🎓 GPA: 4.0 📅 2019 📍 Springfield, IL

Coursework: English communication, practical mathematics, safety procedures, workplace readiness

CERTIFICATIONS

- Class A Commercial Driver's License 📅 2020
- DOT Medical Certificate 📅 2026

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- **Commercial Vehicles:** Three axle tractors, 45 foot trailers, 48 foot trailers
- **Delivery Equipment:** Straight trucks, two wheel hand carts, SLS units
- **Load Control:** Pallets, load bars, trailer seals
- **Compliance Records:** DOT logs, maintenance reports, inspection forms
- **Safety Regulations:** DOT regulations, Hazmat guidelines, hours of service
- **Food Distribution:** Food safety, temperature controls, refrigerated trailers
- **Route Operations:** Linehaul routes, shuttle routes, overnight delivery
- **Computer Systems:** Onboard computer keypad, electronic logs, dispatch systems
- **Documentation:** Bills of lading, invoices, case counts
- **Inspection Practices:** Pre trip inspections, post trip inspections, defect reports
- **Material Handling:** Safe lifting, ramps, product movement
- **Communication:** Route deviations, customer issues, management reporting

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Commercial Driver Training Program participant, Springfield, Illinois.
- Professional freight and food distribution driver network, St. Louis region.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Work Status : Authorized to work in United States. No sponsorship required.

REFERENCES

AVAILABLE ON REQUEST