

THE ROAD BIBLE

BREAKER BREAKER BABY · CHANNEL 19

Your pocket cheat sheet for CB 10-codes, trucker slang, and keeping the shiny side up.

10-CODES YOU'LL ACTUALLY USE

10-1	Receiving poorly / weak signal
10-4	Message received — loud and clear
10-6	Busy, stand by
10-7	Out of service / signing off
10-8	In service / back on the air
10-9	Say again / repeat
10-10	Done talking, still listening
10-20	Your location ("What's your 20?")
10-33	Emergency traffic — clear the channel
10-36	What's the correct time?
10-100	Bathroom / rest stop break
10-200	Police needed at...

THE HANDBOOK OF THE HIGHWAY

Handle	Your CB nickname — the name the channel knows you by.
Breaker / Break	Asking to jump into the channel and talk.
Keying up	Pressing the mic button down to talk.
Good buddy	An old-school friendly CB greeting.
The comic book	A driver's logbook — the record of every mile.

TRUCKER SLANG, DECODED

Smokey	A cop, spotted up ahead on the route.
Bear	Another word for a cop / highway patrol.
Chicken coop	A weigh station along the highway.
Hammer down	Flooring it — running hard to make time.
Four-wheeler	A regular car (not a big rig).
Alligator	A blown tire tread lying in the road.
Reefer	A refrigerated trailer.
Bobtail	Driving the tractor with no trailer.
Yardstick	Mile marker on the highway.
Front door	The lead truck in a convoy.
Back door	The truck bringing up the rear.
Rubber duck	The first truck in a line / convoy leader.

SIGN-OFFS & SEND-OFFS

Catch you on the flip flop	See you on the return trip.
Keep the shiny side up	Drive safe — rubber side down.
Put the hammer down	Get moving, make good time.
We gone	Signing off the channel.

CHANNEL ETIQUETTE

- Listen before you key up — don't talk over a live conversation.
- Keep Channel 9 clear for emergencies.
- Channel 19 is the trucker's main highway frequency.
- Say your handle, then wait for a "come back."