

TRUCK TUNES LYRICS

INTRO: CAN YOU NAME ALL THESE TRUCKS

Can you name all these trucks?
Well I bet you can
C'mon and try it now
Count and clap your hands

One!
An Excavator digs the deepest holes
Two!
A Front End Loader loads like no one loads

Three!
Our friend the Scraper roughly grades the ground
Four!
The great Bulldozer shoves big loads of dirt around

Five!
Here is the Grader that some might call the Blade
He's there to smooth the ground so the road can then be paved

Six!
An Impact Hammer smashes hard into the ground
He makes a lot of noise as his hammer pounds and pounds

Seven!
Here is a Backhoe who plays so many roles
Digging holes or grading or loading up a load

Eight!
Then there's the Forklift lifting way up high
Carrying his pallets way up in the sky

Nine!
The Feller Buncher has a funny, funny name
He cuts and bunches trees with his giant 6 foot blade

Ten!
And the Delimber clears the branches off a tree
Those trees make paper and logs and wood for you and me

Hey, you named all these trucks!
And very nicely too
Now let's watch them work
And find out what they do

1. THAT'S WHAT AN EXCAVATOR DOES

This is the work I really love
 Because that's what an Excavator does
 I said this is the work I really love
 Because that's what an Excavator does

He's an Excavator
 His work is more like fun
 He digs with his big bucket
 And works out in the sun

He can dig the deepest
 Holes that you have ever seen
 Other trucks can dig, oh yes
 But not like this machine
 No, not like this machine

This is the work I really love
 Because that's what an Excavator does
 I said this is the work I really love
 Because that's what an Excavator does

See how long his boom is
 Reaching far below
 The tracks that keep him safe from
 Falling in this deep, deep hole

One of his best talents
 Is spinning all the way around
 In either of both directions
 His tracks stay firmly on the ground

Excavators are sometimes called Diggers. This is because their main job is to dig. Do you see how far down this bucket can go? Other trucks, like front end loaders, can't reach their buckets nearly this low. The bucket on both of these kinds of trucks can be called a shovel, just like the shovel you use to dig up dirt and sand. But an excavator's shovel is huge and very strong. Look at the teeth on this shovel. Some excavators can dig up more than a ton in one scoop of their bucket.

This is the work I really love
 Because that's what an Excavator does
 I said this is the work I really love
 Because that's what an Excavator does

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After a long day of
Hard and dusty, dusty work
He likes to take a shower
And spray off all that dirt

He'll start tomorrow early
Just as the new day dawns
And work a long, long day again
But you'll never see him yawn

This is the work I really love
Because that's what an Excavator does
I said this is the work I really love
Because that's what an Excavator does

2. GOOD AS GOLD (FRONT END LOADER)

Loaders often work with Dump Trucks
Helping them to fill their beds up
With rocks and gravel and other stuff

Others might be better at digging holes
But no one loads a load like a loader loads
And they can play many other roles

Because there isn't any on the road as good at loading heavy loads
Front End Loader, you're as good as gold

This truck is cleaning up the messy debris
Of bark and wood from all the fallen trees
Pushing and scooping it up with ease

Watch now as this real big loader feeds
A bucket full of little rocks that will be
Crushed to sand in this machine

Oh no, there isn't any on the road as good at scooping up a load
Front End Loader, you're as good as gold

Here's another trick this loader can do
He can work just like a forklift, too
With this tool he can remove

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And then with a very simple move

He can re-attach his bucket to
His arms we call the boom

Working far away in a wooded grove
A loader uses grapple hooks to hold
These logs that finish up the load

Oh no, there isn't any on the road as good at finding ways to load
Front End Loader, you're as good as gold

Let's watch that trick again where the Front End Loader can go from working as a fork lift to hooking up its bucket. Both the forks and the bucket are attachments that can be connected to the Loader's arms. This means that a Loader can transform into different kinds of machines if it needs to. For example, with a grapple attachment, this Loader picks up logs and loads up a logging truck. Grapple means to grip or grab. And this truck uses another type of grapple attachment to load a dump truck with paper and cardboard in a recycling plant.

So, you see that Front End Loaders can do all kinds of work using attachments. But, of all the possible attachments a loader can use, its favorite is definitely his bucket. Like the Excavator, a Front End Loader's bucket is also known as a shovel.

Did you also know that some Front End Loaders have tracks instead of tires. Well, it's true. Tracks give loaders more traction and more stability. But most loaders you see will probably have tires. That's because tires allow a truck to drive faster and to move from place to place more easily. Either way, tracks or tires, these trucks are very good at moving loads around.

Oh no, there isn't any on the road as good at loading heavy loads
As good at scooping up a load
As good at finding ways to load
There isn't any on the road
As good at helping trucks to load
Front End Loader, you're as good as gold

3. YOU CAN COUNT ON SCRAPER

There's a truck who works real hard, building roads for people's cars
 So you'll have a place to drive around on
 He sure loves to dig, dig, dig
 Building homes where you can live
 He's the truck you know you can count on

If you've got a lot of dirt you need to move around
 You can count on Scrapper
 Watch him cruising really fast to scrape up other ground
 Cuz you can count on Scrapper

He's building a new community
 These roads will soon be running streams
 The water from the streams will make a lake here
 Then homes will sprout up from the ground
 Homes wherever you look around
 Many kids like you will call it home here

Oh, if you've got a lot of dirt you need to move around
 You can count on Scrapper
 Watch him as he digs and watch him as he shapes the ground
 Yeah you can count on Scrapper

Now here's something you might not know
 Where dirt is held is called the bowl
 And where it opens up is called the apron
 It opens up to take a load
 And fills with dirt that leaves a hole
 The ejector shoves it out so he can start again

So, if you've got a lot of dirt you need to move around
 You can count on Scrapper
 Watch him cruising really fast to scrape up other ground
 Cuz you can count on Scrapper

A scraper's job is to do "rough grading". The straight, flat edge on the front of the scraper's apron allows it to make even surfaces. So, while a scraper digs up dirt and moves it around, it helps to make the ground that it scrapes flat or even. This is why scrapers often work on roads and housing developments, where the ground needs to be flat. But, because a scraper does "rough grading", the ground will need to be smoothed out even more by other trucks, like the Grader we will see in a minute.

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Some scrapers are also equipped with augers. The auger is made up of paddles that lift the dirt and rock off of the apron's front edge. These paddles spread the dirt and rock evenly in the bowl. The auger reduces dust and helps to break up the ground as it is scraped up.

So if you've got a lot of dirt you need to move around
 You can count on Scraper
 Watch him cruising really fast to scrape up other ground
 Cuz you can count on Scraper

After a short break for lunch
 They rumble out and I've a hunch
 They'll be working all day long till night fall
 If you see him while you're out
 Maybe you could call and shout
 "Hey, there goes a Scraper!
 I can count on him."

Cuz if you've got a lot of dirt you need to move around
 You can count on Scraper
 Watch him cruising really fast to scrape up other ground
 Cuz you can count on Scraper

Oh, if you've got a lot of dirt you need to move around
 You can count on Scraper
 Watch him as he digs and watch him as he shapes the ground
 Yeah you can count on Scraper

4. DOZER FOR SHORT

They call him Bulldozer
 Or just Dozer for short
 And every morning
 For work he'll report

To shove big loads of
 Dirt and rocks all around
 And drag his ripper
 To tear up the ground

Like an enormous crazy, caterpillar
 He is the meanest, toughest of all tractors
 Known as a crawler, he's so good at his work
 Uses his ripper to break the hardest earth

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They call him Bulldozer
Or just Dozer for short
And every morning
For work he'll report

To shove big loads of
Dirt and rocks all around
And drag his ripper
To tear up the ground

To do his moving, he uses a blade
It's made of hard metal, some call it a plate
In back the ripper, can have one or more shanks
These trucks are so tough, they could tow a tank

They call him Bulldozer
Or just Dozer for short
And every morning
For work he'll report

To shove big loads of
Dirt and rocks all around
And drag his ripper
To tear up the ground

Their tracks of steel can work any terrain
They are so strong that, it boggles the brain
Working with scrapers and with graders too
They clear the land, and oh do it so soon

Seriously, this is one very tough truck. It uses its blade in front to scrape, push and move materials around. And it uses its ripper in back to tear up hard ground. The ripper can have just one shank, like on this dozer, or it can two or more shanks. The shanks are the teeth that the ripper uses to break up the ground. This truck has a ripper with two shanks. Listen, can you hear it scraping against the rocks as it tears up the earth!

Bulldozers use big metal tracks to move around. This gives them plenty of traction, allowing them to work just about anywhere. You might see bulldozers like this one working in a landfill or a dump, pushing piles of trash around.

And here's another interesting thing about bulldozers: some of these trucks have decelerators instead of accelerators. This means that these trucks will just keep moving unless the driver steps on the decelerator to slow them down. Go, dozer, Go!

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They call him Bulldozer
Or just Dozer for short
And every morning
For work he'll report

To shove big loads of
Dirt and rocks all around
And drag his ripper
To tear up the ground

They can push, or pull other big rigs
And help them out so they can dig and dig
The most stubborn dirt and stone that's known
Or if they need to, they can work all alone

They call him Bulldozer
Or just Dozer for short
And every morning
For work he'll report

To shove big loads of
Dirt and rocks all around
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5. IF YOU SAID GRADER

Have you ever seen a truck like this?
 Working the job they're kinda hard to miss
 If you know his name, well you can shout it now
 And if you said "Grader," well all I can say is "Wow!"

Some people call them Graders, some people call them Blades
 They're very good at getting the road readied up to pave
 And when it's very cold outside and there is lots of snow
 You may see one cruising by, using its blade to clear the road

The main part of the grader is this straight blade you see here
 One side in front of the other as the driver sits and steers
 The front is called the toe and the back is called the heel
 The blade's job is to level out the dirt behind the forward wheels

So, this kind of truck is called a Grader. Remember how we said that Scrapers do "rough grading"? Well, a Grader's job is to do "finish grading". Scrapers and Bulldozers help to flatten out the ground to prepare it for roads and buildings to sit on it. But these trucks leave the ground still pretty rough. So, when they're all done, the Grader comes in and finely sets the surface of the ground. They can do this because of the wide, flat blade that they can control very carefully. The Blade is the most important part of the truck. For this reason, many people call Graders "Blades".

The Grader can do lots of cool tricks. For instance, he can climb over rocks or humps of dirt or anything else that might get in the way, one wheel at a time. This way the blade can still stay level, even though the one wheel may go up over something. And check this out. See how the Grader can lean his wheels? This is another trick that the truck can use to have more control over his blade. Most other trucks can only hold their wheels straight up and down. So, the next time you see trucks out at work, look and see if any of them can lean their wheels like a Grader can. I betcha they can't.

Have you ever seen a truck like this?
 Working the job they're kinda hard to miss
 If you know his name, well you can shout it now
 And if you said "Grader," well all I can say is "Wow!"

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Here's a special feature many trucks don't have
 If you watch real close, I'm sure you'll understand
 The front wheel goes up and over this great mound
 While the blade stays where it is, nice and level with the ground

Another of this truck's really unique abilities
 Is to do a special trick, it's called a wheel lean
 By leaning his wheels just a bit or even quite a lot
 The grader operator here can control how his blade cuts

So, have you ever seen a truck like this?
 Working the job they're kinda hard to miss
 If you know his name, you can whisper it now
 If you said "Grader," well all I can say is "Good Job!"

6. IMPACT HAMMER

Impact Hammer, Impact Hammer
 Impact Hammer, Impact Hammer

When you need to smash up
 Concrete, rocks or asphalt
 This is the machine
 You'll want to call

See how easy it is
 To break the street to pieces
 With a truck as strong as
 This one is

It's the kind of job
 For the truck they call
 Impact Hammer, Impact Hammer

The force of the hydraulics
 Sends hundreds of pounds
 Of power slamming
 Right into the ground

Keep a safe distance
 When it is working
 'Cause chunks of rocks 'n' things
 Go flying

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Careful when you see
The machine they call
Impact Hammer, Impact Hammer

The hammer operator
Safe inside the driver's cab
Wears safety goggles
And a hard hat

There are two big joysticks
That control the hammer
They tell it where to go
And when to hit

It's the kind of job
For the truck they call
Impact Hammer, Impact Hammer

Watch how the impact hammer sets his blade down on the ground behind him. This helps him to keep steady while he pounds away at the street. His tracks also keep him stable.

These machines are used to break up hard materials, like the asphalt on this street. The impact hammer uses a chisel-like steel bit that jabs very quickly up and down to smash up whatever it needs to break. Impact hammers are also sometimes called hydraulic hammers.

Rat-a-tat tat-tat-tat
Rat-a-tat tat-tat-tat

They make a lot of noise
As they pound into the ground
So earplugs are a very, very
Good choice

Careful when you see
The machine they call
Impact Hammer, Impact Hammer

It's the kind of job
For the truck they call
Impact Hammer, Impact Hammer
Impact Hammer, Impact Hammer
Impact Hammer, Impact Hammer

7. MR. VERSATILITY (BACKHOE)

He's like a loader, and a digger and grader, too
There aren't many jobs that this truck can't do

To switch from one to the other easy so
Push the picture on the button and to work you go

And for all his capabilities
They call him Mr. Versatility, yeah!

If you've got a tough job that you need to do
Where an excavator 'n' loader wouldn't have room

Just let him know, and he'll be there
He can do so much some say it isn't fair

And for all his capabilities
They call him Mr. Versatility, yeah!

His two stabilizers keep him steady so
To scoop a load, he's always ready to go

You can move him around using his controls
Spend all day just digging holes

And for all his capabilities
They call him Mr. Versatility, yeah!

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Now, do you remember what we called these legs just a minute ago? That's right, they're called stabilizers. They help to keep the backhoe steady while it works. Whenever a backhoe is digging, you will see it sitting up on its stabilizers.

Some people call these trucks Backhoe Loaders, because they have a digger, which is called a backhoe, on one side and a loader on the other side. So Backhoes can both dig and load. But they can do so much more than that. Some of these trucks can use different attachments to do even more jobs. Why, this Backhoe Loader uses a blade that is attached to its bucket to grade or level the ground. And check this out: See how this machine is using an attachment to work as an Impact Hammer? He sure needs his stabilizers for a job like this. They help hold him in one place while he hammers. What an amazing truck!

And for all his capabilities
They call him Mr. Versatility, yeah!

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Now, don't forget, he can also load
Filling this dump truck, working on the road

If you see him at work, you might want to say:
"Mom and Dad, I saw a backhoe today!"

And for all his capabilities
They call him Mr. Versatility, yeah!

Look, here, this truck is his little bro'
He's a miniature version of this backhoe

He can do anything his brother can do
Cuz he's smaller he can work in tighter places, too

And for all his capabilities
They call him Mini Versatility, yeah!

And for all his capabilities
They call him Mr. Versatility, yeah!

8. THE FORKLIFT BOOGIE

Let's do the Forklift Boogie
Lift it up, set it down
Back it up, turn around
The Forklift Boogie, yeah!

Oh, let's all do the Forklift Boogie
Back and forth and up and down
For a job like pallet moving
A better truck can not be found

See how high he lifts this crate up
Then so gently pulls his blades
He doesn't want anything to break up
That's just how a Forklift's made

Let's do the Forklift Boogie
Lift it up, set it down
Back it up, turn around
The Forklift Boogie, yeah!

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A pallet's made so his forks can fit through
 Without any difficulty
 Watch as this truck driver gets to
 Line them up almost perfectly

Forklifts work in warehouses
 At construction sites and lumber yards
 There you'll see large stacks of pallets
 You won't have to look too hard

To do the Forklift Boogie
 Lift it up, set it down
 Back it up, turn around
 The Forklift Boogie, yeah!

Forklifts are made for lifting really heavy loads. The loads sit on the forks, which can also be called the blades. These blades are attached to a part called the carriage. And forklifts can lift their loads really high thanks to this part, called the mast. It lifts the carriage, and the forks, way up high. It can go slow. It can go fast. Whatever it takes to do it right. The driver usually tilts the load back when he's lifting and carrying it so that it doesn't slip off. He doesn't want anything to come tumbling down while he's lifting it to the top of this big storage rack. You won't see any other truck quite like a forklift.

So do the Forklift Boogie
 Lift it up, set it down
 Back it up, turn around
 The Forklift Boogie, yeah!

He can lift such heavy loads that
 He has to have a counter weight in back
 This is so he won't tip over
 Sometimes it's a battery pack

And in case things come tumbling down
 The forklift has an overhead guard
 It protects the driver as he delivers his load
 In the lumber yard

So do the Forklift Boogie
 Lift it up, set it down
 Back it up, turn around
 Again! Lift it up, set it down
 Back it up, turn around
 The Forklift Boogie, yeah!

The Forklift Boogie everyone!
 Come back and do it with me again sometime real soon now

9. FUNNY SOUNDING FELLER BUNCHER

Oh Feller Buncher, Feller Bucher
 Funny sounding Feller Buncher
 Feller Buncher, Feller Buncher
 Show us what you do

Do you know what Feller means?
 Well I can tell you now
 To fell is to make something fall
 By cutting or knocking it down
 See the blade cut this great big tree

And Buncher well you might have guessed
 Exactly what that means
 Just look here now, it's grabbing
 And bunching all these trees

Oh Feller Buncher, Feller Bucher
 Funny sounding Feller Buncher
 Feller Buncher, Feller Buncher
 Show us what you do

This great big truck can really move
 It's as nimble as can be
 It can spin itself completely around
 That's 360 degrees, wow!

The Feller Buncher's big and strong
 As you can plainly see
 Let's stop this blade and check it out
 As it cuts this giant tree
 Wow, it's more than 6 feet wide

Yeah, Feller Buncher, Feller Bucher
 Funny sounding Feller Buncher
 Feller Buncher, Feller Buncher
 Show us what you do

Feller Buncher is kind of a funny name, but it describes exactly what this cool truck does. To "fell" means to knock or cut down. And to "bunch" means to gather things together. So a Feller Buncher cuts down trees and then bunches them together.

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Like most big trucks, Feller Bunchers can be dangerous. Can you read the words that are on this Feller Buncher's boom? They say, "Keep back 300 feet." That's a lot of room. 300 feet is the length of a football field. Look, it has the same words on the back of the truck. Because this truck could swing all the way around at any time, and because of its sharp, powerful blade and the heavy loads of trees that it can carry, no one should get too close while it's working. Not even other big trucks.

Now, Feller Buncher, back to work
 You've got lots more stuff to do
 We'll return to say "hello"
 Again very, very soon

Feller Buncher, Feller Buncher
 Funny sounding Feller Buncher
 Feller Buncher, Feller Buncher
 Show us what you do

See you later, Feller Buncher!

10. D IS FOR DELIMBER

These are the ABC and Ds
 Of the truck whose job it is
 To clean all of the cut down trees
 Of their limbs and of their branches

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

Scraping All the Branches off
 Cutting the trees with a muffled roar
 Sucking logs into his mouth
 Like a mechanical Dinosaur

Powered by a big Engine
 He picks up all the trees the Feller
 Buncher set down on the Ground
 And prepares them to be Hauled
 Hauled into the town

Oh, A is for All the wood he chews
 And B is for the Branches he removes
 Now C is for the Cuts that he delivers
 And D, the letter D is for Delimber

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To prevent an Injury
 Its best to stay far back from him
 Logs can Jump up or Kick back
 When he is removing Limbs

To see how wide the trees are
 And cut them just the right size
 Some Delimbers Measure them
 It's a Noisy Operation
 Working in the Pines

Oh, A is for All the wood he chews
 And B is for the Branches he removes
 Now C is for the Cuts that he delivers
 And D, the letter D is for Delimber

A Delimber's name also describes just what it does. A tree's branches are also called "limbs", so a Delimber's job is to remove the limbs from trees. It does this by picking up the trees one by one and holding onto them while it scrapes off the branches. Then it uses a chain saw blade to cut the trees to the right length. Some Delimbers can also measure to see how wide a tree is. They do this to decide what kind of wood it will made into. Delimbers are very helpful trucks. They save a lot of time doing a job that used to be done by people with saws, who had to cut each branch of the tree themselves.

Oh, A is for All the wood he chews
 And B is for the Branches he removes
 Now C is for the Cuts that he delivers
 And D, the letter D is for Delimber

Now where were we?
 At letter Q?
 Well let's go then!

They can work oh so Quickly
 Rarely taking vacations
 Using chain Saws just like Teeth
 In these forest locations

Delimbers are so very Useful
 And so Valuable too
 The logs they cut become our Wood
 And oh so many kinds of paper
 For you and me to use

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Oh, A is for All the wood he chews
And B is for the Branches he removes
Now C is for the Cuts that he delivers
And D, the letter D is for Delimber

Delimbers are so eXcellent
Working almost all Year round
In any logging or timber Zone
If you do no more than look
They're certain to be found

Oh, A is for All the wood he chews
And B is for the Branches he removes
Now C is for the Cuts that he delivers
Oh, and D, the letter D
Yes D the letter D
Oh D the letter D
Is for Delimber