

Every profession has jargon that is peculiar to the folks that work in and around that segment of society. Truckers may have even more custom lingo than the average profession. The CB is alive with trucker slang that is well known to the old timers, but rookie drivers often have difficulty deciphering the lingo on the radio. For example a driver may say “I’m headed to the windy, what’s your 20”? This means I’m on my way to Chicago, what is your location?

Here is my list of trucker lingo that I have collected over the years:

Location, City	Location, State	Location, Other	Truck/Trailer/Parts	People/Animal	Action	Misc.
Alamo, the - San Antonio, TX	Badger, the - Wisconsin	Antler Alley - Deer crossing	Alligator Radio - Loudmouth CB'er (all mouth, no ears)	Alligator Radio - Loudmouth CB'er (all mouth, no ears)	Back 'er Down - Slow down	Alabama Chrome - Duct tape
Apple, the - New York, NY	Beehive, the - Utah	Bear Cave - Police station	Anteater - Sloped hood on big truck	Ankle Biter - Small child	Back off the Hammer - Slow down	Alligator - Blown tire in road
Armadillo, the - Amarillo, TX	Bluegrass, the - Kentucky	Big Road - Interstate highway; four lane road	Barn doors - Rear swing-out truck doors	Baby Bear - Rookie cop	Backslide - Return trip	Back Door - Last truck in a convoy; behind you
Astrodome, the - Houston, TX	Buckeye, the - Ohio	Big Road; Slab - Interstate highway	Belly Dumper - Trailer with a bottom dump	Bambi - Any deer, dead or alive	Blew my doors off - Passed at a high speed	Back Door Closed - Police behind you or behind a convoy

Beantown - Boston, MA	Constitution, the - Connecticut	Chicken Coop - Weigh station	Big Truck - 18 wheeler	Bean popper - Pill taker	Brake Check - Warning of slow or stopped traffic ahead	Band Aid Buggy - Ambulance
Beer Town - Milwaukee, WI	Cornhusker, the - Nebraska	Choke-N-Puke - Greasy spoon restaurant	Bobtail - Tractor without an attached trailer	Bear – Police Officer	Bumper Sticker - Tailgating four wheeler	Barefoot - An unmodified CB radio
Big A, the - Atlanta, GA; Amarillo, TX	Cowboy, the - Texas	Comedian - Median strip	Bulldog - Mack truck	Bear Bait - Excessive speeder	Cooling a Tire - Truck on shoulder, driver urinating	Base station - Radio at a fixed location
Big Apple, the - New York, NY	Garden, the - New Jersey	Coops - Weigh Station	Buster Brown - UPS truck	Bear Trap - Stationary police with radar/laser	Deadhead - Drive an empty truck	Big Word - Weigh station closed
Big D, the - Dallas, TX	Golden, the - California	Curtain Sider - Trailer similar to a box trailer except that the sides are movable curtains.	Chicken Lights - Decorative marker lights on truck and/or trailer	Bear-in-the-air - Police aircraft commonly used in speed trap	Flip side - Return trip	Bird dog - Radar/laser detector
Big Easy - New Orleans, LA	Granite, the - New Hampshire	Dirty side - East coast	Coal Bucket - Dump Trailer	Bedbugger - Household goods mover	Hammer Down - Go fast	Black Eye - Headlight out
Big Smoke, the - Toronto, ON	Hawkeye, the - Iowa	Donkey - Behind rear of truck	Corn Flake - Consolidated Freightways truck	Better Half - Spouse	Hammer it - Hammer down; Speed up	Boogie; Boogie Gear - Top gear
Bikini, the - Miami, FL; Florida	Hoosier, the - Indiana	Flying Hook - Flying J truck stop	Covered Wagon - Flatbed trailer with staked sides covered with tarpaulin	Bull Rack - Cattle hauler	Radio Check - Can you hear my radio?	Bushels - Weight of load in 1000's i.e. 43 bushels = 43,000 pounds

Bright Lights, the - Kansas City, KS	Keystone, the - Pennsylvania	Greasy Spoon - Cheap restaurant	Curtain Sider - Trailer similar to a box trailer except that the sides are movable curtains.	CB Rambo - Wannabe tough guy on CB	Rocking Chair - One or more trucks between the “front door” and “back door” of a convoy	Camera - Police radar or laser
Bull City, the - Durham, NC	Lincoln, the - Illinois	Green Stamp - highway Pennsylvania turnpike	Dolly - Detachable front axle assembly	City Kitty - Local police	Rolling Road Block - Slow moving police cars blocking traffic flow; slow moving truck trying to pass another	Cheese Wagon - Yellow school bus
CB Town - Council Bluffs, IA	Lone Star, the - Texas	Hammer Lane - Left lane; Passing lane	Dragon Wagon - Tow truck	County MOUNTY - County Sheriff or police	Shake the Bushes - Run ahead to lure the police out of hiding	Comic Book - Drivers’ logbook
Chili Bowl, the - Chillicothe, OH	Magnolia, the - Mississippi	Hole in the Wall - Mountain tunnel entrance	Drom Box - A Box mounted behind the cab and forward of the 5 th wheel	Diesel Bear - Commercial Motor Vehicle police; Aka revenue collector	Shooting you in the Back - Police radar/laser shooting you as you pass	Crotch Rocket - Japanese street motorcycle
Choo Choo - Chattanooga, TN	Nutmeg, the - Connecticut	Home 20 - Home location	Drop Deck - Trailer on which the floor drops down a level	Dragonfly - Truck going slow uphill and fast downhill	Taking Pictures - Police using radar/laser	Disco Lights - Lights atop police car
Cigar City - Tampa, FL	Palmetto, the - South Carolina	Junk Yard - Truck terminal	Dry Box - A plain truck box or trailer, i.e. no refrigerator	Evel Knievel - Police officer on a motorcycle	Ten – 4 - Message received, understand, OK, affirmative	Dispatcher Brains - Light or empty load

Cow Town - Calgary, AB	Peach, the - Georgia	Little Road - Two-lane road	Flat Face - A cab over engine (COE) tractor	Full Grown Bear - State Highway patrol officer		Dog is Barking - Signal on radar/laser detector
Derby, the - Louisville, KY	Pelican, the - Louisiana	Monfort Lane – Left hand lane	Front Door - First truck in a convoy	Hand - Truck Driver		Double Nickle - 55 MPH speed limit; Interstate route 55
Dome, the - Houston, TX	Pinetree, the - Maine	Pickle Park - Roadside Rest area	Gas Hole - Rear end of a 4 wheeler	Kojak with a Kodak - Police with radar/laser		Ears - A CB radio; as in “have you got your ears on?”
Friendly, the - Philadelphia, PA	Potato, the - Idaho	Quick and Easy, the - QEW; Queen Elizabeth Way, Ontario	Happy Hooker - Tow truck	Lizard with a Kickstand - Male prostitute		Gator or Gator Tail - Blown tire pieces in roadway
Gateway, the - St. Louis, MO	Razorback, the – Arkansas	Race Track, the - I-465 around Indianapolis, IN	Hook - Tow truck	Lumper - Person who unloads trucks		Georgia Overdrive - Neutral gear
Guitar, the - Nashville, TN	Show Me, the - Missouri	Shaky Side - West coast	Hopper Bottom - Grain trailer	Ovalhead - Peterbilt owner; Fan		Go-Go Juice -Fuel
Indy 500, the - Indianapolis, IN	Silver, the - Nevada	Top of the Rock - Top of a mountain or hilly road	Jake Brake - Engine retarder; Jacobs brake	Pole Cat - Skunk		Granny Lane - Right highway lane
K Town - Knoxville, TN	Sunflower, the - Kansas	U – P - Upper Peninsular, MI	K Whopper - Kenworth truck	Smokey Bear - Police Officer		Greasy Side Up - Overturned vehicle
Mardi Gras, the - New Orleans, LA	Sunshine, the - Florida	Yard - Trucking terminal	Large Car - Conventional tractor	Travel Agent - Dispatcher		Ground Pressure - Truck weight
Mile High, the - Denver, CO	Tarheel, the - North Carolina		Lowboy - Low to the ground flatbed trailer	Yard Mule - Same as Yard Dog		Gumball Machine - Lights atop police car

Motor City - Detroit, MI	Volunteer, the - Tennessee		Mail Box - Postal truck		Handle - CB nickname
Music City - Nashville, TN	Wolverine, the - Michigan		Pete – Peterbilt truck		Little Word - Weigh station is open
Nickel, the - Buffalo, NY			Portable Parking Lot - Car hauler		Motion Lotion - Fuel
Queen City, the - <u>Commonly:</u> Charlotte, NC or Cincinnati, OH			Pup trailer; Pup - A short trailer		Pocket Rockets - Pills used to keep driver awake; Amphetamines
Rock, the – Little Rock, AR			Salt Shaker - Snowplow spreading salt		Sailboat Fuel - Empty truck; hauling nothing but air
Rubber City - Akron, OH			Shiny Hiney - Truck with stainless steel rear doors		Sesame Street - CB Channel 19
Shaky Town; Shaky, the - San Francisco, CA; Los Angeles, CA			Skate Board - Flatbed		Show-off Lane - Fast, passing lane
Sin City - Reno, NV; Las Vegas, NV			Smokey Bear - Police Officer		Ten - 36 - Time of day?
Steel City - Pittsburgh, PA; Hamilton, ON			Stagecoach - Passenger bus		Ten – 20 - Location
Swamp, the - Montreal, PQ			Star Car - Western Star truck		Ten – 33 - Emergency

Twins, the - Minneapolis/St Paul, MN			Triple Digit Ride - Truck that can exceed 100 mph			Tijuana Taxi - Police car with lights flashing
Windy, the - Chicago, IL			Trombone – Expandable pole trailer or flatbed			Wall to Wall Bears - Police all over the place
			Wagon - Truck trailer			Yardstick - Highway mile marker
			Wiggle Wagon - Tandem or triple trailers			Zipper - Highway dotted white line
			Yard Dog - Tractor used to move trailers at a terminal; a driver who operates a yard tractor			