

Bay Parking

Before starting the maneuver, it is important to realise that you will be doing this in a Car Park. On the day of the test you will be asked to carry out this maneuver in the test center, at either the start before you leave the test center or at the end of the test on arrival back at the center.

It is safer to reverse into a parking bay than it is to reverse out of a parking bay.

- 1) Starting off with the normal All Round Observation. (Which we learnt during the Turn in the Road)
- 2) Drive forward identifying the bay you want to reverse into, staying a good cars width away from the edge of the white lines.



- 3) Counting the lines, starting with the right hand line of the bay you want to reverse into, count 3 lines when the 3rd line comes into the corner of the door and STOP. Apply the hand brake and select neutral.
It is important that you now take your foot off the clutch.



4) Adjust your seating position so you can see better over your left shoulder. At this point you may find that you have shortened your clutch leg. If so, bring your seat forward 1 click. This will help.

Remember to adjust it back when you have finished the maneuver.

5) Now push the clutch down and engage reverse gear and set the bite, remember to feel the back of the car rise up slightly.

Release the hand brake and **SLOWLY** move back in a straight line until your turning point meets the 3rd white line.

6) As you reach your turning point look to the front for oncoming traffic.

Turn the steering wheel **FULL LOCK** to the left briskly. Allow the car to come round to the left in the direction of your intended bay; *remember as you come round frequently have a quick look to your right.*



7) Now looking over your left shoulder and glancing into your left hand mirror wait until you see the side of the car and the white line just about to become parallel with each other and briskly straighten up the wheels.



8) Now looking over your left shoulder, reverse in a straight line until you are fully in the bay.

9) As you are reversing back, glance into the small round blind spot mirror and when you see the front door handle touch the curb and **STOP**.

10) Apply the hand brake and select neutral.

Dry Steering

Make sure that the wheels on the ground are moving when turning the steering wheel, otherwise this will cause damage to the steering column (You will also be marked down on your test for this).

Pedestrians and other Vehicles

Always remember when doing this and any of the other maneuvers, if another vehicle or pedestrians come anywhere near you then you must stop, wait and see what they are doing.

If they stop then you move.

If they move, then you must stop.

It's like a game of cat and mouse.

GOOD LUCK!



