

Reverse Parking

When Carrying out this maneuver always remember to select a **SAFE, CONVIENIENT LEGAL** place in which to do the maneuver.

Safe Making sure that traffic approaching from the from and the rear are able to see you from a distance, don't stop on a bend in the road or on a brow of a hill.

Convenient Never Park over someone's drive way, avoided lampposts or telegraph poles that ate situated close to the edge of the curb. Look out for other street furniture such as wheelie bins, post box, telephone box that are also close to the edge of the curb.

Legal **You are not permitted to park on Double Yellow Lines – Zigzag lines**

Pull over to the left hand side of the road and stop. (Use the same M.S.M routine as you would for pulling in and stopping). Remember you will be approximately a car's length away from the vehicle in front. Make sure your indicator has been cancelled.



Now Carry out ALL ROUND OBSERVATION before moving off...

Look out the front. Look into the rear. Look into your left side mirror, and look over your left shoulder.

Look out the front. Look into the rear mirror. Look into your right side mirror, and look over your right shoulder.

If it's clear, clutch down 1st gear and set the bit. Check mirror blind spot to the right, if it's still clear release the hand brake and allow the car to move forward very slowly.



As the car moves forward, full lock to the right briskly (slow feet fast hands). Allow the vehicle to come round to the right and, when at about a 45-degree angle, briskly turn the steering wheel full lock to the left allowing the vehicle to come back to the left until it is parallel with the vehicle in front. NOW straighten up the steering wheel so you are still parallel with the vehicle that is now to your left.

Go slightly past the vehicle until the front of the vehicle comes into the corner of the passenger door. Now stop, apply the hand brake and select neutral.



Now Adjust your seating position so you can see out the rear window looking over your left shoulder. Push the clutch down and if you find that you are stretching for the pedal then move the seat forward 1 click.

If your seating position is ok continue to check all around and select reverse gear. Set the bite, have a quick look to the front and then look out the rear, release the hand brake and allow the car under clutch control reverse very slowly until the back of your car and the back of the car beside you are aligned or as you reverse looking over your left shoulder you will see a small window - you will see the other vehicle, as you continue to reverse the vehicle disappears from this window.



At this point, check to the front looking for any vehicles coming towards you. If it's clear turn the steering wheel one turn to the left (360 degrees). While you are doing that check your right mirror and right shoulder, checking to see if anything is coming from the right and to your rear.



Now look back over your left shoulder and glancing into your left mirror, when you see the pointy part of the wheel arch, touch the bottom of the curb briskly. Turn the wheel a turn to the right, while you are doing that glance into your right mirror, checking to see if anything is coming from the right. If you cannot see the road behind you then look over your right shoulder.



Now keeping the vehicle at a slow walking pace speed, take a quick glance into your left mirror, when you see the **BACK** door handle touch the bottom of the curb turns the steering wheel briskly to the right. While you are doing that glance into your right mirror, checking to see if anything is coming from the right. If you cannot see the road behind you, then look over your right shoulder.



Now look out the rear window and looking at the black line in the middle of the window, you will see it is on the footpath, as it comes to the face of the curb look into your left side mirror and when the side of the car is parallel with the curb turn the steering wheel briskly to the left and stop the car. Apply the hand brake and select neutral. You should now be close and parallel to the curb.



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.

Points to note

Turn the wheel LEFT – RIGHT – RIGHT – LEFT

Make sure as you do each turn you check your right hand mirror or look over your right shoulder.

