



The Mirror Signal Position Speed Look Routine

Mirror

If you intend to move to the left, check center mirror then left mirror.
If you intend to move to the right, check center mirror then right mirror.
Make sure you take note of what you see.

Signal

If you intend to move left, signal left.
If you intend to move right, signal right.
If your indicator stalk is on the left then down is left, up is right.
If your indicator stalk is on the right then down is right, up is left.
Be careful with your signals. Try not to confuse other drivers or pedestrians.
For example: if you are turning into a junction, make sure there are no other turns or lay by that you could be pulling into, hence confusing others. If you signal too soon it may be that others behind you think you are going to pull over to the left and stop.

Maneuver

A maneuver is any change of speed or position. This is broken down into the following.

Position

Position depends on where this routine is being used. If, for example, you are turning left at a junction (major road to minor road,) your position would remain the driving line, 1 meter from the curb (when possible). For more details on position see the individual pages for turning right, left, etc....

Speed

Speed is relevant to where the routine is being used. This will involve gentle braking and possibly a gear change. Mostly into second (but not always) you can determine the speed needed by the severity of the junction you are turning into, obstacles that may be there and how much you can see into the junction.

Look

Looking is again relevant to where routine is being used.

Always look early, and don't stare, your main focus should be on where you are going.

The MSPSL routine, When?

MSPSL is used, every time you approach a junction you intend to turn into, or out of, left or right, when you approach roundabouts, traffic lights, on one-way systems.

The MSPSL routine, Why?

If you intend to change your position in the road, then you need to know what is in the position you intend to move to, you also need to know if anything is already trying to get into the position you intend to move to (especially when changing lanes).

Hence the need to check the center mirror (what is behind me?).

Then the left or right mirror (depending on the direction you are moving) Is there anything trying to get where I want to be?

Signal to let others know what you intend to do.

Speed is determined by what you are doing, this may involve changing down gears.

Keep them separate. Mirror first, then signal, then position, then speed and then look.

