

Reverse Parking (Parallel Park)

1. Pull up on the left hand side of the road about 2~3 car lengths before the car you want to reverse around. When asked to do so, move your car forward into the starting position alongside the car in front. Remember to observe mirrors and to give any necessary indication to tell others you are stopping. Make sure you are parallel to the kerb, around an arms length away and line up your head with the drivers head of the other vehicle.

2. As soon as you stop, select reverse gear, this will show any traffic behind that you are intending to reverse.

3. Observe all around, if it is safe, start to move, turn 1 whole turn of the wheel to the left and reverse back until your near side door mirror is in line with the end of the other car. Turn 1 whole turn of the wheel to the right and reverse back until your near side door mirror is in line with the side of the other vehicle.

4. STOP! Observe all around again. If it is safe move and turn 1 turn to the right, this will start to straighten out the back and tuck the front end in. As you are almost parallel to the kerb finish off by taking 1 turn back to the left, ending the manoeuvre parallel to the curb approximately 6"~12" away.

5. Make the car safe...manoeuvre finished.

6. This must be completed within 2 car lengths of your car. If correction is needed, go straight back the full 2 car lengths, only correcting the steering as you pull forward, ideally finishing with enough space to move away.

7. Here are some tips...

Always observe effectively. Observation needs to be 80% behind and just 20% in the door mirrors or around. Remember, Observation = Behind, Guidance = Mirrors / Camera. Keep your window open, if you hear something, stop and check.

Coordination of steering and speed is vitally important, remember to keep the car slow and turn at the correct points.