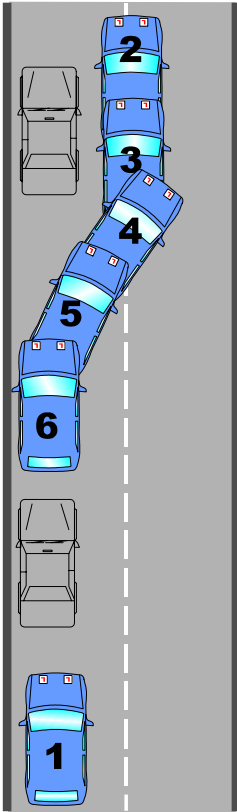


REVERSE (PARALLEL) PARKING



1. When requested, pull up on the left before the car on the left. Don't get too close as it will make the manoeuvre awkward. Apply the handbrake, select neutral and wait for instructions.
You may be asked to perform this manoeuvre behind one car or between two cars. Either way you will start from the kerb side while the examiner explains what he wants you to do.
When asked to move off, prepare the car as you would do normally.
Take all round observations.
Move off as you would do normally. Be careful not to move away from the kerb too early.
2. Pull up alongside the target vehicle, parallel with it and no more than three feet away. Move far enough forwards so that the front edge of the target vehicle is in line with the nearside mirror. Keep your foot on the footbrake, apply the handbrake and select neutral.
As with the other reversing manoeuvres, you can remove your seatbelt for this manoeuvre.
Prepare the car to move off as you would do normally only in reverse.
Take all round observations starting over the right shoulder.
If the road is clear, release the handbrake and bring the clutch up a fraction. Keeping the clutch just above biting-point, reverse slowly in a straight line until the back edge of the target vehicle is level with the top of the rear seat.
3. Either stop or slow right down while you have a good look round.
If the road is clear keep reversing slowly and turn the steering wheel one complete turn to the left.
4. Keep looking out of the rear window. You should be able to see the kerb on the right-hand side of the rear window. As the car reverses the kerb should move from the right side of the window to the left. Keep reversing slowly. As soon as the kerb disappears out of the rear window, turn the steering wheel one complete turn to the right.
5. Keep reversing slowly. When the front of the car has cleared the back of the target vehicle and the rear wheels appear to be about 8 inches from the kerb, turn the steering wheel fully to the right.
6. Use the nearside door mirror to judge when the car is parallel with the kerb, turn the steering wheel to the left to straighten the front wheels.

When you can see the tyres of the target vehicle and a section of the road, bring the car to a stop. You must alternate observations between the back and front windows. Apply the handbrake and select neutral. If you feel too far from the target vehicle, or aren't quite straight, move forwards to straighten yourself up.