

Reversing into parking bays Worksheet

Spend around 40 minutes practising this manoeuvre and get into the habit of reversing into parking bays whenever you park in town from now on.

Although this is an easy manoeuvre in a busy car park, it takes a little time to master the accuracy required to centre into an empty bay in an empty car park.

Your initial location for this practice is an empty area of a car park, moving on to busier parking situations. Remember that you must get practice in reversing into bays in an empty car park (with at least two empty bays either side of your chosen bay).

Assessment

Read the pre-set achievement targets on the next sheet, plus any of your own, before you start reversing. And again after a couple of reverses; provisionally tick off those targets that you are happy with. It may take quite a few attempts, or an assessment with a trainer, before you can consider ticking off all the targets.

To further assist your preparation for Part-Three, take along your copy of the DVSA Driving Manual. After 15 minutes, take a break and read about car parks to ensure that you are following DVSA advice and practice.

Score yourself using the 1 to 10 scale.

If you have an opportunity to practice with other students, ask them to assess your performance. If you don't agree with your fellow student's assessment that's OK; but remember it's usually easier to be objective from the passenger seat.

Make a note of any actions for improvement by either self-development or with the help of a trainer at a later date.

Parking in bays - Achievement Targets

Name: Date

<i>Before reversing into a parking bay I always:</i>	
	Score
Consider the safety and convenience of the location	
Look all around, front rear and blind-spots to ensure that it is safe to proceed	
Remain aware that busy car parks are used as much by pedestrians as by drivers.	
<i>When reversing into a parking bay, I always :</i>	
	Score
Drive slowly, keeping full control of the car.	
Glance around frequently to check for other road users.	
Ensure that I make best use of the available space, finishing in the centre of the parking space.	
Total score	
Average score (total score divided by 6)	