

Parallel parking Worksheet

Spend as long as it takes to perfect your skill with this manoeuvre over at least two practise sessions.*

Quiet suburban roads, or off road areas, are ideal. You should choose a road that is wide enough for other vehicles to pass while you are manoeuvring.

If you have two cars in the family, or a friend or relative with a car, it may be better to use that car for practice rather than incur the wrath of a stranger by repeatedly reversing around his/her vehicle.

This manoeuvre is tested using only one car. It is often easier to park in a tight space where there is another car for reference - in this respect the exercise is a bit 'artificial'. The DVSA do it in this way for convenience and safety. Because reversing into an empty, unbounded space is different to reversing into a clearly defined gap, you may need to practise quite a lot.

When you are easily able to meet the accuracy targets move on to a slightly busier location so that you are 'forced' to keep a good look out for other road users.

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 parking – are you following DVSA advice and practice?

Assessment

Score yourself using the 1 – 10 scale. If you have an opportunity to practice with other students or friends from an advanced driving club, ask them to assess your performance. If you don't agree with your passenger's assessment that's OK; but remember it's usually easier to be objective from the passenger seat.

Note any actions for improvement by either self-development or based on the advice of a trainer during an assessment or optional training session.

**We suggest a minimum of two practise sessions completed on separate days. Therefore you will need to print out at least 2x Achievement Target sheets.*

Parallel Park - Achievement Targets

Name: Date

Score yourself against each item below at the end of each practise session.

<i>Before starting the parallel park manoeuvre 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 before moving into the start position.	
<i>When reverse parking, I always:</i>	
	Score
Pull up parallel to, and about 1 metre (3 feet) from, the parked car. <i>Make sure that you make full use of the MSPSG routine when pulling up. Take care not to confuse following drivers.</i>	
Glance around frequently to check for other road users. <i>The same considerations apply as with other manoeuvres.</i>	
Park reasonably close (i.e., about 15 cm), and parallel, to the kerb when parking in a space of about one-and-a-half car lengths. <i>If you have control problems, start with a bigger imaginary parking space and gradually work down.</i>	
Total score	
Average score (total score divided by 5)	



Parallel Park - Improvement Targets