

MSM answers

Is it always necessary to start with the interior mirror when driving to a system?

Normally it's best to start with the interior mirror because that gives a true image (flat glass) of what is happening behind – however, there are some occasions when better information might be obtained by starting with an exterior mirror. Generally more than one mirror will be used.

The DVSA routine MSM only mentions mirrors once – why is it not a good idea to implement this literally by making only a single mirror check?

The first mirror check is essential to check that it is safe to manoeuvre, and to determine whether a signal is required for traffic behind. It will then be necessary to make a mirror check after signalling to see how the traffic behind is responding. Further check will be necessary to make sure the situation has not changed immediately before manoeuvring – especially if turning right or changing lanes.

When a change in road position is needed, why is it important to change position before altering speed?

When slowing down changing position first ensures that following traffic is not obstructed.

What is the meaning of the following letters: MSM – PSL - LADA

Mirrors Signal Manoeuvre – Position Speed Look – Look Assess Decide Act