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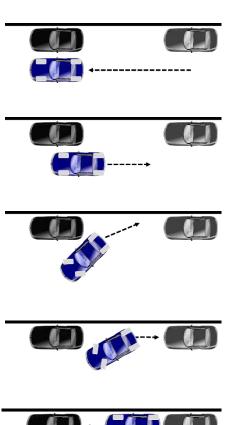
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PARALLEL PARKING

Many motorists consider parallel parking the most difficult part of driving. But practice will teach you how to back up properly and to judge distances and angles. Patience and self-confidence will help you master the task.

NOTE: The following instructions are basic and general. You must adjust parallel parking procedures to the particular situation. Plenty of practice is the only way to learn properly. You have a twenty-five foot space for the road test.

- Select a space that is large enough for your vehicle on your side of the road. Check your mirrors before stopping, and signal (Right Directional) to alert other drivers. Pull up alongside the vehicle in front of the space, (line up your side view mirror with the parked car's side view mirror) leaving about two feet between the other vehicle and yours.
- 2. Look behind you over both shoulders to make sure you will not interfere with pedestrians or oncoming traffic. Back up slowly, and stop when the backend of the parked car is in the middle of the passenger-side back window.
- 3. Turn your steering wheel all the way to the right (toward the near curb.) Check mirror, mirror, and blind spot. Release the brake and let the car roll slowly backwards (Look through the rear window, not the rearview mirrors, as you back up.)
- 4. When the rear bumper of the parked vehicle (front car) is parallel with your shoulder (45 degrees), STOP, turn the steering wheel all the way the other way and continuing to back up slowly. Check to the side and front occasionally to make sure you are clearing the vehicle ahead. Look back, and stop to avoid bumping the vehicle behind you.
- 5. Straighten your wheels, and pull forward. Center your car in the space, put car in park and put parking brake on.



PULLING OUT FROM PARALLEL PARKING

To pull out of a parallel parking space, make sure your wheels are straight, back up to the vehicle behind you, and turn your wheels all the way to the left (away from the curb.) Put your left directional on. Check mirror, mirror, and blind spot. Slowly pull forward. When your front end clears the backend of the car parked in front of you, start turning your wheel back to the right and pull out into traffic.

3-Point Turn aka "K-Turn"

Put on right directional, pull parallel to curb and stop. Put on left directional and turn wheel all the way to the left. Check mirror, mirror, and blind spot. When clear pull across the road as far as you can go and stop. Put car in reverse, turn the wheel all the way back to the right. Check all around for oncoming cars and pedestrians and backup all the way across the road. Put the car back in drive, check again, and then straighten the wheel as you go forward. Basically, you are trying to do a U-turn, but the road isn't wide enough.