


The Kerb Side Stop

The Kerbside Stop will definitely be in your driving test, You will use all or part of the Kerbside Stop procedure every time you get in your car and drive. So it's very important we practice and we get it right. It comes in 2 parts, Leaving the Kerb and then Returning to the Kerb.


Leaving The Kerb

Automatic Cars

1. Seat, Seatbelt, Mirrors. (Adjust to your comfort and vision)
2. Make sure the car is in the park position with the handbrake on.
3. Start the Car. (Many cars out there start in different ways. So, know your Car)
4. With your foot on the brake, Select Drive.
5. Check Mirrors. Rear vision and side mirrors to see behind you.
6. Indicate Right. (You must indicate for at least 5 seconds before leaving the kerb)
7. Release the handbrake.
8. Check blind spot. (Over the right shoulder)
9. Accelerate and Leave The Kerb  During your test you will finish this manoeuvre here.

Returning To The Kerb

Automatic Cars

1. Check Mirrors. (Rear vision and Left side mirror)  During your test you will start this manoeuvre here.
2. Indicate Left.
3. Check blind spot. (Over the Left shoulder)
4. Apply the brake and approach the kerb.
5. Stop close and parallel to the kerb.
(A 30cm ruler distance away from the kerb is a good guide)
6. Put the handbrake on and the car in the park position.
7. Turn the Car Off.

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The Parallel Reverse Park

The parallel reverse park can be easy to learn if you only practice in one car. But as there are so many different cars (Big, Small, Long, Wide), it may take a few goes to get it right if you use different cars to practice in. With practice comes confidence, all you really have to do is find the appropriate points in the car you're driving right now.

1. Using the Returning to the Kerb points 1-2-3
2. Apply the brake and position the car parallel to and 1 meter from the car you want to park behind. (I like to get my left-side mirror in line with their right-side mirror. This is just where I like to start at the beginning of the first 30 practice tries. After you get confident you can skip this one and go from 1 to the appropriate point in 3)
3. Select Reverse, slowly reverse back to the appropriate point.
(My appropriate point is when I see the back end of the car I want to park behind, in the center of my back-left window. I know this will give me enough room at the front when I'm parking)
4. Check blind spot. (over the right shoulder)
5. Slowly Reverse turning the steering wheel quickly all the way to the left and reverse back to the appropriate point.
(My appropriate point is when I see the back end of the car I want to park behind, in the center of my front-left window now, or about 45 degrees from the kerb. This may feel weird at first, having the front end out so far into the road. You'll get used to it and remember it won't be there for long)
Where is your appropriate point? _____
6. Slowly Reverse turning the steering wheel quickly all the way to the right and reverse back until your car is parallel to the kerb.
(If you need to, move forward a little and straighten the front wheels)
7. Put the handbrake on and the car in the park position.
In your test you won't have to switch off the engine for this manoeuvre.

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The Three Point Turn

Hmmm, you've gone the wrong way again and need to turn around. The road isn't wide enough for you to do a U turn, so we need to do a Three Point Turn.

1. Use the Returning to the Kerb points 1-2-3-4-5.
2. Use the Leaving the Kerb points 5-6-8-9, turning the steering wheel quickly all the way to the right.
3. Approach the right side kerb and get as close as you can without touching. Stop and straighten your wheels.
4. Select Reverse. Check mirrors and road for any traffic.
5. Slowly Reverse looking out the back window and turning the steering wheel quickly all the way to the Left.
6. Reverse back only as far as you need to and Stop and straighten your wheels.
7. Select Drive. Indicate Right.
8. Check mirrors and road for traffic and proceed on your way.

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