

Subject: **STRAIGHT REVERSE**

Recap: Moving off and stopping normally.
Clutch Control.

Objective:

- What* Reverse the car in a straight line.
- How* Discuss the routine and consider safety aspects, followed by a demo if required and then practice under instruction.
- By the end* Be able to reverse in a straight line with less help.

Main Points:

WHY	Dead Ends/Missed Turns/Blocked in when parked Narrow or single track road when meeting traffic.
PLACE	Safe/Convenient/Legal (away from children) Highway Code says "You must not reverse further than necessary"
OBS	Extra care required -360 degree observation inc both blind spots. Turn slightly in seat (seatbelt can be removed if necessary) and look mainly backwards when reversing with frequent looks forward and all round (opposite to normal driving). Ideally hold steering wheel with both hands but one hand (right) at 12 o'clock position is acceptable (rest left on back of seat). Other road users - ensure you understand their intent - eye contact
CONTROL	Very slow using clutch control (brake control if downhill) Steer earlier than normal and will have to wait for effect. Avoid steering while vehicle is stationary (wear to tyres/steering).
METHOD	Reference kerb to a point on back window (wiper, headrest etc). Keep kerb touching reference point while moving - steer in the same direction as the kerb moves to correct any drift.

References: Driving the essential skills P. 177/178

Any Questions?