

# PRACTICE

😊 = EXCELLENT! 6 = CRITICAL ERROR ☠️ = AUTOMATIC FAIL

## STRAIGHT DRIVING

- AIM 2 blocks ahead to CENTER car in lane (WRONG SIDE - TOO FAR LEFT - TOO FAR RIGHT)
- LOOK a block ahead for SIGNS (STOP - SPEED LIMITS - TURN LANES - RED LIGHTS - DONT ENTER)
- Check MIRRORS after every intersection, seeing a hazard or before braking
- Keep your SPEED close to the flow of traffic - Limit STARTS/ENDS at the sign
- SPEED LIMIT is the MAXIMUM in ideal conditions - adjust speed to conditions
- FOLLOW a minimum 3-4 seconds behind car ahead - Stay out of BLINDSPOTS
- BRAKE early to warn cars behind and stop smoothly - Check MIRRORS
- NO CAR AHEAD - with CAR BEHIND - Drive in RIGHT LANE unless PASSING or TURNING
- LANE ENDS - Check mirrors, & blind spot before merging with other lane
- Accelerate before starting uphill - Brake as needed to control speed downhill

HAZARD RECOGNITION	
LOOK FOR these hazards and adjust SPEED <sup>1</sup> or POSITION <sup>2</sup> or BOTH <sup>3</sup> to deal with:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Pedestrians - Children - Animals	<input type="checkbox"/> Angle Parked (STAY AWAY - SLOW DOWN)
<input type="checkbox"/> Bicycles - Mopeds - Motorcycles	<input type="checkbox"/> Parallel Parked (STAY AWAY - SLOW - FEDS)
<input type="checkbox"/> Oncoming Cars (YIELD IN NARROW SPACES)	<input type="checkbox"/> School Bus - Children - Zone
<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Vehicles (MOVE OVER - STOP)	<input type="checkbox"/> Farm Equipment-Animals
<input type="checkbox"/> Work Zones- Vehicles - Flagmen	<input type="checkbox"/> Cars in Driveways - Alleys

## CURVES

- Car will go where you are looking - LOOK ACROSS TURN to end of curve
- Reduce SPEED if necessary before entering curve- ACCELERATE through curve

## INTERSECTIONS

- Check Ahead, Left & Right (TURN HEAD) BEFORE crossing every intersection
- SLOW & LOOK (left & right) before crossing a BLIND or UNCONTROLLED intersection
- YIELD signs slow (10-15 MPH), LOOK and STOP for cross traffic
- SLOW and LOOK (left & right) for trains BEFORE crossing RR tracks
- Do not slow down FOR NO REASON or make UNNECESSARY stops

## STOPS

- COMPLETE STOP means the wheels STOP MOVING completely
- COMPLETE STOP means STOP where you can see one (1) block to each side
- Stop STRAIGHT near the center line of street (unless turning right)
- Stop before Line, Crosswalk, at Edge of Intersection or 15 ft from RR Tracks
- DO NOT stop too far back - Let off brake to roll forward to look - DO NOT use gas
- LOOK to left, center & right just BEFORE and AGAIN as you start across
- YIELD Right-of-Way to any cross traffic within 1/2 block to sides
- Recognize a Four Way Stop, STOP and take your PROPER turn
- Don't assume other drivers see you and will stop or slow when you pull into traffic

## TRAFFIC LIGHTS

- Always Check for pedestrians and CROSS-TRAFFIC before entering intersection
- Promptly proceed (do not stop) at a GREEN light or ARROW
- Make your DECISION (GO or NOT) as you approach GREEN light or ARROW
- Stop behind LINE or CROSSWALK - Do not EDGE forward
- Stop where you can see tires of CAR AHEAD touching ground
- GREEN Light - Count 1-2-3 after car ahead starts moving
- Stop completely for FLASHING RED LIGHTS and take your proper turn
- TURN on RED after STOPPING, checking for signs pedestrians and cars

## LANE CHANGES

- Check Ahead, Mirrors and look over shoulder (BLINDSPOT) before moving
- Only SIGNAL just before you begin to move until you start to cross the line
- YIELD Right-of-Way to cars in next lane - Do not force your way into lane
- Do not start a lane change approaching an INTERSECTION
- Maintain SPEED unless needed to get space in next lane - Move SMOOTHLY

## TURNS

- DON'T signal past more than one (1) driveway - Signal minimum 100 FEET
- Check Right or Left BLIND SPOT before moving into turn lane or position
- Looking out SIDE WINDOW before starting turn (Pick-A-Target)
- Aim for TARGET at least a block to side - DON'T look at road or lines
- Turn hand-over-hand - RELEASE wheel 1/2 way through turn
- Smooth turn from stop (PRESS gas- RELEASE (coast)- PRESS gas again)
- Approaching Traffic light to turn look for TURN LANES and ARROWS
- Do Not START a turn on a YELLOW light - Clear intersection before light is RED

## RIGHT TURNS

- Position in far RIGHT lane at least 3-5 ft from curb - 1/2 way into parking lane
- Stop on an ANGLE or roll forward at an angle to communicate intentions
- LOOK for PEDESTRIANS, cars TURNING LEFT & cars from left BEFORE turn
- Make a smooth rolling turn reduce SPEED to 4-9 MPH before starting turn
- LOOK for PEDESTRIANS, cars TURNING LEFT & cars from left DURING turn
- Yield Right-of-Way to PEDESTRIANS or vehicles from LEFT or turning with arrow
- Turn into CENTER of FIRST OPEN LANE do not CUT across LINES

## LEFT TURNS

- Position in FAR LEFT LANE right NEXT TO CENTERLINE
- LOOK Left for CENTERLINE - Ahead for ONCOMING cars - Right for CROSSTRAFFIC
- Roll OVER CROSSWALK to wait for oncoming cars - Stop BEFORE CENTER
- DO NOT use gas to roll forward to wait - car behind may hit you!
- Unless in a turn only lane KEEP WHEELS and CAR STRAIGHT - Watch MIRRORS
- Waiting in intersection - turn wheels just BEFORE starting to turn
- LOOK left for pedestrians, ONCOMING cars for cars from right just BEFORE turn
- YIELD to PEDS on left, ONCOMING CARS or cars from RIGHT within 1/2 block
- ONCOMING CARS - idea is NOT to see how close you can come and not get hit!
- Smooth rolling turn reduce SPEED to 10-15 MPH before starting turn
- Complete turn promptly when light changes to YELLOW
- LOOK again for pedestrians, ONCOMING cars or cars coming from right DURING turn
- Turn into CENTER of FIRST open lane - Do not CUT across centerline

## PARKING AT CURB

- Signal, Check mirrors & BLINDSPOT before moving to or from curb
- YIELD to vehicles coming from rear when leaving parking space
- Stop PARALLEL TO CURB and within a 12-18 INCHES of curb

## PARKING LOT

- Drive SLOWLY, SIGNAL, LOOK for movement and YIELD Right-of-Way
- ANGLE PARKING is ONE WAY - PERPENDICULAR Stay on RIGHT SIDE
- STOP before SIDEWALK or edge of street when exiting parking lot

## MANEUVERS

### HILL PARK

ACCEPTABLE    NOT COVERED

- Signal, Check mirrors and BLINDSPOT before pulling over
- Recognize SITUATION (Parking on a Hill) or (CURB vs NO CURB)
- Turn steering WHEELS all-the-way right except uphill with curb (UCLA)
- Set and release PARKING BRAKE - Move the gear selector to PARK
- Signal, Check mirrors and BLINDSPOT before leaving

### Y-TURN

ACCEPTABLE    NOT COVERED

- Signal (Right), Check mirrors and BLINDSPOT before pulling over
- Signal (Left), Check for TRAFFIC before starting maneuver
- Turn STEERING wheel in correct direction or SHIFT correctly
- Check for CROSS TRAFFIC just before backing
- Look out REAR window before backing until STOPPED
- Back car only far enough to clear curb - DON'T back into oncoming lane
- Perform maneuver SLOWLY - YIELD to cross-traffic
- Check for CROSS TRAFFIC just before resuming travel

### BACKING

ACCEPTABLE    NOT COVERED

- Signal, Check mirrors and BLINDSPOT before pulling over
- Check for TRAFFIC before starting maneuver - stop if a car approaches
- Back STRAIGHT - do not move out more than 18" or hit curb
- Look out REAR window before backing until STOPPED
- Do not back more than 4 MPH - Glance out side window to check speed
- Signal, Check mirrors and BLINDSPOT before leaving

### PARALLEL PARKING

ACCEPTABLE    NOT COVERED

- Signal, Check mirrors and BLINDSPOT before pulling over
- Stop in correct POSITION next to and correct DISTANCE from car
- Check for and YIELD to traffic before starting maneuver
- Turn STEERING wheel All-the-Way in correct direction - SHIFT to reverse!
- Look out REAR window before backing until stopped
- Check FRONT corner for clearance when turning and backing
- Use correct ANGLE (45°) - Control SPEED with use of brakes
- Stop PARALLEL within a foot of curb and a car length from car ahead.
- Signal, Check mirrors and BLINDSPOT before leaving

### PERPENDICULAR - ANGLE PARKING

PERPENDICULAR  ACCEPTABLE    NOT COVERED   ANGLE  ACCEPTABLE    NOT COVERED

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| P | A | Signal, Check mirrors and BLINDSPOT approaching space                  |
| P | A | Start far enough away (6-10 feet) from space to allow room to turn     |
| P | A | Stop close to (without hitting) curb at proper angle CENTERED in space |
| P | A | STOP to check for traffic before backing completely out of space       |
| P | A | Check FRONT clearance when backing and turning                         |
| P | A | Back completely out of space into lane until STRAIGHT                  |
| P | A | Look out REAR window before backing until stopped                      |
| P | A | Check for and yield to approaching TRAFFIC before resuming travel      |

## GENERAL

### FREEWAY

ACCEPTABLE    NOT COVERED

- Signal, Check mirrors and BLINDSPOT before end of ramp
- Accelerate to freeway SPEED on the entrance ramp
- DO NOT cross over LINES and enter lane before end of entrance ramp
- Maintain minimum 3-4 second FOLLOWING distance
- After PASSING car return to right lane when you can see car in mirror
- Look for on-ramps and ADJUST speed or position for entering cars
- Before EXITING DO NOT slow down while still on freeway
- Signal, Check mirrors and BLINDSPOT before exiting freeway

### NIGHT DRIVING

- Dim INSTRUMENT LIGHTS when out of city to allow you to see better
- Use HIGH BEAMS when no cars ahead - Dim as soon as you see car

### DRIVER

- Before moving FIND controls for DASH LIGHTS, WIPERS and HI BEAMS
- Seat HEIGHT - CHIN LEVEL with top of steering wheel
- Seat POSITION - Back against seat - WRISTS even with top of wheel
- Keep hands at 9 & 3 on steering wheel NOT (ONE HAND - HANDS OFF - FINGERS ONLY)
- Smooth Acceleration - Let car move BEFORE pressing gas
- Smooth Braking - LET UP ON BRAKE slightly as car comes to stop

## AUTOMATIC FAIL

### LAW VIOLATION

- IGNORES or DOESN'T SEE any SIGN or SIGNAL \_\_\_\_\_
- Exceeds posted or regulatory SPEED limit (\_\_\_\_\_ MPH in \_\_\_\_\_ ZONE)
- Turns FROM or INTO wrong lane - Crosses CENTERLINE on left
- DRIVES IN or TURNS INTO oncoming traffic lane or OFF ROAD
- Fails to STOP COMPLETELY: Stop Sign - Red Light - Exiting Parking Lot
- Enters intersection on a YELLOW light - Doesn't clear intersection before RED light
- Doesn't STOP COMPLETELY where traffic can be SEEN a block to side
- Fails to yield RIGHT-OF-WAY to pedestrian or vehicle
- NO SIGNAL, WRONG SIGNAL or TOO LONG for turn or lane change

### DANGEROUS ACT

- Drives too fast for road, weather or traffic CONDITIONS
- Does not look or slow at a BLIND or UNCONTROLLED intersection
- Doesn't FOLLOW 3-4 seconds BACK - Stays in other drivers BLINDSPOT
- Drives UP or OVER CURB, off road or abruptly out of lane
- Anything that causes others to take EVASIVE ACTION, slow or stop
- BACKS car in excess of 9 MPH - Does not LOOK out rear window
- Takes both hands OFF WHEEL - Uses only FINGER TIPS while moving
- Slows down for NO REASON or makes UNNECESSARY STOP

### LACK OF SKILL, ABILITY OR KNOWLEDGE

- LACK OF PRACTICE - TOO HESITANT - Drives TOO SLOWLY