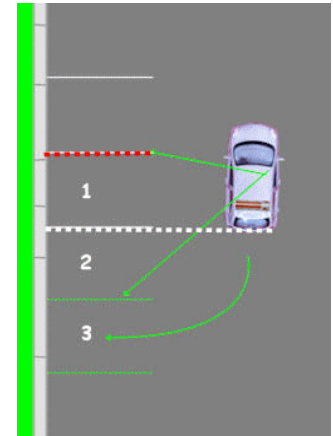


Bay Parking

You may be asked to bay park, either at the beginning or at the end of your driving test. The exercise will be conducted in the driving test centre, and depending on the location, you may need to reverse left or right. Most likely, there won't be any other cars to reverse around. However, you should be comfortable with parking into a tight space. Practice parking between traffic cones!

This is a parking exercise. You will not be asked to do 2 parking exercises, so if you get this one, you won't have to parallel park.

There are a few different ways of doing this manoeuvre, but here's how I would do it.



- Start in the position shown
- Look for pedestrians, cars, bikes, and children. Car Parks are full of people not looking where they're going.
- Keep it slow (Zimmer frame speed)
- Adjust your mirrors if you need to, but use the rear window as well. Someone may walk behind you.
- If you don't get it in first time, don't worry. Fix it.
- The wall behind may be closer than it appears in the mirrors!

If you find reverse steering confusing, practice some zigzag reversing. You'll soon grasp which way to steer.

Starting Position



Begin steering when your back wheels are about a car width from the nearest corner of the bay you need, as shown.



The degree of lock you require will alter depending on the model of car you use. For example, in my Nissan Micra you will need a full lock from this point.



You need to allow a bit of swing room. Start about 1.5 metres from the edge of the bays. This will prevent you from cutting the corner of the previous bay.

You may find it helpful to set up a turning reference point. For me, it is when the line (marked in red) is level with the door release handle. It may be slightly different for you, depending on your size and sitting position.