

How to approach busy roundabouts:

In order to deal with busy roundabouts successfully,

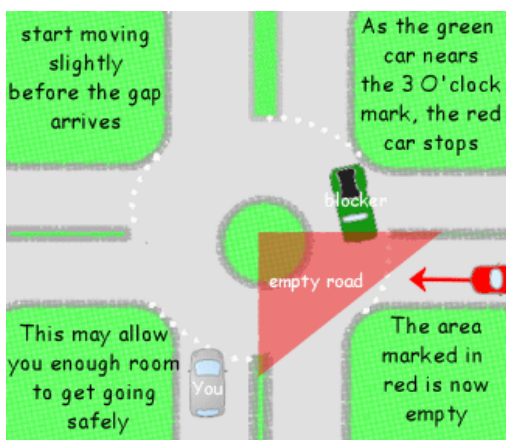
- Slow down, and approach at between 10 and 15 mph.
- Changedown, to gear 2, one lamp-post from the roundabout,
- ...and then release the clutch.
- **Expect to Stop!**
- **Prepare to Go!**



The slow speed should enable you to look for the space before you have to stop (then you might not have to stop). Releasing the clutch on the approach will give you immediate speed if you are able to enter the roundabout.

However, if you do need to stop,

- Look through the roundabout for gaps and "Blockers":



A *blocker* is a vehicle opposite which, as it accesses the roundabout, blocks the traffic on your immediate right, and allows you enough time to get going. A good *blocker* would be a large truck, a bendy bus, or just a series of cars, going where you just came from .

Finally, remember to be starting to move slightly before the space arrives. Then when you go, go promptly!

Procedure

Turning Left: Signal Left as you approach. Stay in the left lane.

Going Straight: No Signal on approach. Stay on the left, unless you see a good reason not to. Signal left after passing the exit before the one you need.

Turning Right: Signal Right on approach. Use the right hand lane, unless you can see a good reason not to. Signal left as you are passing the exit before the one you need. You should consider leaving on the left lane, unless you see a good reason not to, (for example, if another car is on your immediate left) in which case leave on the right lane and move left at a later point.



Cancelling Signals: The indicator stalk may not self cancel because you won't be turning the wheel enough when you leave the roundabout. Don't forget to turn them off. Someone may pull out in front of you if you leave a left signal on.

Think Ahead, but Don't Decide Ahead!

As you approach a roundabout it may initially appear clear. However, do not assume that it will remain clear until you get there. Make your decision to go at the last moment. Roads become malign very quickly indeed. Always have a final look.

Expect to Stop, Prepare to Go!