

Turn in the Road

At some point (hopefully not too often) you will go the wrong way and need to turn the car around to face the other way. There are 3 ways of doing this:

- ◆ Reverse around a corner
- ◆ Do a U-turn (like a London taxi driver)
- ◆ Perform a 3 point turn, or 'turn in the road'

On your driving test you may be asked to "turn the car around, using the forward and reverse gears."

You must make sure the road is clear, and don't point the car towards any pedestrians on the pavement. Wait for them to pass.

- You do not need to signal right (there should be no traffic to signal to, as the road should be clear).
- Check your blind spots before moving
- Don't touch or overhang the kerbs
- Take effective all round observation when reversing (i.e. look where you're going!)
- Be careful that the gear is properly engaged, in case you roll into the kerb
- Use the safety brake to secure the car whilst changing gears
- Look left before completing the manoeuvre, the road may have changed
- Check mirrors when accelerating away, as someone may try to overtake

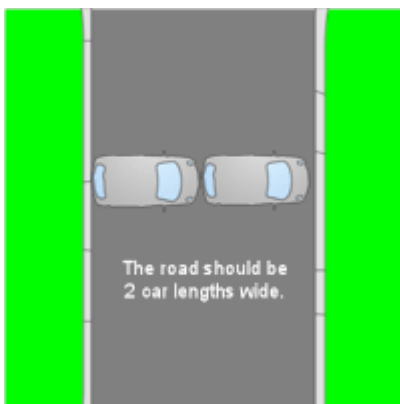
Camber

Most roads have crown camber, which allows surface water to drain to the edges. This will greatly affect the handling of the car. If the vehicle speeds up too much, dip the clutch, and use the footbrake. If it slows down too much, ease the clutch up.



Remember...

- Dip to slow
- Up to go



Road Requirements

On test, the examiner will select an appropriate street for this manoeuvre. However, it should be at least 2 car lengths wide. If you can't make a 3 point turn, don't worry. Sometimes it may take a couple of extra turns.

It's best not to attempt this manoeuvre in busy through roads, or where there is a heavy pedestrian presence. Find a quiet side street, or consider reversing around a corner instead.



Look out for road signs which may prohibit this manoeuvre.

If other road users appear, give them priority. If they choose to go past, let them. If they choose to wait for you, then continue. But remember, they may change their mind if you take too long. Be defensive, and maintain an all round awareness throughout.