

Reverse around the Corner Left:

Observations all around before setting off.

Reverse until rear wheels are level with the corner (where the kerb starts to bend around corner)

Check where the kerb now meets the car. Below are examples of where the kerb may meet the car for two types of corner

Next are observations all round again and throughout as necessary.

Gentle Gradient = Curved Kerb just in view in the corner of the rear window. Reverse and keep the kerb in the same position in rear window until the straight kerb is in view. Allow the kerb to come back into the centre of the rear window and then straighten the car against the kerb.

Steeply Curved/Right angle corner = Rear seat lines up with the straight edge of the kerb in the road you are reversing into. Steer to the left (probably full lock) until the straight kerb is in centre of rear window, then straighten the car against the kerb.

All round observations then reverse in a straight line against the kerb until 2-3 car length's from the junction.

Remember you are allowed to be up to 2 feet from the kerb

Turn in the Road

Observations all round before you set off. Ensure that you can complete the first leg of the journey.

Set off nice and slowly controlling the speed of the car with good clutch control. The moment you begin to move start to steer as briskly as possible to the right until full lock is achieved.

Remember to check how much of a "camber" is on the road. Just before you reach the other side of the road (You can tell this by checking for the Kerb to appear just underneath the right door mirror housing) you should steer to the left (counter steering). Bring the car to a gentle stop before you touch the kerb.

Put the handbrake on, change into reverse gear and prepare the car to move.

Observations all around and the set off backwards slowly using good clutch control, whilst looking over your left shoulder and steering briskly to the left until full lock is achieved. Once halfway across the road, change from looking over your left shoulder to the right. Steer to the right as the kerb begins to disappear from view in the driver's side rear window. Stop once you have reached the opposite side of the road (the kerb will have just appeared in view in the drivers side window).

Put the handbrake on and select 1st gear. Then prepare the car to move.

Observations all round and set off forwards slowly using clutch control. Steer briskly right to the desired amount. Remembering to look well up the road, not at the kerb.

If any vehicles arrive whilst performing the manoeuvre then just make sure you are aware whether they are going to pass or not.

Reverse park around a Car (Road)

Firstly choose a suitable car to reverse around. The space should be at least two car length's in size to perform this manoeuvre.

As you approach the target vehicle, check your internal mirror to see if a signal is required; bring the car to a stop with the front of the target vehicle in sight in the front passenger window and a normal clearance alongside.

Once stopped apply the handbrake and select reverse gear, then prepare the car to move. Now do all around observations and if it is clear set of slowly backwards looking out of the rear window and utilising good clutch control.

As your backseat lines up with the furthest end of the car you are reversing around ensure that all around observations are made. If it is safe to continue then continue slowly backwards and turn the wheel one rotation to the left. Once the car appears to be at 45° across the road turn the wheel back one rotation to the right. Check where the kerb appears in the back window. Once the kerb appears to be in the left corner of the rear window, steer full lock right briskly. Once you are nearly parallel with the kerb begin to straighten the steering so that once you are parallel, the steering wheels face straight forward.

Reverse park (Bay Park)

Drive straight alongside the bay parking area using all of the available space (ie. Middle of the available space).

Pick the bay which you want to reverse into. Start counting the white lines beginning with the white line which you will be reversing around to get into the bay you have chosen. Count 3 lines and stop with the white line lined up with your reference point which we have discussed in the practical lessons. Handbrake on and select reverse gear. Prepare the car to move and then all around observations.

Good clutch control to move slowly backwards. As soon as you begin to move, steer briskly to the right (if reversing into a bay on your right) until full lock is achieved, whilst looking over your right shoulder, once full lock is on, check all around for traffic etc. then continue backwards.

As you feel that you are nearing the bay, start to check your right door mirror for sight of the white line which should end up alongside the car. Once you have seen this white line, begin to observe in the left mirror, once the left-hand white line appears in this mirror begin to straighten up immediately. Once the steering wheels are straight ensure that you are going to be within the white lines and reverse back until within the bay still checking backwards for traffic and obstructions.