



## DRIVER REPORT

**Starting** – Check the vehicle. Are your eyes up to standard? Set phone to silent (97, 149). Be familiar with the controls. Have you adjusted your seat, wheel and mirrors? (97) Put on your seat belt (99). Have you sufficient fuel? Do any warning lights remain on?

**Moving off** - Use all mirrors and look round. Check again as you move off (159). Watch for cyclists and motorcyclists passing either side (152). Avoid hesitation. Accelerate from danger. Avoid 'dry steering'.

**Control** – Use the clutch reliably. Use the correct technique. Do not look at the gear lever. Change gear smoothly. Always be in the correct gear. High gears can reduce emissions. Do not 'ride' the clutch. Steer accurately. Do not turn the wheel too late and use the correct technique. Brake smoothly (117).. Avoid excessive coasting and do not stall the engine. Avoid using the engine as a brake.

**Positioning** – Do not shave the kerb, other road users or obstructions (145). Do not drive on the pavement (145). Keep between lane dividers (131). Keep left (160). Exit roundabouts in the left lane. Return to the left lane on dual carriageways ((137, 138). Follow road signs and markings and get into the lane as directed (134, 184). Drive on the diagonal stripes when it is necessary to do so (130). Position your vehicle so you can see and be seen. Use the camber to your advantage. Position your vehicle to convey your intentions to other road users.

**The correct use of speed** – Don't exceed the speed limit (124). Follow at a safe distance (126). Go slower when there are potential hazards (124, 124, 126, 146) such as children (208), vehicles moving off, doors opening, cyclists (211), animals (214, 215), potholes, puddles (152, 206, 209) and hidden dangers. Drive decisively. Do not slow when changing lane or joining traffic if this disturbs the traffic flow. Your speed may be used to convey your intentions. Unnecessary slowing can be mistaken for the start of a manoeuvre. Plan ahead so that you can avoid stopping unnecessarily (especially at traffic lights and roundabouts). Give way to traffic on your right at roundabouts. Brake before bends and accelerate gently when cornering.

**Observation and signalling.** – Go straight on unless directed otherwise, position the vehicle in good time. Position of your vehicle to convey your intentions to other road users. Monitor the mirrors regularly (161) especially when a change of speed or direction might be needed. Check your mirrors and signal your intentions clearly and in plenty of time. Cancel your indicators after use (103). Do not signal by mistake. Do not dazzle other road users (114). Know the advantages of flashing headlamps and when their use may be dangerous (110,111). Use eye contact. React correctly to the actions of other road users. Thank drivers who help you. React quickly if a driver lets you out but watch out for other road users. Do not encourage pedestrians onto the road. Plan ahead, particularly at lights, crossings and junctions (146). Look both ways as you go through cross roads. Monitor the location of traffic round your vehicle, be aware of road users in your blind spots and look around to check down the side of your vehicle. Maintain effective all-round observation when manoeuvring – you may get out to check if you do not have a banks man.

**Knowledge and attitude** – Know the meaning of road signs and act on them (109). Obey all traffic signals giving orders (109, 171). Know the speed limit at all times (124). Understand how complex junctions are navigated. Be patient and considerate (147). Take responsibility for your own decisions.

**Slowing and stopping** – Obey all traffic light signals (175, 146). Be prepared for the unexpected (146, 152, 154). Check the mirrors before slowing or stopping (161). Gently apply the brakes to light the brake lights before you stop. Never brake unexpectedly. Brake smoothly. Do not block other road users (239 to 224) at side roads, box junctions, crossings (192, 291), advanced stop lines (178), cycle lanes, drive-ways, bus stops, hazards. Leave space so you can drive off without needing to reverse (151). Make the vehicle safe when you stop (handbrake before neutral).

Driving faults have been highlighted. Numbers in bracket refer to the section of the Highway Code

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