

TERRIFIC TESTING TIDBITS by Tracy

TO: ALL CMSC STUDENTS

To pass the road test, you should be proficient in the following. The examiners make certain that you are safe to drive. Both the RMV and CMSC are concerned for your safety, as well as the people in your vehicle and other drivers. You **MUST** review all of the following and PRACTICE, PRACTICE, and PRACTICE some more. There is **NO** substitute for experience.

HAND SIGNALS

- Roll down window
- Put left arm (out to elbow) out window
- Left turn – arm straight out, hand pointing left, palm facing forward
- Right turn – arm bent, hand pointing up, palm forward
- Stop/Slow down – arm bent down (beside door), open palm facing back

PARALLEL PARK

- Turn on right directional
- Pull up beside other vehicle (about 2 feet away)
- Line up your mirror with other vehicle's mirror (if your vehicle is a much different length than the vehicle you are operating, line up your back bumpers), shift into reverse, turn steering wheel all the way to the right, look over your left shoulder to make sure no one is beside the vehicle, **look back over right shoulder** and slowly back up until the panel between the passenger window and the back side window block the back light of the other vehicle or when your vehicle is at a 45 degree angle
- Straighten wheel (turn 1 ½ times) continue to look over right shoulder, back until your right side mirror blocks your view of the license plate on the other vehicle

- Turn the wheel all the way to the left, look over your right shoulder and back up slowly so that your vehicle fits directly behind parked vehicle

IF THERE IS NOT A HAND E-BRAKE, THEN THE E-BRAKE WILL BE ON THE FLOOR BY YOUR LEFT FOOT. PUSH ON AND OFF.

UPHILL/DOWNHILL PARK

- Turn on right directional
- Pull over to side of the road
- Shift into park
- Put emergency brake on
- Turn steering wheel to right (for weak or no curb)
- Or left (for strong curb)
- **Downhill** always turn to curb

BACK UP STRAIGHT (WITH CONTOUR OF ROAD)

- Straighten steering wheel and make sure all 4 wheels are aligned
- Turn on right directional
- Release e-brake if on
- Shift into "reverse"
- Hold top of steering wheel with left hand
- Turn your body around and look out the rear window, back up slowly (1 to 2 feet from edge of road). Do not back off pavement.

3 POINT TURN

- Start 1 foot away from the right edge of the road
- Shift into drive
- Turn steering wheel all the way to the left
- Turn on left directional, check mirrors, check blind spot and proceed when safe to do so (SMOG)
- Pull up to the edge of the other side of the road (DO NOT hit curb or go on the grass)
- Shift into "reverse", turn steering wheel all the way to the right

- Look back over right shoulder and back up slowly until the left mirror reaches the middle of the road
- Shift vehicle into "drive"
- Turn wheel all the way to the left
- Look left and right to make sure it is safe to go
- Proceed slowly when safe to do so

REMEMBER

- STOP at the white "stop line" on a red light, do not block crosswalk
- When you are making an unprotected left turn, if there is on-coming traffic wait behind the white stop line until it is safe to pull **all the way through the intersection**
- Come to a FULL stop at all stop signs and red lights.
- Do not cross the white solid line (break down lane) to pass on the right
- Speed limits: Unless posted (a sign) up to 15-20 mph in neighborhoods, up to 30mph in thickly settled area (homes), up to 40 mph outside thickly settled area (i.e. wooded area or business area), 50-65mph on the highway. Most important, always drive safely, sometimes you may have to drive below the speed limit due to weather, road conditions, etc.
- Always use directionals and check blind spots when pulling from side of road into traffic.
- Always look over your shoulder when backing up, from the moment you start backing up until you are at a complete stop



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