



Practice Drive 2

Cornering (Left and right)

Aim:

To develop consistent and safe turns, including:

- Vehicle positioning for turn
- Observation into corner and correct positioning through corner
- Speed management on approach
- Speed management through corner
- Correct use of the Rules of Braking
- Correct line through corner
- Understanding and correct use of single to multiple and multiple to multiple turns

It is important that the Supervising Driver not tell the learner what to do (unless instruction is needed). If required, provide feedback after the turn. The intent is to build self-reliant drivers who make independent, safe decisions.

Please note Turning at Lights is covered in Practice Drive 3

References:

The Driving Companion. Pages 12 and 13. System of Car Control

The Driving Companion. Page 16. Rules of braking

The Driving Companion. Unit 3: Task 15 (3) – Vehicle road positioning.

The Driving Companion. Unit 3: Task 17 – Turning at intersections.

The Driving Companion. Unit 3: Task 18 – Turning onto and from laned roads.

The Driving Companion. Unit 4: Task 25 – Turning in traffic.

Drive length:

3 x 60 mins approx. (Vary based on student's ability to turn correctly and safely without assistance).



Drive plan:

Learner should be directed on a general drive to make multiple left and right turns. These turns should not involve roundabouts or traffic lights. These should include:

1. Left turn from unlaned road to unlaned road
2. Left turn from unlaned road to laned road
3. Left turn from laned road to unlaned road
4. Right turn from unlaned road to unlaned road
5. Right turn from unlaned road to laned road (Note: student may elect to store the car where possible)
6. Right turn from laned road to unlaned road

Learner must check mirrors (centre mirror then side mirror) before indicating. Learner must indicate as early as practicable in line with the System of Car Control.

Learner should see, and correctly use, Stop or Give Way signs (where signs exist) when making a turn. When turning at an intersection without lights or signs, learner should know, and correctly follow, the Give Way rule.

Learner should approach the corner and slow the car to cornering speed before turning. Vehicle should be smoothly turned onto the correct side of the road on the first attempt without crossing into the other lane. Where lines are marked, vehicle must not cross the line. Where not marked, learner should assume there is a line.

Learner should also look into the corner before turning to ensure turn can be made safely and vehicle is correctly positioned in the road (e.g. a car coming out of the side road and around a parked car, limiting space or a parked car on the learner's side of the road).

Learner should also position the car for the turn correctly; for a left turn following the curve of the corner, rather than coming in too "square" and having to wrestle the steering. Steering should be into the corner; rather than at the corner. For a right turn the learner should position the car to turn squarely into the lane. Too far back and the learner will "cut the corner". Too far forward and the learner will have to steer back to enter the lane; a "question mark turn".

When turning onto a laned road from a single lane (left or right), learner can turn (when safe) into any lane. Practice turning to each lane. Learner must steer directly to the lane and not "lane straddle" or drift between lanes once turn has begun.



Check points:

- If the learner is braking through the corner, approach speed is too fast. Work on slowing the car earlier.
- If the learner crosses the lane markings on a side road when doing a right turn, start position was too far back. Work on positioning. (When turning right from a through road, vehicle should “block” a car from the side road turning right).
- If learner crosses the lane markings when turning left, either approach speed is too great or steering is insufficient. Work on slowing earlier and/or correct steering.
- If learner changes vehicle line through the turn, start position, approach speed or observation into corner (i.e. didn't see parked car) was incorrect. Correct as needed.