

Sandy's Driving School



Parallel Park

- 1: Pull up alongside the vehicle you want to park behind. Be about an arms length away from the vehicle.
- 2: Check all around and get your first reference point which is the back/front of the parked vehicle about half way across your back window.
- 3: Check around again, especially over your right blind spot as the front of the car will swing out on this next move. Do one full turn of the wheel to the left until the bonnet is pointed to a 1.30 position on a clock. (imagine the car is the the hand on a clock and the numbers are on the road)
- 4: Once you have the 1.30 position turn the wheel one full turn to the right to straighten the wheel up. Go back straight until you see in the blind spot mirror the v shape (see picture for reference).
- 5: Once you have that turn the wheel full lock (or as much as you need if the reference is a bit off) to the right.
- 6: Once the car is parallel to the curb and straight, straighten up the wheel and stop when you can see tyres of the car in front and a little tarmac.
 - Remember that you are steering the way you want the back to go as you are driving in reverse. You do not have to turn the opposite way you want the car to go. Take your time and think about it if you find this difficult. There is no time limit on any manoeuvre and don't let anyone pressure you into rushing it. Safety comes first, so lots of observations and not speeding back faster than you can check.

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