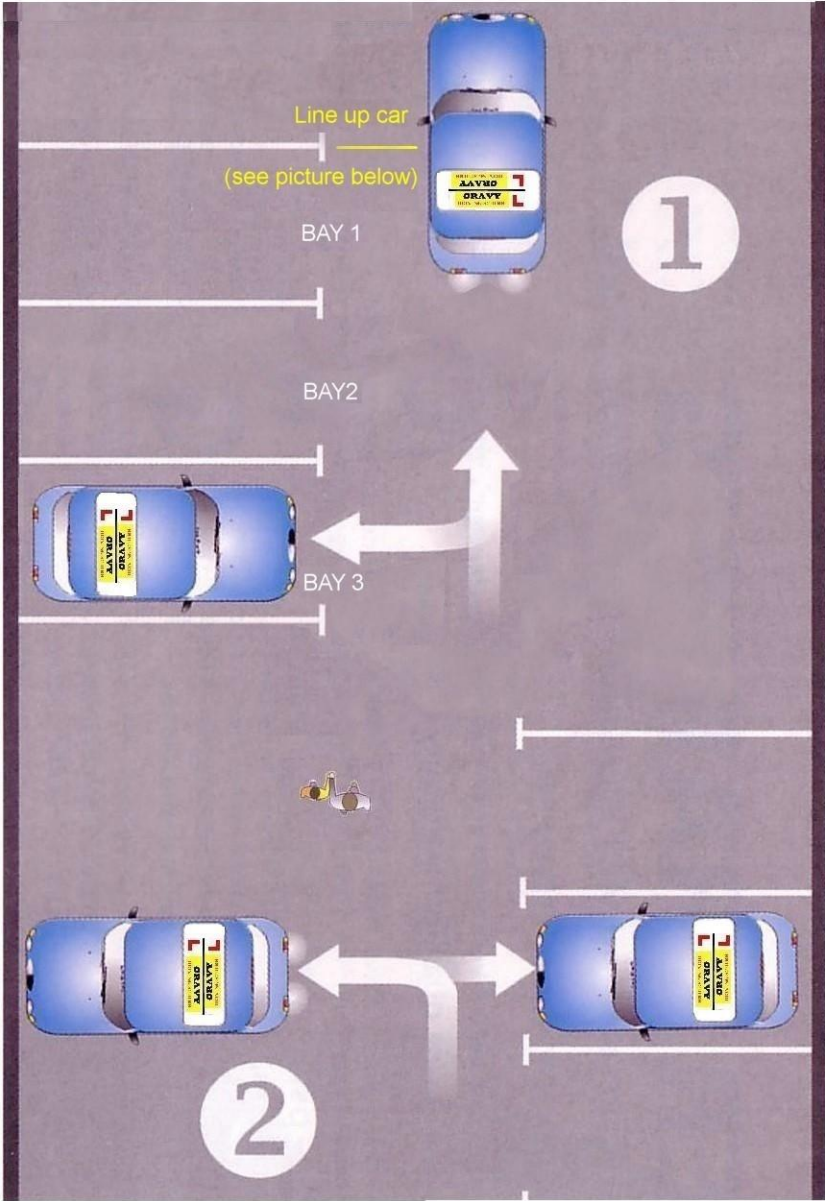
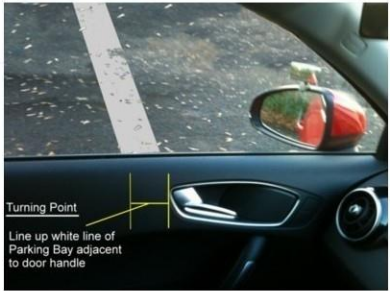


REVERSE PARKING (BAY PARK)

KEY POINTS
CONTROL
OBSERVATION
ACCURACY



1 REVERSE TO LEFT
(VIEW THROUGH PASSENGER DOOR WINDOW)



Lesson Plan

Subject: Reverse Parking (BAY PARK)

Objective: To be able to reverse the car safely, under full control, into a parking bay. This will usually be done at the test centre at the start or end of the driving test

Main Points: This manoeuvre is done in one of two ways. For the driving test it is required to reverse using Method 1.

Method 1

- Position car at right angles to bay and a min of 2m (6ft) away. Apply handbrake & select reverse early. *Why?*
- Reverse in straight line until the white line of parking bay reaches your marker (near passenger door handle). This is the point of turn.
- At this point, turn the steering wheel quickly, full lock to the left. Just before you start turning, don't forget to look fully over your right shoulder. *Why?*
- Keep checking all around as you enter the bay BUT LOOK MAINLY IN THE DIRECTION OF TRAVEL.
- When the car is almost parallel, steer to straighten up (1¼ turns to the right) and ease the car back so that the front of the car is inside the parking bay.

Method 2

- On approach, choose which bay to reverse into and after checking it is safe, steer the car into a position directly ahead of the bay, then straighten the car, leaving the wheels straight.
- If your car is out of line, you can correct this as you reverse.
- After carrying out all-round observations, reverse slowly back LOOKING MAINLY TO THE REAR & checking your position with quick glances in your door mirrors.

Look mainly in the direction of travel, looking out for other road users (inc. pedestrians). DO NOT rely on mirrors rather than effective all-round observations.

Reverse under full control, safely & slowly thus giving you time to make observations & maintain accuracy.

Reverse into bay neatly without swinging from side-to-side & finishing as central as possible.