



Lesson 14: Parking into a Bay

Carrying out the manoeuvre (3rd line rule)

Choose a bay you want to reverse into, count 3 lines past it. Pull up past the 3rd line at a width of a metre to a metre and a half. Reverse until the 3rd line is approximately half way along the front door panel. At this point steer full lock in the appropriate direction. The car will move into the bay, as it becomes parallel with the lines straighten the wheels. Use door mirrors for reference. Stop the car when the end of the line appears below the right door mirror to make sure you're not overhanging the bay.

Prepare - Select reverse gear and find the biting point.

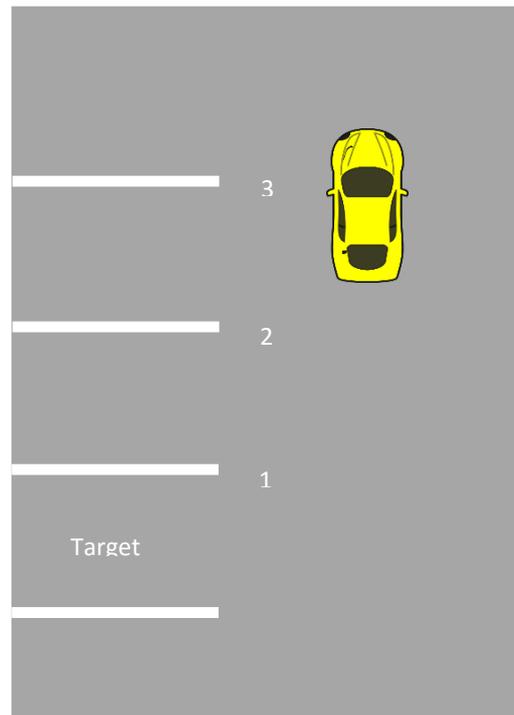
Observation - Check mirrors and out of each window to ensure it is clear before moving. Mainly looking out for pedestrians and oncoming traffic.

Remember as it is a car park more pedestrians will be around than normal.

Move - You need your car moving slowly when doing any manoeuvre, so try driving with the car just at or near the biting point to control speed, whilst keeping constant observation (mainly over your left shoulder out of rear window).

Helpful tip

It is advisable to open your door after parking to check you are within the lines. If not, then you should pull out and correct it maintaining good observation including out of the back window when reversing back in.





Recap Quiz (Read pages 244-246 of Driving Essential Skills)

1. When parking in a car park which type of road user should you be particularly aware of?

2. Why is it more economical to reverse into a bay?

3. When would it be necessary to park forwards into a bay?
