

## Lesson 6: Roundabouts

### Signs and Road Markings

On approach look for road signs and road markings to indicate a roundabout ahead.



### Rules that apply

- Follow the M-S-M routine on approach ensuring you position in the appropriate lane in good time
- Give way to traffic that will cross your path from your right. (You must not cause traffic on your right to change speed or direction)
- Keep in correct lane on the roundabout
- Before exiting check the rear view and left door mirror before signaling left to exit
- Apply the signal as you reach the centre of the exit before the one you were taking.

On a standard roundabout:

#### **Turning left (red car)**

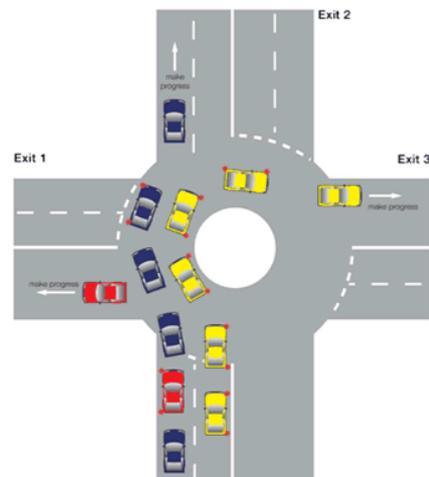
Use the left lane as it is your first exit, signal left on approach.

#### **Turning right (Exit 3 on diagram)**

Signal right on approach and use the right hand lane and stay on the inside of the roundabout until you pass the last exit that is just before your turn (Exit 2 on diagram). Check mirrors and signal left to confirm your intentions to exit the roundabout.

#### **Following the road ahead**

On a standard roundabout (as blue car on diagram) you should use the left lane and stay on the outside of the roundabout. No signal will be required on approach as it is the second exit you require, check your mirrors and apply a left signal as you pass Exit 1.





**Look for lane markings**

If you are following the road ahead on a main route (eg dual carriageway) you can often go ahead in either lane. If you approach on the left then you should stay to the left in new road, if you take the right hand lane on approach stay on the inside of the roundabout and exit in the right hand lane in new road.



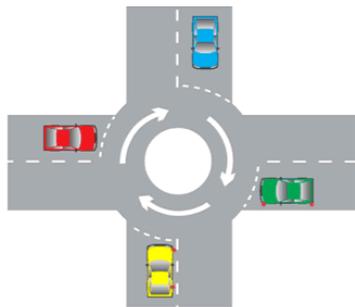
**Mini Roundabouts**

When dealing with a mini roundabout the rules are just the same as a standard roundabout where you need to give way to traffic crossing your path from the right. (Because junctions are closer it is easy to give way to traffic you have priority over). Follow the M-S-M routine on approach.



Sometimes mini roundabouts are hard to identify early:- look out for the sign.

**Key Points**



When turning right ensure your signal is maintained (re-apply if it cancels) otherwise traffic may not give way to you.

Drive around the centre circle (large vehicles may have no choice but to drive over it).

When following the M-S-M routine on exit your left signal showing your intentions to leave roundabout will not always be important - apply if you have time. When turning right your steering will take priority.

**Recap Quiz (Read Highway Code Rules 184-190 and pages 219-226 of Driving Essential Skills)**

1. Why should you give long vehicles extra room at a roundabout?

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2. Who has priority at a roundabout?

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3. Should you signal to exit a mini roundabout?

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4. Should you treat multiple roundabouts separately?

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5. What do these signs mean?



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