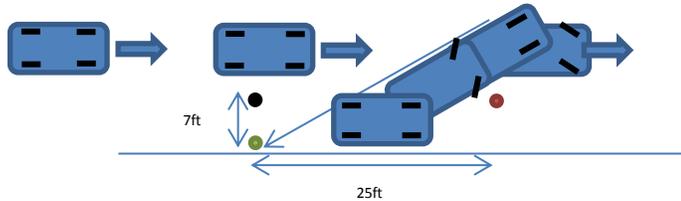


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## Parallel Parking Procedure



### Approaching

1. Signal to the right once you are within 50 ft of the poles.
2. As you go by the poles, you want to keep a gap of about 2-3ft away.
3. Make sure that you are parallel with the curb.
4. Stop the vehicle when your back bumper is even with the red pole (red). In real life you are simply stopping your car right next to the car that's parked in the front of where you're parking.

### Backing (Put transmission into "Reverse")

1. Before you move, turn the wheels all the way to right until the steering wheel stops.
2. Your first backing up goal is to put your vehicle into a 45 degree angle. You accomplish this by looking into your right mirror and watching for the pole closest to the curb (green). In real life this would be the front right corner of the vehicle behind you. Stop the moment you can see the entire pole just clear of the whole side of your car.
3. Straighten the wheels.
4. Your second backing up goal is to back up straight until the front right corner of your car clears the red pole and then stop. You will need to modify this step to fit your vehicle. The smaller the car the further you go back. If you bump the curb after doing step 5 then you have gone back too far. If you are not within 12 inches after doing step 5 then you haven't gone back far enough.
5. Before you move, turn the wheels all the way to left until the steering wheel stops.
6. Your third, and hopefully last, backing up goal is to allow your car to back up until it becomes perfectly parallel with the curb, then stop.

### Correction Time

1. Double check you are perfectly parallel with curb by looking front and back a couple times. If you're not, make the appropriate correction.
2. Check to make sure that you are centered from front to rear. If you're not, make the appropriate correction.

### Grading

Contrary to popular belief the parallel parking portion of the road test is not worth as many points as one might think. The driver examiner is far more concerned with your observation skills and your ability to think quickly and negotiate a wide range of traffic conditions.

The main mistakes to avoid: do not touch a pole or jump the curb. Touching the pole during any part of this procedure is an automatic failure. Jumping the curb is also grounds for automatic failure. You can bump the curb, you just can't jump it. Bumping the curb, depending on how hard, is just a simple score reduction.