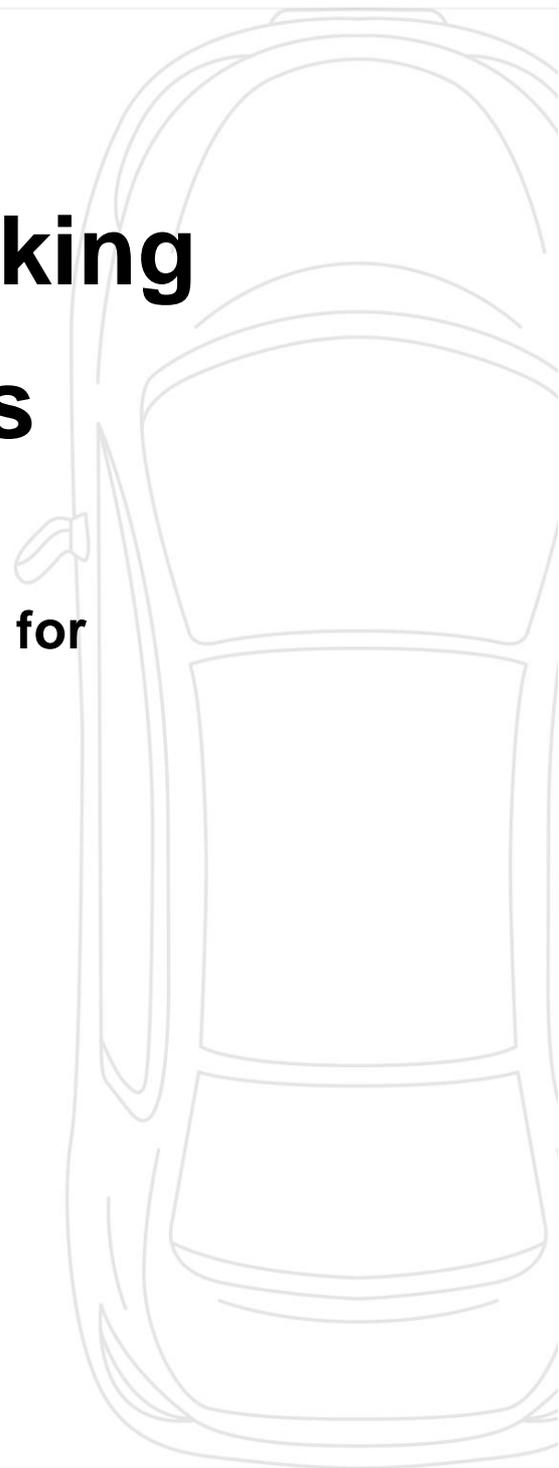


ParkingTutorial

The Art of Parking

Parallel Parking in 3 minutes

**Detailed instructions for
the video lesson**



Please note: the parallel parking technique described below is meant for parking spaces with standard length (1.5 times your car's body length)



Parallel Parking

You need to park between two cars that are parked parallel to the edge of the road. This is called parallel parking. In order to drive into such a spot easily, its length must be at least 1.5 times your cars body length.

As a rule, parallel parking is performed in reverse. In order to parallel park in forward motion, you need a parking space two times larger than usual.



Starting Position

The secret of successful parking lies in the starting position of the car. If your car is positioned correctly before parking maneuvers, you will be able to drive even into a narrow and, at first glance, inconvenient parking space.

Lets consider parallel parking on the right side of the road. The starting position is as follows:

- you pass by a parking space and stop parallel to the car parked in front of it;
- the lateral distance should be between 2 and 3 feet;
- the steering wheel must be in a straight forward position;
- the right side mirror should be directed downward (you will use it to guide you in parking the car parallel to the curb).

The Technique for Parallel Parking

To drive into the parking place, you need to turn the steering wheel three times. Hence we divided the parallel parking into three steps. Let us examine these steps one after another.



The first step

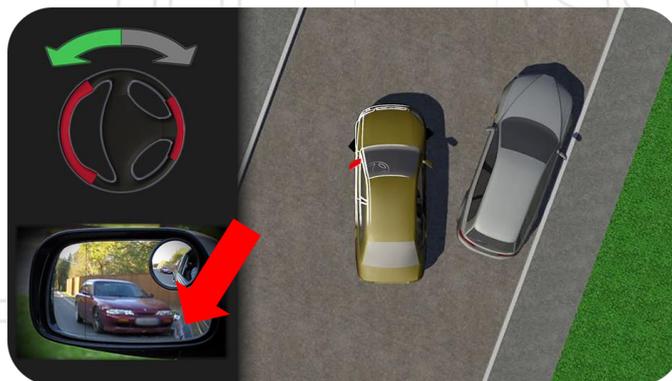
The car is in its starting position. The driver looks over his shoulder through the triangular window of the back door and drives backwards in a straight line.

When the back end of the car on his right appears in that window, the driver turns the wheel to the right as far as it goes. When doing so, he will never bump into a nearby car and will pass it safely.

Note: if your car has no triangular window, you can use your right side mirror instead. If this mirror is directed downward, you will see the knob of the rear door in it. Turn the steering wheel to the right, when this knob is opposite the end of the car on your right.



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The second step

The driver looks into the left side mirror. When the whole front part of the car parked behind* appears in it, the driver puts the steering wheel into the straight forward position.

Now the driver has the car at an optimal angle in reference to the curb and from this position it is easier to finish the parking process.

**you need to turn the wheel when the right corner of the car behind appears in your side mirror*

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The third step

The driver looks at the right side mirror. When it covers the tail light of the car in front, the driver turns the steering wheel to the left as far as it goes.

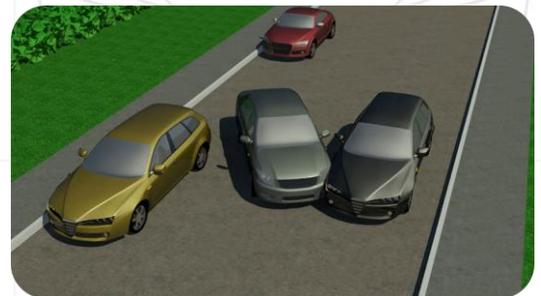
Now, the car is inside the parking space, and the driver only needs to put it parallel to the curb. For this purpose it is convenient to use the side mirror. When the car is parked parallel to the curb, the driver should drive to the middle of the parking space.

Safety When Parallel Parking

For many drivers, the complexity of parallel parking lies not only in terms of the technique, but also in terms of safety. There are several points concerning safety that must be taken into consideration. Here are some of them:

1. When you are approaching a parking space, you should signal toward it with your turn signal well in advance, so that other drivers can understand your intentions and, if necessary, go around you.
2. On the first step of parking, the front end of your car shifts toward the center of the road. If at that moment someone is going past you, you can cause an accident. So, before you turn the steering wheel to the right, take a close look around.
3. When at the third step of parking you turn the wheel to the left, the front part of your car starts to move toward the car parked in front of you. Make sure there is enough free space.
4. When you align the car with the curb, make sure your back wheel does not slam into it and that you have enough free space behind you.

If in doubt, play it safe.



Further Advice

Please take a look at these questions:

- What if you need to parallel park and there is no car behind?
- What if the parking space has a non-standard length?
- How to fix the cars position inside the parking space if necessary?
- How to drive out of the parking space?

It's impossible to explain everything in a short video clip, but you can find all the information you need in the Parking Tutorial. If you want to park confidently, this tutorial is for you.



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