

47. Reverse (parallel) parking

Starting position

- Alongside the 'target' vehicle
- Allow a car door's width clearance **Note: Half door width**
- Select reverse to show warning lights
- Consider using the handbrake

Reversing

- All round observation **before** moving
- Very slow walking pace
- Keep looking all round while moving

Step 1 - Reverse until back of your car level with target vehicle - look in side window to check

Step 2 - Observe then steer one full turn to left until at 40 degrees or about 5 past 2

Step 3 - Steer one full turn right to keep the angle and reverse in towards kerb

Step 4 - watch for the TRIANGLE disappearing then steer one turn right until parked

Finishing

- Steer left to straighten wheels
- Aim to finish reasonably close to the kerb within two car lengths of the 'target' vehicle

**Keep a lookout
for traffic ...**

