

Parallel Parking Method #1



The Set Up:

1. Poles are set 26 feet apart.
2. The rear pole is 5 feet from the curb.
3. The front cone/pole is 7 feet from the curb.

Use anything that you have at home to simulate a cone/pole setup. A wastebasket with a broom or mop or lawn chair and broom or something similar.

The Approach:

SLOW

STEADY

STRAIGHT

1. **Very slow**, foot is resting on the brake with slight pressure. Remain parallel with curb. Car should be 7 feet 6 inches to 7 feet 10 inches from curb.
2. **BEFORE** car is even with rear cone, signal with right turn signal. (10 feet from 1st cone)
Remain 7' 6" - 7' 10" from curb, watch front cone, it should be 4 inches away from side mirror.
3. **Slowly** proceed until front cone is at the rear (seat back) of the rear seat, or just barely visible to driver in rear passenger window. **STOP**

The Maneuver:

1. Turn wheels all the way to the right. Ease up on brake pedal and begin backing in **VERY SLOW**.
2. When car is at a 45 degree angle from curb, cone is visible in middle of front passenger window, **STOP**.
3. Turn wheels all the way to the left.
4. Back in very slow.
5. When even with the curb, **STOP** straighten wheels (usually 2 turns)
6. Pull forward 1-2 inches and stop.

The Finish:

Car should be between 6 and 18 inches from the curb.

Results :

Too far or too close?

Measure the 45 degree angle. To do this divide 90 degrees in half.

1. Find a landmark or object straight ahead of car when parallel to curb.
2. Locate an object to the left of driver at 90 degrees. Divide in half and that is the 45 degree mark.
3. When car is pointed directly at 45 degrees, STOP and turn wheels all the way to the left, and then finish backing in.

Most common error is going too fast.

Foot should be applying brake pressure throughout entire maneuver.

REMEMBER::::: Practice makes perfect, the more practice the higher the confidence level will be when taking the actual driving test. Recommended practice is to park 2-3 times, every five days until test is taken.

VERY IMPORTANT that this is fresh in the student's mind.

Go to the DPS office BEFORE the DPS test, practice one or two times. This can be done any time the office is not open (evenings and weekends) If you need additional help, please ask us.

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