Windscreen Wipers

Welcome to this **Perfect Driver** course. Throughout this course, we are going to look at the law, skills, techniques, and ideas to help you become a better, and safer driver.

In this lesson, we'll look at Windscreen Wipers.



Wipers. As with the lights, you should always learn where the windscreen wiper controls are placed in a unfamiliar car. Like the headlight controls, they are generally found on a stalk connected to the steering column, but not always.

Windscreen wipers are used to keep a windscreen clear and easier to see through when it is raining.



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In this car, the wiper controls are found on the right-hand side of the steering wheel. They are most commonly found on the left-hand side.



Windscreen wipers normally have three different speeds - *Intermittent* (which may be adjustable) gives you a window wipe every 2-5 seconds, and is for light or patchy rain. *Normal* wipes the window every 1-2 seconds, and *Fast*, for heavy rain, wipes the window a few times each second.

Some cars have windscreen wipers on the rear window as well as the front, but this is not mandatory. It is mandatory to have working windscreen wipers on the front of the car.



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To clean a dirty windscreen, locate a button at the tip of the windscreen wiper control that squirts water, from a reservoir under your bonnet, onto the windscreen.

This button may be on the dashboard, or it may be activated by pulling the windscreen wiper control towards you, as seen below.



The result of this sends a squirt of water on to the windscreen, allowing you to use your windscreen wipers, and get rid of the mess.



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Wiper fluid. Wiper fluid is used, as we discussed, when you pull your wiper controls forward. A spray of water blasts your windscreen. If you use this control, and no water splashes the windscreen, you'll need to refill this fluid.

Wiper fluid exists in a container in the engine bay which should be clearly marked. When you run out of wiper fluid, you can fill this up with water - or mixed with some cleaning formula you can get at any auto store.











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The demister control is generally found near the air conditioning controls. It will use an icon much like the one you see below.



Windscreen wipers require replacement periodically. The rubber that contacts the window can dry out and crack, making the wipers less efficient at drying the window during rain.

If this happens, it may be time for a service. But you can replace the rubber in your windscreen wipers fairly easily with a visit to the local auto store.



SUMMARY In this lesson, we discussed Windscreen Wipers and controls. This included: Wiper controls, and the various settings. Locating these controls. Refilling wiper fluid. Finish Lesson

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