

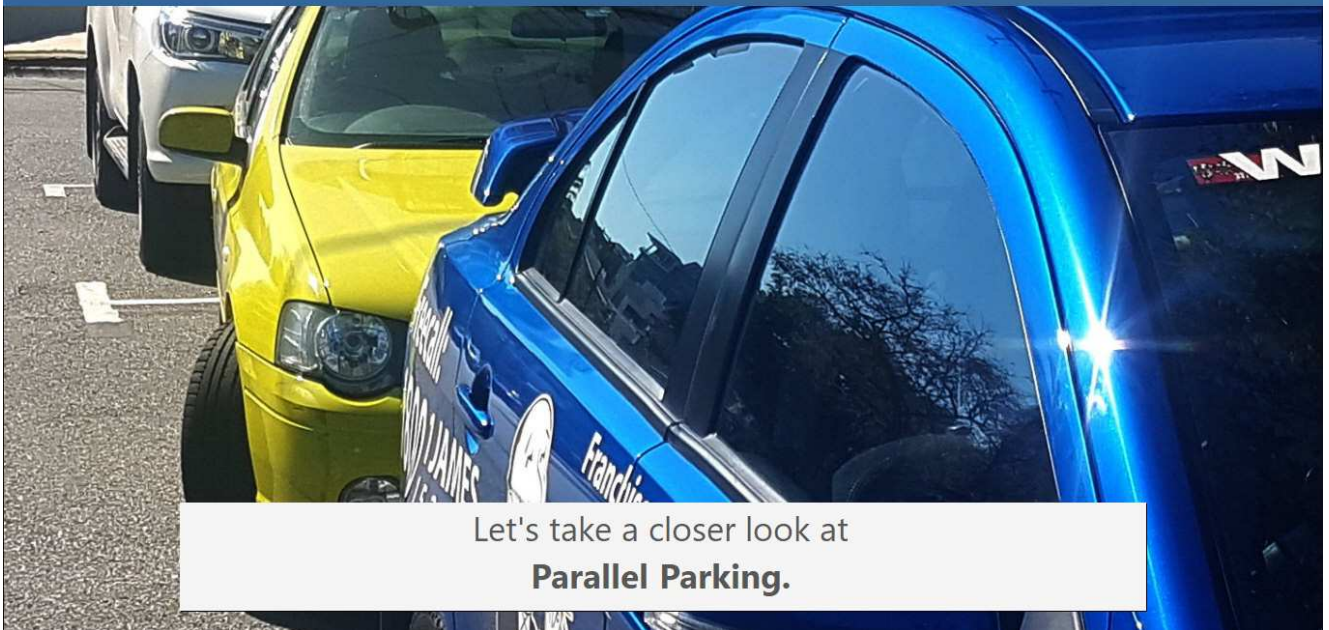
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Welcome to this **Perfect Driver** course. Throughout this course, we are going to look at the law, skills, techniques, and ideas to help you become a better, and safer driver.

In this lesson, we'll look at **Parallel Parking**.

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Let's take a closer look at
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When parking on a street, in between two cars parked horizontal to the street, you employ a technique called **Parallel Parking**.

It's a little tricky to master at first, but let's have a look at how it is done.

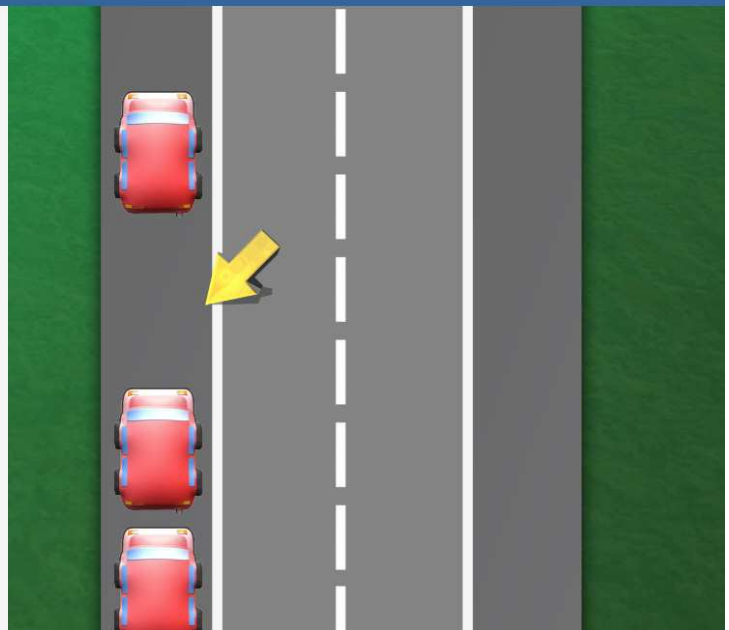


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Here we see a range of red cars parked horizontally by the road.

We are going to use the **Parallel Parking** technique to park a blue car in between two red cars.

Let's have a look at how it is done before we break it down.

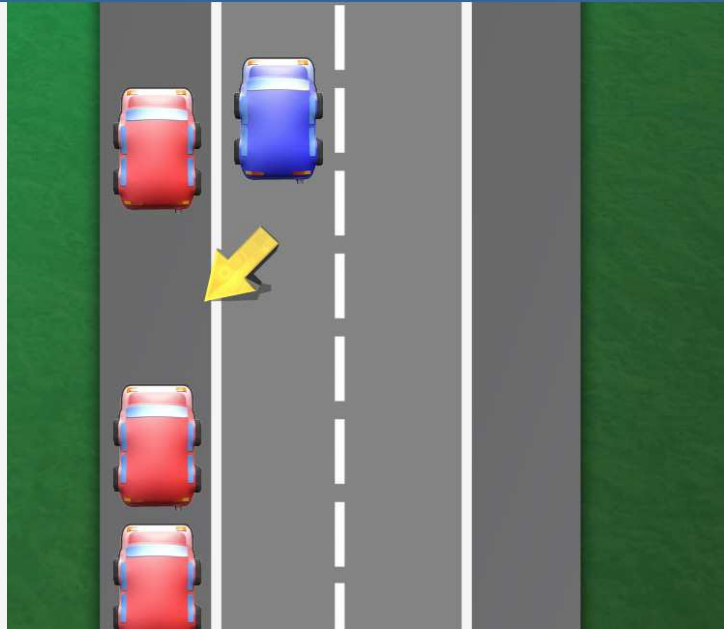


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Watch as the blue car performs the **Parallel Parking** technique.

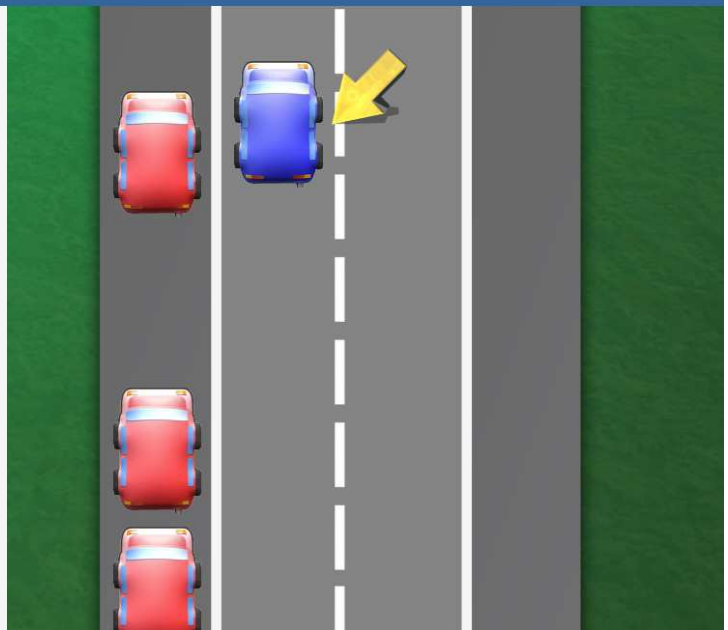
After that, we'll break it down step by step and have a look.



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Step one involves selecting a spot to park. Use your judgement to determine if there is enough room to park your car in between two others.

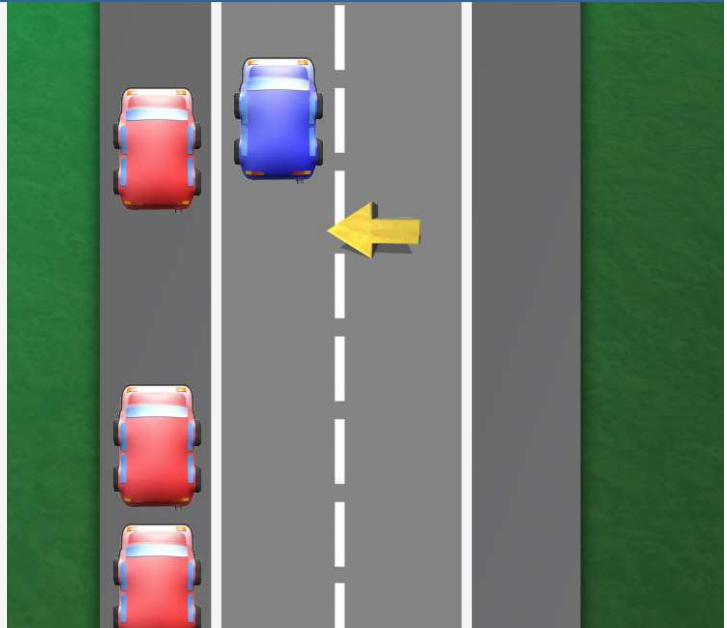
Next, drive just past the spot you want to park in, with your left blinker on so that everyone knows what you are about to do. Ensure you stay parallel to the other cars.



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After pausing and taking a good look to confirm there are no obstacles, put your car into reverse gear, turn the wheel to the left slightly, aim the car into the parking spot, and start reversing slowly.

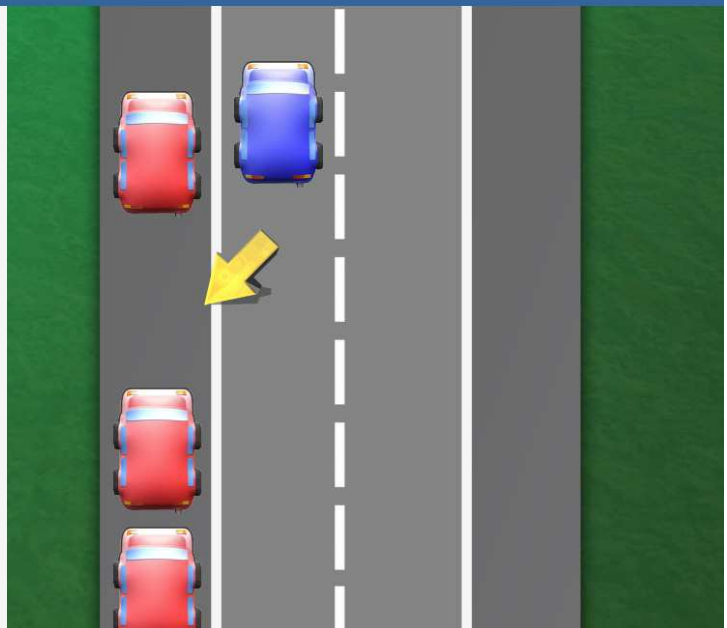


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After your car reaches an angle of about 45 degrees, start straightening out the wheel and continue to go slowly backwards.

Continue until you are parallel once more with the other cars.

If you are getting too close to the car behind you, pause, and go forwards again, this time turning the wheel slightly to the left. You can go backwards and forwards a few times to adjust your position.

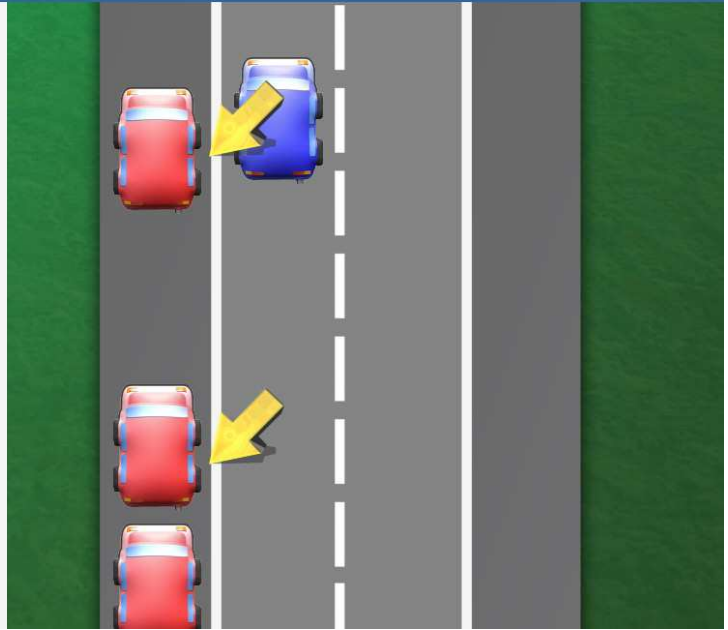


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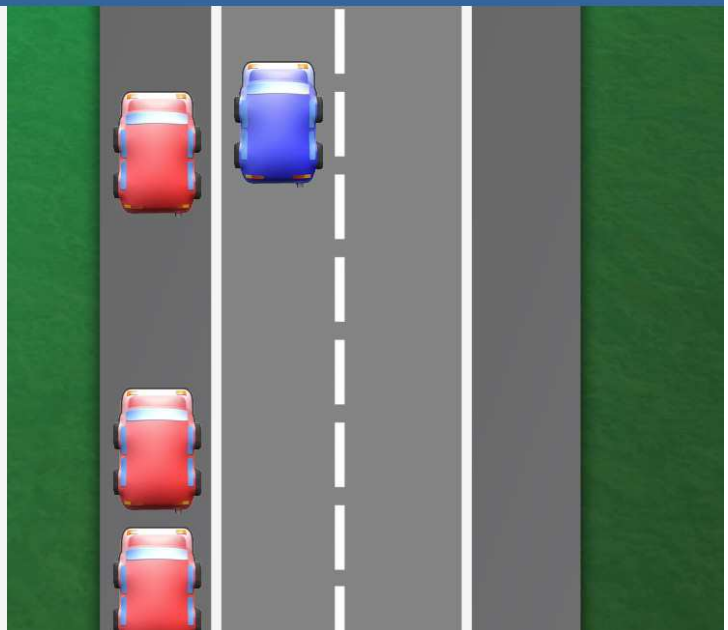
If during the parking process your wheel hits the kerb or gutter, go forwards out of the spot and start again.

Ensure that your car is centrally located between the cars around you, or within any perpendicular lines that may be marked in the parking area.



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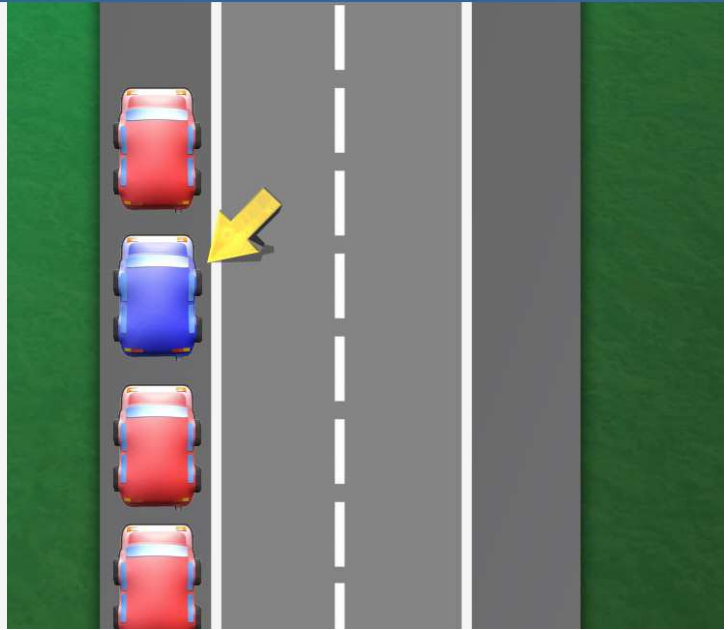
Here is how it looks once more in one fluid motion.



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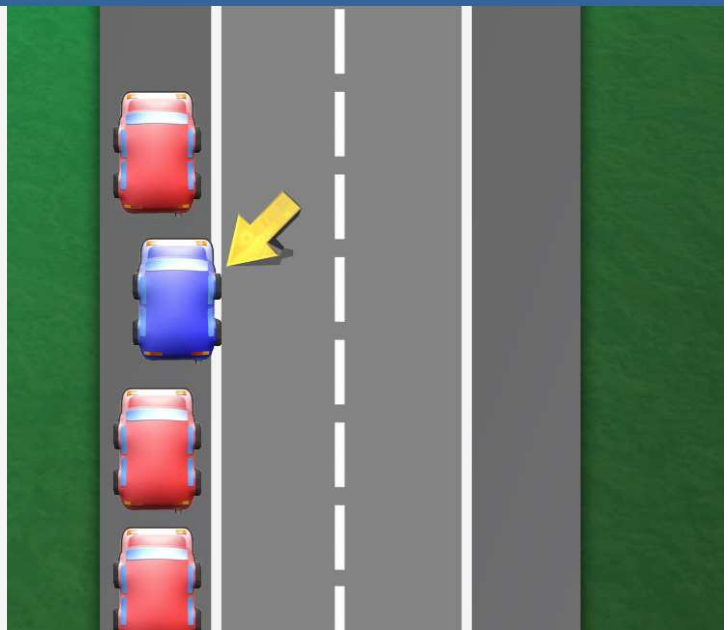
Note the finishing position of the parallel park. The car is parallel to and close to the gutter, the road, and the other cars.



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If you end up too far from the gutter, it may be a little dangerous to other traffic.

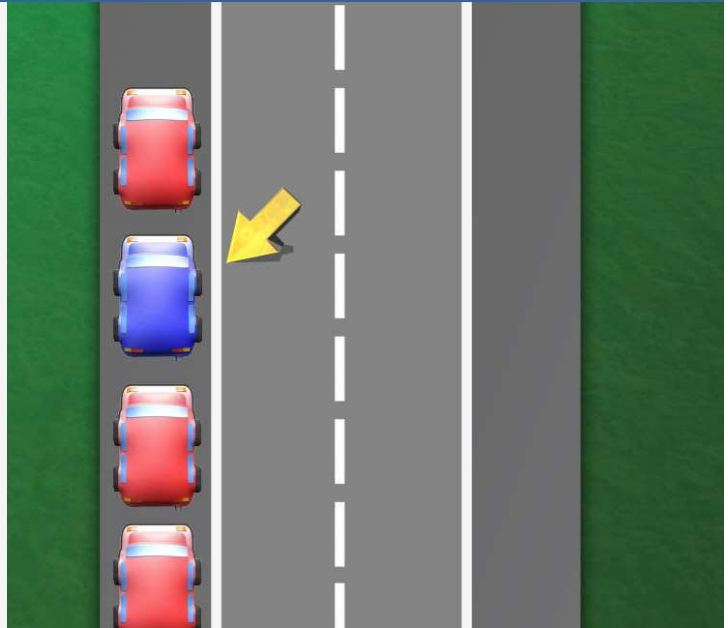
Once your park is complete - and certainly while you are learning, hop out of the car and ensure you are not too far away from the kerb. If you are, take the car out of the spot and start the Parallel Parking process again.



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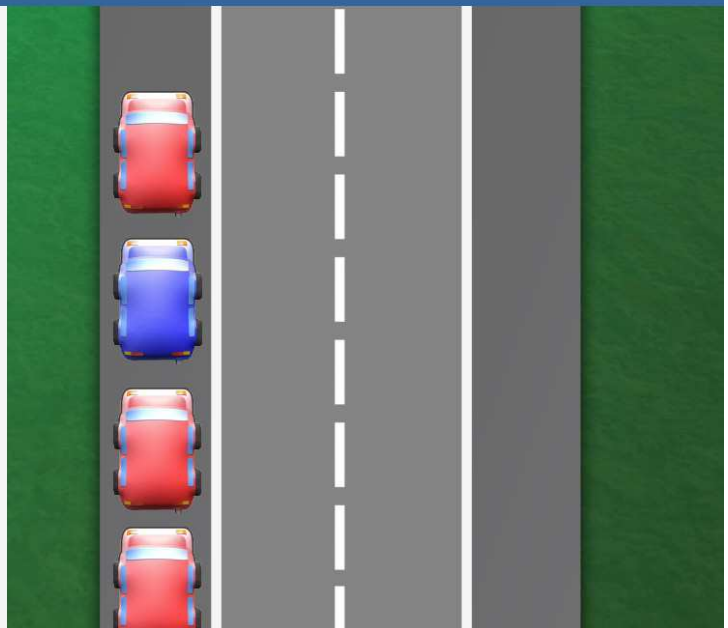
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If your car ends up not being parallel, this too could be dangerous, and you should start the **Parallel Park** process all over again.



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When parked on the side of the road like this, don't leave the car until you've checked all street signs relating to parking. You may need to use a parking meter, or be limited to a certain amount of parking time, or perhaps not allowed to park at all.



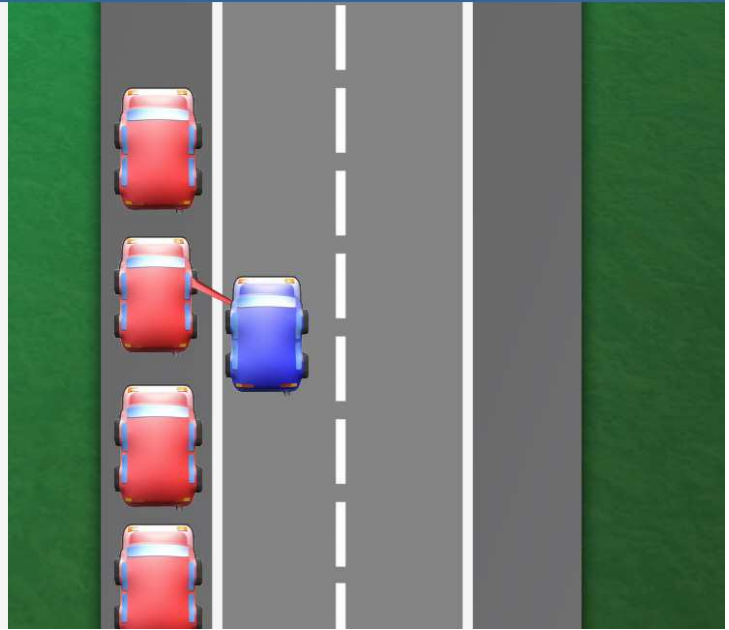
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Watch Your Doors. When parked on the side of the road, like these red cars, you must be very careful opening doors that face the traffic.

An unexpected door opening onto the road could cause an accident, or have serious repercussions for a cyclist, who may be riding close to the parked cars.

If you open a door and it causes an accident, it is likely to be your fault, so please take a good look before opening doors in this situation.



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SUMMARY

In this lesson, we discussed **Parallel Parking**. This included:

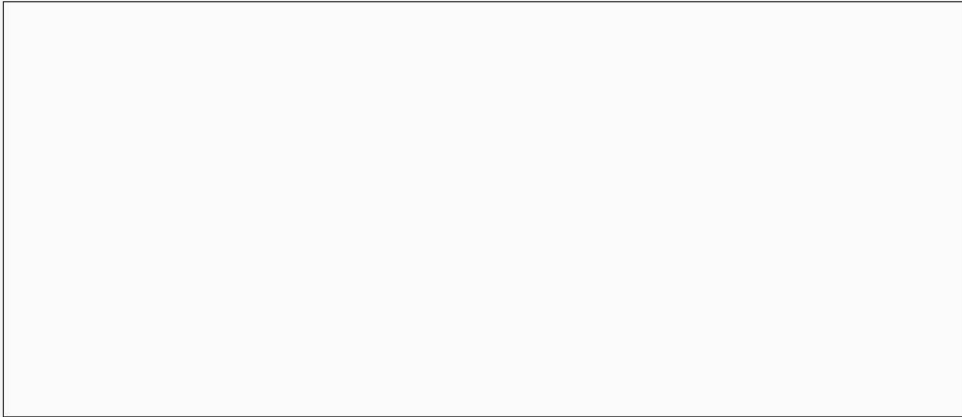
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- Parking Between Cars.
- Example Parallel Park.
- Steps to Parallel Park.
- Park Centrally.
- Stay Parallel to the Gutter.
- Park Close to the Gutter.
- Remain Parallel.

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Signature. It is very important that you use the mouse, or touch, to *sign* the form below. This helps us record your progress accurately.



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