

26. Turn-in-the-road

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This manoeuvre is sometimes called the three-point-turn but this term is a little misleading. The turn doesn't have to be completed in three movements although there are three important points to remember - you must use effective observation, keep the car under control and be reasonably accurate.

The number of moves required to complete the manoeuvre will depend upon the size and steering capabilities of your car, the width of the road and your driving skills.

You may be required to do this manoeuvre as part of your driving test; however, the main reason for learning the turn-in-the-road is to equip you with the skills you will need in car parks, garages, tight driveways, petrol stations, etc., after you have passed your test.

The turn-in-the-road uses some of the driving skills that you have already mastered:

- Angle start
- Clutch control
- Uphill start
- Observation skills
- Reversing skills
- Right turn skills
- Skills for dealing with other traffic
- Reasonable manoeuvring accuracy

While completing this manoeuvre you must be aware of the movement of other traffic, cyclists and pedestrians at all times, which means constant all-around **observation**.

If other vehicles approach during the turn you should make eye-contact with the driver (your instructor will explain this in detail) and be prepared to give way. **Control**, as with all slow-speed manoeuvres, will be accomplished by careful clutch control. **Accuracy** can be achieved by brisk steering; keep the car moving slowly but turn the steering wheel quickly.



Lesson Notes:

