



Parallel Parking Steps 101

1. Signal your intention to park;
2. Check parking space you're wanting to park in by aligning vehicle next to adjacent space. If there is adequate space (2-3 ft. away), proceed to next step.
3. Keep eyes moving forward and side of parking space.
4. Pull forward to align your rear bumper with the adjacent automobile and stop. **(Doesn't have to be perfect)**
5. Check traffic, back slowly and turn wheel completely to right and hold, looking at the rear bumper.
6. Back slowly until the passenger side doorpost is even with the other vehicles rear bumper or you can see down the rear bumper. **(Remember this should be 40 to 45 degrees, to great an angle will result in reaching the curb and the nose of the vehicle not being able to swing into the curb.)**
7. Straighten steering wheel **(You must turn the wheel about 1 & ½ times to the left).**
8. Back slowly using the passenger side mirror until the curb disappears or front of your car will clear the rear bumper of the car in front of you. Or **(Front right window post is equal to side of adjacent car)**
9. Turn steering wheel completely to the left and hold.
10. Back slowly as car swings front end towards the curb and stop when parallel to the curb.
11. Straighten wheels **(You must turn the wheel about 1 & ½ times to straighten).**
12. Pull forward or backwards in the space to equalize the distance in the space **(Driver should try to see the tires of the car in front meet the pavement.) or (3 to 4 feet from the rear bumper of the car in front).**

This will keep others from parking behind and keeping you from being able to leave your parking spot.