Wolverhampton Advanced Motorists Group

Registered Charity Number 249002



ADVANCED DRIVING

BEING A THINKING MOTORIST

THEORY SESSION 2

Wolverhampton Group Structure

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President

Committee

Chair

Secretary

Treasurer

Chief Observer

Others

Observers

Group Members

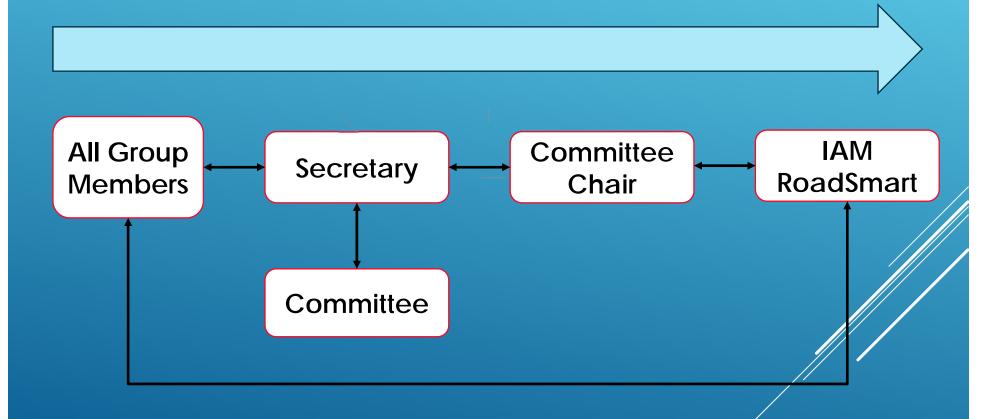
IAM RoadSmart Fee Structure



- Your first year is fully covered by the "Joining Fee" paid to IAM RoadSmart
- There are two parts to subsequent years fees:
 - IAM RoadSmart (Paid to Welwyn Garden City)
 - Group Fee (Paid to Wolverhampton Group)

Complaints Route





Complaints Process

Contact Us

Thank you your interest in driving and road safety locally and nationwide by accessing our group website. You can contact us by phoning or emailing our group using the detail below – or – why not use the Events Diary option on this website and come to meet us in person at our meeting location. You will be made very welcome. All emails, phone calls/voice messages received will be responded back to you as soon as possible but please bear with us, all of our Group Officers are volunteers. We do always strive to get back to any query within twenty four hours however so if you haven't heard from us within that time please give us a nudge.



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Advanced Driving



Substituting any Bad Habits with

Safer Driving Habits
Systematic Driving Habits
Smoother Driving Habits

Advanced Driving Test



Safety

System

Observation

Anticipation

Planning

Positioning

Hazard Management

Eco Driving

Vehicle Sympathy

Gear Changing

Use of Gearbox

Acceleration Sense

Braking

Steering

Mirrors/Rear Observation

Signals

Cornering

Overtaking

Restraint

Progress

Smoothness

Human Factors/Concentration

Courtesy

Legality

Slow Manoeuvring

Knowledge

Spoken Thoughts

Everything Rated 1 – 3 where 1 is Excellent; 2 is Satisfactory and 3 is Requires Development

Safety



There are no compromises allowed here!

All drives must be based on safety through the use of the system, good observation and car control at all times

The System



INFORMATION

POSITION

SPEED

GEAR

ACCELERATE

Each phase is considered or executed in this sequence, each time, every time a HAZARD is encountered

"HAZARD"

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is anything containing an **actual** or **potential** element of danger (i.e. a situation which could lead to an accident of some sort)

- 1) Things that are always there
 - · Bends, junctions, hump back bridges, etc
- 2) Things that just happen to be there when you are
 - · Joggers or horses in the road
 - Badly parked white van
 - · Children playing by the kerb

Whenever you see a HAZARD, apply THE SYSTEM

What Else?

Eco Driving



Care and Control at all Times

Your drive should be smooth and controlled and by virtue of forward planning there should be no need for jerky or sudden actions. "Getting on" and "Making Good Progress" are however important

Gear Changing/Use of Gearbox



Gearbox Must be Used as Appropriate to the Conditions and Requirements

Gears should always be selected according to the road conditions, the speed of the vehicle and the hazard being managed. Gear changes should be smooth allowing for progressive acceleration and deceleration

Gear Changing/Use of Gearbox





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Preferred methodology but not now a requirement



Steering Must Always be Smooth and Under Control

Forward observation will allow for steering to be planned, albeit subconsciously. Pull – Push steering is no longer mandated but is recognized as being the best option if it can be adopted. Firm control is important and bad practices MUST be avoided!





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A Smooth Approach to Steering is Important













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10 to 2 But **The Right Hold**





Accident and Emergency is not a Good Place to be!

Click to Reveal Picture Beware

Mirrors and Rear Observation



Vision Should at all Times be as Near 360° Using All Mirrors and Movement

Mirrors should be checked frequently ensuring that you know what is around your vehicle at all times. This is especially important before undertaking any change of direction or when moving from stationary

Signals



Signals Should be Clear and Unambiguous

The maxim "Take – Use – Give" should always be employed. Ensure that any signals that you give are clear and understood, be those through the use of indicators, by hand signals, by becoming stationary or by your road position

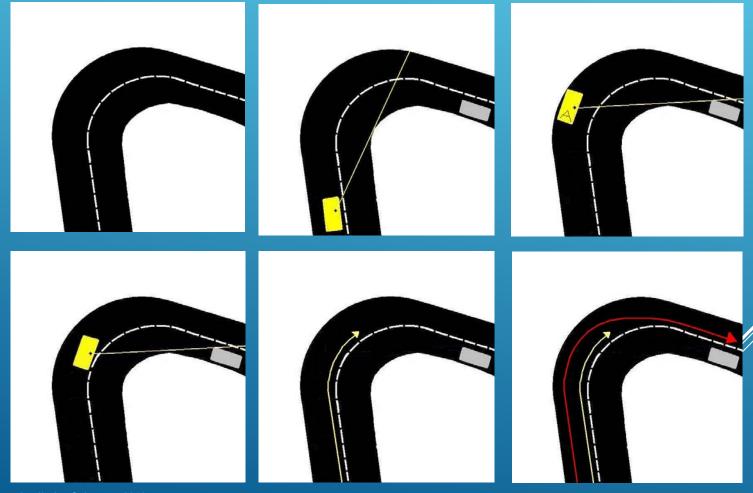
DO NOT automatically accept the signals that you see others giving



Cornering Should be Smooth and Undertaken at an Appropriate Speed

All corners must be approached at a speed appropriate to that corner, road conditions and other traffic. If approached correctly, in the right gear, (IPSGA) and at the right speed to ensure that you could safely stop if necessary then cornering should be smooth and progressive with little fuss or uncertainty









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Move to the close position

Establish whether you have sufficient speed over the vehicle you are overtaking – speed limit!

Look either side of vehicle, check mirrors and indicate before starting the overtake

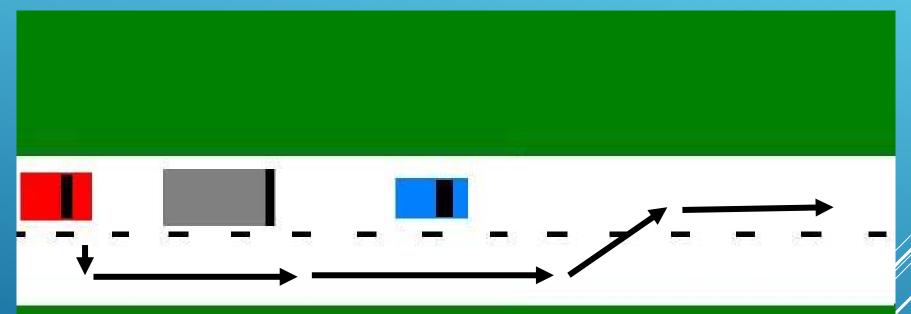
Move out positively if safe to do so, continue indicating

Look for a fall-back manoeuver should it be required

Accelerate in a straight line, continue indicating

When past the vehicle being overtaken, check mirrors and indicate before starting to move back to your lane.





The natural progress of an overtaking manoeuver





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Caution and Maintenance of a Fall Back Position

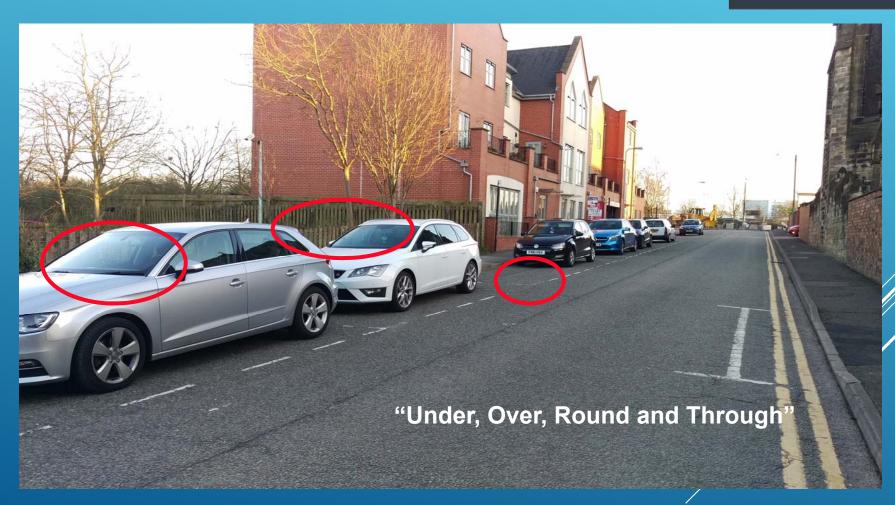


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Coffee Break

Restraint Progress Smoothness and Courtesy



Not Contradictory Expectations

Any drive should be consistent with road conditions and traffic density, progress should be made safely and positively

No action should be undertaken which could be seen as aggressive or forceful though, as an Advanced Driver, actions which are authoritative are acceptable

All actions undertaken should be smooth, invoking a understanding of control

Tailgating





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Tailgating and the Two Second Rule





Always be Aware of the Effects Your Own wellbeing has on a Drive

It is key that prior to any drive, whether to the shops a few miles away or on a major trek of many hundreds of miles that consideration is given to all the human factors that your own condition brings to the safety of that drive. Are you alert or fatigued, are you taking medication of any sort, are your eyesight, hearing, mobility and reactions all acceptable?

Plan stops on lengthy journeys, plan for the worst – always!

Legality and Knowledge



NO compromises in this matter ALL drives must be undertaken within the applicable laws

If in any doubt err on the side of safety, for example if you don't know the speed limit on a given road, default to the lowest likely speed

Manoeuvring



You may be asked to demonstrate your capability to complete any or all of the following

Perpendicular Parking
Parallel Parking Offside
Parallel Parking Nearside
Reversing Under Control Parallel to the Kerb

Manoeuvring



Parallel Parking (Either Side)
Use all mirrors, check bonnet, maintain flow,
move under control

Reversing Around a Corner Check bonnet, use all mirrors and rear window, move steadily under control

Perpendicular Parking
Check bonnet, use all mirrors and rear window,
move steadily under control

Spoken Thoughts



This is not a Necessity – unless you are aiming for a F1rst

Spoken Thought, commentary, is a challenge for many at first but, once understood can often improve concentration and is a skill to be proud of.

Expectations
Advanced Driver
Masters Driver
Group or National Observer

Spoken Thoughts





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Practice
Makes
Perfect but
Simply
Calling Out
"What You
See" is the
Key



Indicate each time you change lane
Employ the Two Second Rule at all times
Continuous use of mirrors
Remember the speed you are travelling at. When doing 70 mph that is 110 feet per second
Overtake as for a two way roads
Never drive when fatigued





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What colour cats eyes are you going to find on a motorway and where would you find them?

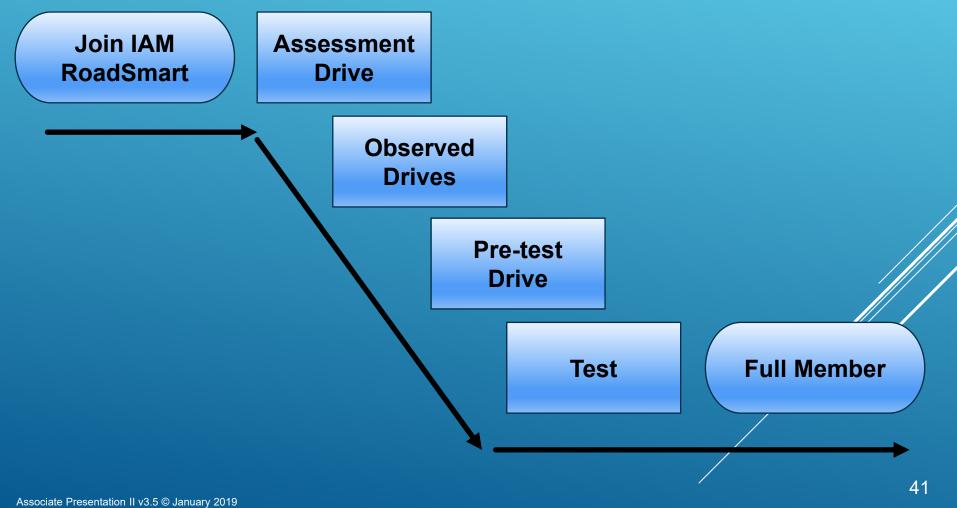




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Progress and Process





Progress and Process The Test



Associate and empathize with the Examiner

Describe your vehicle, (include driving aids)

Be confident and enjoy the drive

Use IPSGA throughout the drive

Be clear about your actions and be willing to substantiate them if asked

If you make an error then own up to it immediately, if necessary come to a safe stop and describe the issue. The test will last around 1½ hours including the debrief

A Final Thought



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Ensure Your
Actions
Cannot be
Misunderstood

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Any Additional Questions or Thoughts?