

Purpose: To turn the vehicle around to face the opposite direction using a side road on the right. This manoeuvre should only be considered if you can't see through the rear window or when there is no other safer means of turning the vehicle around.

Location: Check that the location to carry out the manoeuvre is safe, legal and convenient.

Key points:

Observation: Look mainly in the direction of travel. Look-out for other road users (including pedestrians) throughout the manoeuvre. Remember you are on the wrong side of the road in the path of oncoming traffic.

Control: Keep to a slow 'old man's walking pace' using clutch control. This gives you time to make effective observations and maintain accuracy.

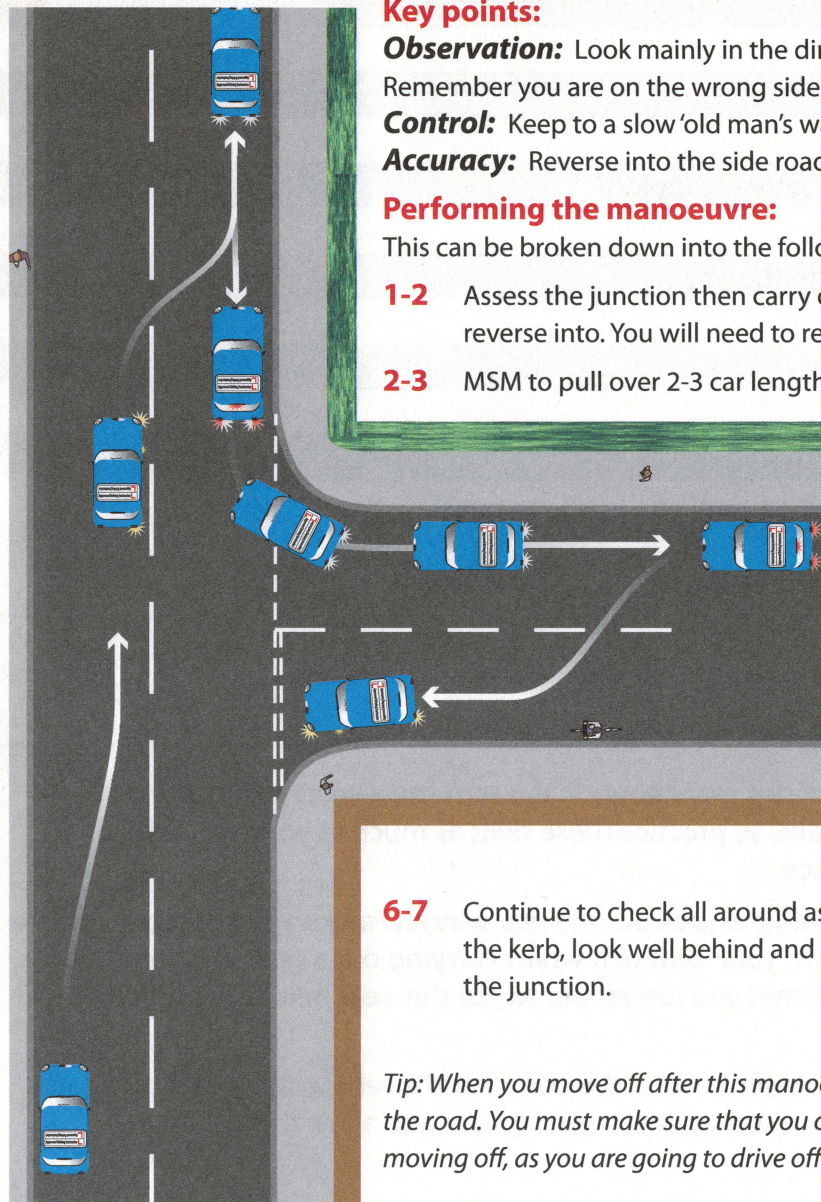
Accuracy: Reverse into the side road to the right and straight back for some distance keeping reasonably close to the kerb throughout.

Performing the manoeuvre:

This can be broken down into the following steps (illustrated left):

- 1-2** Assess the junction then carry out normal observations before moving off. As you are passing the side road check it is clear for you to reverse into. You will need to reverse back about 5 hazard lines from the junction.
- 2-3** MSM to pull over 2-3 car lengths past the junction and about $\frac{1}{2}$ a metre from the kerb. The sharper the corner the further from the kerb you will need to be. Secure the car and select reverse, this signals your intention to others.
- 3-4** Check all round, then looking out the rear window start to reverse if safe to do so. Keep glancing around for other road users. When your rear wheel reaches the point at which the kerb starts to bend (this is the 'point of turn') pause and check all round for other road users. These observations are vital as during the next step the front of the car will swing out into the road.
- 4-5** When safe start to move and steer maintaining the same distance from the kerb. Look mainly in the direction of travel, over the right shoulder, but keep checking for other road users as you go.
- 5-6** Make final observations into the major road then as the kerb moves into view in the rear window bring your steering straight and glance into your offside mirror to check you are parallel with and a safe distance from the kerb.
- 6-7** Continue to check all around as you reverse. Maintaining the same gap from the kerb, look well behind and keep reversing until you are a safe distance from the junction.

Tip: When you move off after this manoeuvre you are moving away from the wrong side of the road. You must make sure that you check ahead and into your left blind spot just before moving off, as you are going to drive off in that direction.



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