



**Purpose:** Slip roads provide you with entry and exit points to a motorway or dual carriageway. These normally join the main carriageway from the left.

## When joining a motorway/dual carriageway you should:

- assess the speed of traffic on the main carriageway on approach
- adjust your speed to match that of the traffic on the main carriageway before joining it
- not cross the solid white lines that separate the lanes
- use the MSM/PSL routine, indicating your intention to join the carriageway in good time
- give priority to traffic on the main carriageway. Do not force your way into the traffic flow
- merge with traffic in the left-hand lane where there is a suitable safe gap
- stay in the slip road if it continues as an extra lane on the main carriageway
- keep in the left-hand lane until you have adjusted to the speed of the traffic and properly assessed the carriageway before considering overtaking

## When leaving a motorway/dual carriageway you should:

- plan well ahead looking for signs informing you of your exit
- move into the left-hand lane well before your exit. Do not cut across lanes straight into the slip road or move to the left more than one lane at a time
- use your MSM/PSL routine and signal in good time
- reduce your speed on the slip road as necessary

## Other vehicles joining a motorway/dual carriageway

- After passing an exit, there is usually an entrance so you should be aware of other vehicles joining
- Look well ahead to assess their position and speed - be prepared to adjust your speed if necessary
- Do not try to race for position ahead of the vehicles
- If safe to do so you should move to another lane to allow merging traffic easier access to the carriageway

*Tip: When exiting, start your MSM/PSL routine at the 300 yard (270 metres) countdown marker. This shows your intention in good time.*

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