Basic Control Skills Test Requirements

The basic vehicle control skills test consists of a series of off-road exercises. Scoring will be based on the following standards:

Encroachments: You are penalized each time your vehicle touches an exercise boundary. **Each encroachment counts as an error.**

Repositioning: You will be penalized each time you reposition your vehicle to correct your path of travel. For example, in a backing maneuver, a reposition point is assessed each time you adjust your vehicle forward. Likewise, in a forward maneuver, a reposition point is assessed each time you adjust your vehicle backwards. **Each reposition will count as an error.**

Final position: The examiner will assess how your vehicle finishes each exercise within the exercise boundaries.

At the end of the basic control skills exercises, the examiner will add your total cumulative points. To pass this segment and continue with the on-road driving test, you must complete the basic control skills test with six errors or less.

The three required exercises you must perform in the Basic Control Skills test are outlined below in figures 1-3.

Figure 1: Forward Stop Line

You will drive forward and stop your vehicle with your front bumper within 2 feet of the "stop line" without touching or going past the stop line. You can't lean out the window to see better. You will be scored on the final position of your vehicle relative to the stop line.

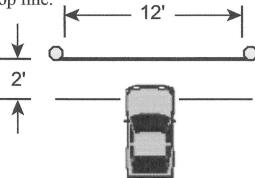


Figure 2: Curved path backing - sight side (Y-turn)

You will back your vehicle from a 90-degree angle into a simulated driveway. Try to back into the space without touching or crossing over either side boundary (excluding mirrors). Try to finish the exercise with the rear bumper (farthest most point) of your vehicle within 2 feet of the rear boundary, not on or over the solid line between the cones. The vehicle don't have to be evenly centered.



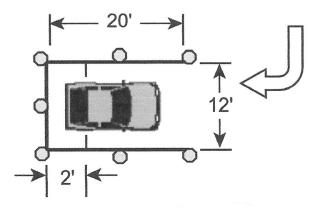


Figure 3: Curved path backing - blind side (parallel parking)

You will drive by the entrance of a parking space located on the passenger side of your vehicle. You will then back your vehicle into the space. The size of the space is determined by adding 6 feet to the length of your vehicle. You must try to finish the exercise with your vehicle positioned completely within the parking space. Your vehicle **doesn't** have to be evenly centered within the front and back boundary lines. When backing, try to perform the maneuver without touching or crossing over any boundary lines or repositioning your vehicle.

