

Section 12

Basic Vehicle Control Skills Test

This Section Covers

- **Skills Test Exercises**
- **Skills Test Scoring**

Your basic control skills could be tested using one or more of the following exercises off-road or somewhere on the street during the road test:

- Straight line backing.
- Offset back/right
- Offset back/left
- Parallel park (driver side).
- Parallel park (conventional).
- Alley dock.

These exercises are shown in Figures 12-1 through 12-6.

12.1 SCORING

- Crossing Boundaries (encroachments)
- Pull-ups
- Vehicle Exits

The examiner will score the number of times you touch or cross over an exercise boundary line with any portion of your vehicle. Each encroachment will count as an error.

You will not be penalized for initial pull-ups or for safely stopping and exiting the vehicle to check the external position of the vehicle. However, an excessive number of pull-ups, exits, or encroachments will result in automatic failure of the basic skills test.

It is important that you finish each exercise exactly as the examiner has instructed you. If you don't maneuver the vehicle into its final position as described by the examiner, you will be penalized and could fail the basic skills test.

12.2 EXERCISES

12.2.1 – Straight Line Backing

You may be asked to back your vehicle in a straight line between two rows of cones without

touching or crossing over the exercise boundaries. (See Figure 12.1.)

12.2.2 – Offset Back/Right

You may be asked to back into a space that is to the right rear of your vehicle. You are to back into that space without striking the side or rear boundaries marked by cones. You must place your vehicle completely into the space. (See Figure 12.2)

12.2.3 – Offset Back/Left

You may be asked to back into a space that is to the left rear of your vehicle. You are to back into that space without striking the side or rear boundaries marked by cones. You must place your vehicle completely into the space. (See Figure 12.3)

12.2.4 – Parallel Park (Driver Side)

You may be asked to park in a parallel parking space that is on your left. You are to drive past the parking space and back into it bringing the rear of your vehicle as close as possible to the rear of the space without crossing side or rear boundaries marked by cones. You are to try to get your vehicle (or trailer, if combination vehicle) completely into the space. (See Figure 12.4)

12.2.5 – Parallel Park (Conventional)

You may be asked to park in a parallel parking space that is on your right. You are to drive past the parking space and back into it bringing the rear of your vehicle as close as possible to the rear of the space without crossing side or rear boundaries marked by cones. You are to try to get your vehicle (or trailer, if combination vehicle) completely into the space. (See Figure 12.5)

12.2.6 – Alley Dock

You may be asked to sight-side back your vehicle into an alley, bringing the rear of your vehicle as close as possible to the rear of the alley without going beyond the exercise boundary marked by a line or row of cones. (See Figure 12.6.)

Figure 12.1: Straight Line Backing

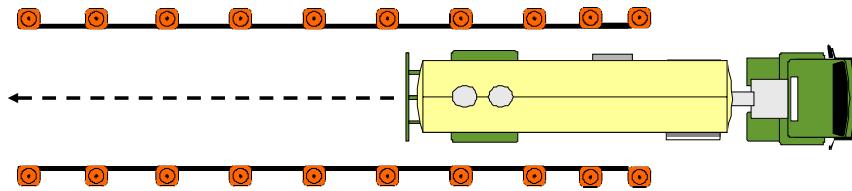


Figure 12.1

Figure 12.2: Offset Back/Right

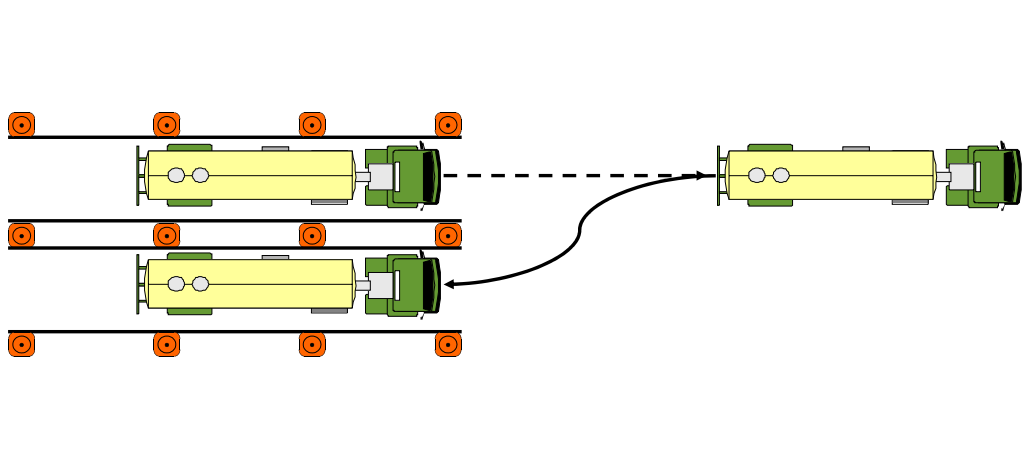


Figure 12.2

Figure 12.3: Offset Back/Left

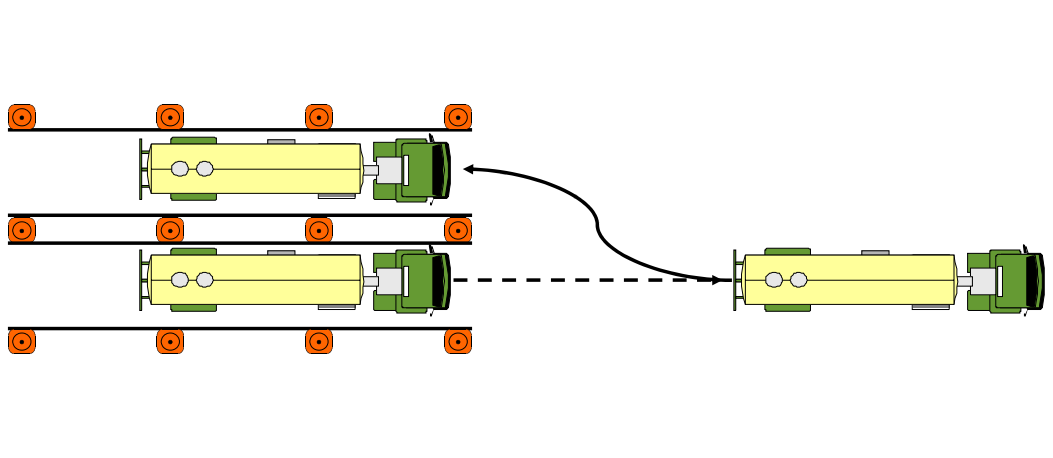


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Figure 12.4: Parallel Park (Driver Side)

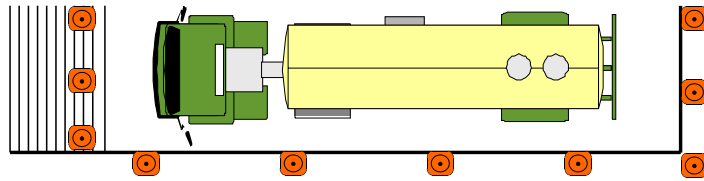


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Figure 12.5: Parallel Park (Conventional)

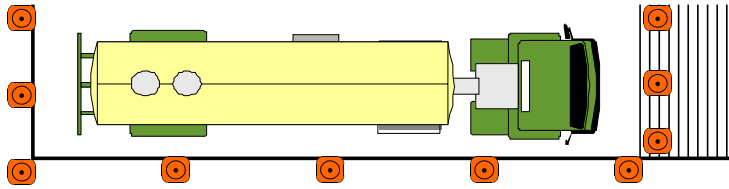


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Figure 12.6: Alley Dock

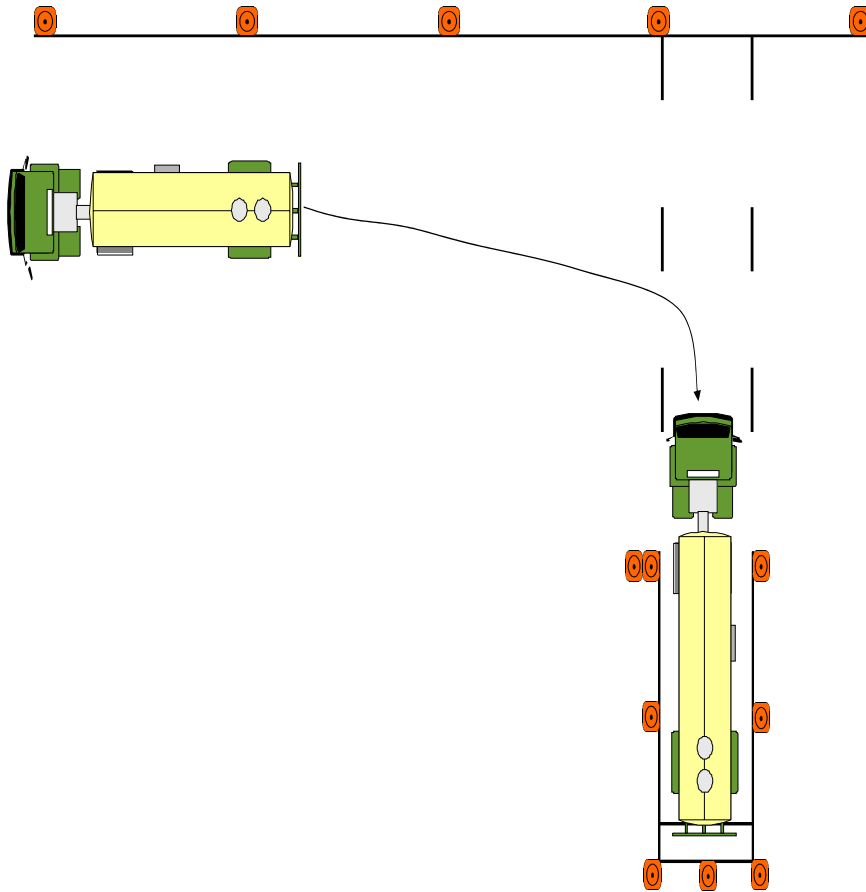


Figure 12.6