

TONY BARDEN SCHOOL OF MOTORING

THE COCKPIT DRILL

Objectives;

1. To be able to carry out the cockpit drill on entering the car.
2. To be able to take the necessary precautions before starting or re-starting the car.

Every time you enter the car;

- D --- DOOR** --- make sure they are closed properly!
- S --- SEAT** --- make sure you adjust it to suit you!
- S --- STEERING WHEEL** --- make sure you can reach all the controls comfortably!
- S --- SEATBELT** --- Put it on!
- M --- MIRRORS** --- adjust to get a complete view of conditions behind!

Remember carry out the cockpit drill each time you enter the car.

Before starting or re-starting the car;

1. Check the **handbrake is on.**
2. Check the **gearlever is in neutral.**

Note; There may be occasions when it would be **safer to restart the car when it is still in gear;**
(The car may have cut out at traffic lights or a busy junction)

1. Leave the gear in first.
2. Press and keep the clutch down.
3. Use the footbrake/handbrake as required.
4. Turn the key.

TEST YOURSELF

mark one answer

Q1. Items to be checked when entering the car;

- A. Seat, mirrors, seatbelt.
- B. Door, seat, steering wheel, mirrors, seatbelt.
- C. Door, seat, steering wheel, seatbelt, mirrors.

Q2. Before starting the car ensure that ;

- A. The handbrake is on and the gearlever is in neutral.
- B. The gearlever is in neutral and the handbrake is on.
- C. The gearlever is in neutral and the handbrake is released.

Q3. If you start the car with the gearlever in first gear and the clutch not pressed down;

- A. The car will not start.
- B. The car will jump forward.
- C. The car will start as normal.

Q4. To re-start the car in an emergency (the car may have cut out at the traffic lights or a busy junction)

- A. Apply the handbrake and select neutral.
- B. Start the car in gear with the clutch down.
- C. Start the car in gear with the clutch up.

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