

TONY BARDEN SCHOOL OF MOTORING

STEERING

OBJECTIVES;

1. To be able to steer the car using the *pull/push* method.
2. To be able to follow the *safety line* for normal driving.

Main points;

1. Relax your shoulders and hold the steering wheel at either the “**Ten to two**” position or the “**Quarter to three**” position.
2. When turning the wheel, you should feed it through your hands using the “*pull/push*” method. You should avoid crossing your hands, following past the twelve o clock position with either hand, or letting the steering wheel spin back by itself after a turn.
3. If a lot of steering is needed, you should consider slowing down, as this will give you more time to turn the wheel.
4. Always look at where you want your car to go, **not** at what you do not want to hit!
5. You should keep the car in the safest position possible. This is normally about **three feet** from any object on your left, (provided you have three feet of clearance on your right). This is called your *safety position*, however, when you are moving, this becomes your *safety line*. There will be times when you can't give three feet of clearance, so you should reduce your speed to compensate for this.

THREE QUESTIONS TO ASK YOURSELF

1. Is my position allright?
2. Where do I want to go?
3. Do I need to turn the steering wheel much?

TEST YOURSELF

Q1. Hold the steering wheel at;

- a) The *ten to two* position.
- b) The *quarter to three* position.
- c) Either of the above positions.

Q2. When turning the wheel;

- a) Cross your hands.
- b) Use the *pull/push* method.
- c) Follow through past twelve o clock with either hand.

Q3. When steering, you should be looking;

- a) Where you want to go.
- b) At what you do not want to hit.
- c) Just past the bonnet of the car.

Q4. The safety position is;

- a) One foot from any object on your left.
- b) Two feet from any object on your left.
- c) Three feet from any object on your left.

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