

TONY BARDEN SCHOOL OF MOTORING

TURNABOUT

(3 POINT TURN)

1. Begin the manoeuvre by preparing the car, i.e. select first gear, set the gas, and get the holding point. Then **check completely around the car**, signal if necessary, and if safe, move away slowly using clutch control while turning the steering wheel **quickly** to the right. Try to get the **full steering lock on as quickly as possible**. As the car moves across the road, check all around, and as you get within two or three feet of the far kerb, start to apply opposite lock to the **left while you are still moving**. Often the clutch can remain on the floor during this time to roll the car gently towards the kerb. Stop before hitting the kerb, or the overhang gets too close to pedestrians, trees, poles etc. Apply the handbrake if necessary, and then select reverse gear.

2. Prepare the car before checking completely around. When it is safe, begin to reverse slowly using clutch control while turning the steering wheel to the left. As you reverse back, you should be looking over your **left shoulder** out the back window. However, you should also continue checking the other areas as well. As you get within two or three feet of the kerb, you should turn the steering wheel to the right while you are moving, and change your look to the **right shoulder**. Stop before hitting the kerb, or the overhang gets too close to pedestrians, trees, poles etc. Apply the handbrake if necessary, and select first gear.

3. Prepare the car before checking completely around. Signal to the right if necessary, and when it is safe, use clutch control to keep the speed low while turning the steering wheel **quickly to the right**. Maintain continuous observation as you drive forward to complete the manoeuvre.

Note; It may be necessary to reverse back again and then drive forward once more to complete the turn. Remember the key to success on this manoeuvre is: **Slow car, fast steering, and complete observation!**

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