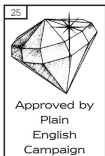


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## ABOUT THE DRIVING STANDARDS AGENCY

The Driving Standards Agency (DSA) is an executive agency of the Department for Transport, Local Government and the Regions.

You'll see its logo at test centres.



The aim of DSA is to promote road safety through the advancement of driving standards:

- establishing and developing high standards and best practice in driving and riding on the road; before people start to drive, as they learn, and after they pass their test
- ensuring high standards of instruction for different types of driver and rider
- conducting the statutory theory and practical tests efficiently, fairly and consistently across the country
- providing a centre of excellence for driver training and driving standards
- developing a range of publications and other publicity material designed to promote safe driving for life.

Driving Standards Agency recognises and values its customers. We will treat all our customers with respect, and deliver our services in an objective, polite and fair manner.

As a Trading Fund, we are required to cover our costs from the driving test fee. We do not have a quota for test passes or fails and if you demonstrate the standard required, you will pass your test.

### Useful Websites

**[www.dsa.gov.uk](http://www.dsa.gov.uk)**

**[www.direct.gov.uk/motoring](http://www.direct.gov.uk/motoring)**

**[www.dft.gov.uk](http://www.dft.gov.uk)**

**[www.dvni.gov.uk](http://www.dvni.gov.uk) (Northern Ireland)**



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You may be planning to drive a tractor or other specialist vehicle occasionally, or you may do so regularly as part of your job. This book is for the driver who needs to take a driving test using a specialist or unusual vehicle. These include three wheeled cars and trikes (category B1), agricultural tractors (category F), road rollers (category G), track laying vehicles (category H) and mowing machines or pedestrian-controlled vehicles (category K).

The purpose of the test is to determine whether you can drive safely and demonstrate basic road safety procedures. It's vitally important to develop the correct attitude towards driving, showing responsibility and consideration to other road users. Only those who can do this will earn the right to drive without L-plates (or D-plates in Wales).

The instruction you receive before the test is the foundation for gaining further skills and experience. It's important that you understand the principles of what you've learned and put them into practice. By passing your test you'll prove that you can drive safely, but the test is just one stage in your driving career. You shouldn't assume that if you pass your test you're a good driver with nothing more to learn.

During your practical test your examiner will want to see you driving to the standards explained in this book. Those standards are given here in an easy-to-read style with illustrations and guidance for these specialist vehicles. However, driving is never predictable. Road conditions or circumstances coupled with the unusual characteristics of these vehicles will demand that you are able to assess any situation and apply the guidance given in this book. Make sure that your aim is *Safe Driving for Life*.



**Trevor Wedge**

Chief Driving Examiner and  
Director of Safer Driving

### **This book will help you to**

- learn to drive competently
- prepare and help you to pass your practical driving test.

**Part One** looks at your driving licence, the types of vehicles you may want to learn to drive, how to prepare yourself and apply for your driving test, and what you'll need to bring with you on your test.

**Part Two** looks at the driving test itself, what your examiner will be looking for and the skills you'll need to show. It also gives advice on the techniques needed to drive specific types of vehicles during your test.

**Part Three** looks at what you'll need to do after your test. It also explains DSA's complaints and compensation codes.

**Part Four** looks at using the vehicle on the road.

**Part Five** lists useful addresses.

The information in this book should be read in conjunction with the general driving advice given in *The Highway Code* and *The Official DSA Guide to Driving - the essential skills*.

### **The important factors**

This book is only one of the important factors in your training.

The others are

- a good instructor
- plenty of practice
- your attitude.

You must manage your own learning.

Aim to be a confident and safe driver for life, not just to pass your test.

**Driving is a life skill.**

**Your test is just the beginning.**

## Study Materials

It's strongly recommended that you study a copy of *The Highway Code*. This is essential reading for all drivers. It contains the most up-to-date advice on road safety and the laws which apply to all road users. You can buy a copy from most booksellers.

*Know your Traffic Signs* contains most of the signs and road markings that you are likely to come across.

The DSA series of books will provide you with sound knowledge of driving skills and safe practices.

*The Official DSA Guide to Driving - the essential skills* is the official reference giving practical advice and best driving practice for all drivers.

*The Official DSA Theory Test for Car Drivers* includes all the questions and answers in the multiple choice part of the theory test and it explains why the answers are correct - lots of useful information. It now also includes *The Highway Code*. The questions are regularly updated, make sure that you have the latest version. If you're well prepared you won't find the questions difficult.

This information is also produced in CD-Rom format for those who prefer an interactive way of learning. In this format you can take as many mock tests as you like before you actually take your test.

*The Official DSA Guide to Hazard Perception* is an interactive DVD to help you prepare for the hazard perception parts of the theory test and practical tests.

It has clear guidance on how to recognise and respond to hazards and is packed with useful tips, quizzes and expert advice. It includes official hazard perception video clips with feedback on your performance. Alternatively it is available as a video and workbook based programme.

These training materials are available online at [www.direct.gov.uk/motoring](http://www.direct.gov.uk/motoring) or by mail order from 0870 241 4523. They are also available from all good bookshops and selected computer software retailers.