

# TRC11 School of Driving : Numbers

<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Where it applies</b>
1.6 mm (over centre $\frac{3}{4}$ )	Minimum legal tread depth on every tyre
100 m	Minimum distance visible ahead without legally driving with rear foglights
2 sec (4 sec)	Safe gap when following another car (double if wet) ... & know how to measure it !
A tyre width ( $\frac{1}{2}$ a drain)	Parking distance from the kerb
1.5 m	Distance from kerb or when passing a parked car (i.e. the Normal Driving Position)
1.6	
$\frac{1}{2}$ a car's length	Safe gap when waiting behind another car in a traffic queue
1 car's length	Starting position beyond a left-hand corner you're about to reverse around
1-2 car lengths	Distance behind parked car in which to complete the parallel park manoeuvre
2 car lengths	Distance from a "closed" (blind) T-junction at which to change down to 1st gear
3 (or 5) car lengths	Distance to drive into new road after reversing round a left- (or right-) hand corner
3-4 car lengths	Distance from T-junction to decide if view is "Open" or "Closed"
6-8 car lengths	Distance from a junction at which to signal Left or Right, if necessary
8-10 car lengths	Distance from a junction at which to check Centre and Left or Right door mirror
60 mph (70 mph)	National speed limit on single-carriageway (dual-carriageway)
200 yds (= 183 m)	Min. spacing of streetlamps to define 30 mph zone without need for repeat signs
3, and $\frac{1}{3}$	Number of lines from bay to reverse into, and where "line 3" is at point of turn
3-6 / second	Rate of assessments (of features/circumstances) or decision-making while driving
1-in-3	Chances of being asked to do a certain manoeuvre (or Controlled Stop) on the Test
6 sec	Maximum duration for holding car at the biting point
75% / 25%	When reversing, split between time observing through rear windscreen / around
80 / 15 / 5	Rough proportions of junctions safely navigated in Gear 2 / Gear 1 / Gear 3
$\frac{3}{4}$	Fraction of questions I ask, to which "check centre mirror" is the correct answer
75 / 20 / 5	Rough proportions of driving info that comes from seeing / hearing / feeling
30%	Fraction of folk who WON'T find driving comes naturally (!)