

Why do some drivers fail the test?

This is a list of reasons. Few of the faults by themselves would bring about failure. Also only unsuccessful candidates were analysed.

78% Hazard procedure and cornering –

Incorrect assessment. Poor safety margin. Unsystematic procedure.

72% Use of gears –

Late selection. Intermediate gears not used to advantage.

70% Positioning –

Straddles lanes. Incorrect for right and left turns.

60% Braking –

Late brake application, harsh handbrake application. Brake and change gear simultaneously (brake gear overlap).

58% Distance observation –

Late planning and assessment of traffic conditions.

48% Clutch control –

Rides clutch. Slips clutch. Coasting.

48% Method of approach –

Too fast approach coasted to compulsory stops. Offside at "keep left" sign.

40% Car sympathy –

Not expressed in use of clutch, brake and gears.

38% Traffic observation –

Poor anticipation, late reaction.

38% Overtaking –

Too close prior to overtaking; on bends, in face of approaching traffic cutting in after overtaking.

36% Observation and obedience –

Failed to remember signs when requested, failure to conform to "Stop" signs and or "keep left" signs.

28% Manoeuvring and reversing –

Lacked in judgement and control.

26% Correct use of speed –

Excessive in country lanes, failed to make adequate progress in 70 mph areas.

22% Speed limits –

Exceeding speed limits.

20% Steering –

Released wheel, crossed hands.

20% Restraint –

Insufficient restraint demonstrated.

14% Maintaining adequate progress -

Not maintained when safe to make progress.

14% Hand or mechanical signals –

Late or misleading signals.

14% Correct use of horn –

Failed to use when required.

12% Acceleration –

Uneven, poor acceleration sense.

8% Obstructing other vehicles –

Loitering at minor hazards, also cutting in.