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Top 10 reasons for failing the practical car test.

This leaflet provides information from the DSA (the people who conduct the driving tests) as to why people fail their driving test. The following was taken from their web site during July 2004.

Most people fail their driving test... Are you ready?

Research shows that learners who have had about forty hours professional tuition plus plenty of practice, stand the best chance of passing. If you're not getting it right all the time without your instructor's help then you're not ready to take your test.

The current pass rate is only 43% (June 2004). For first time candidates, it's even lower.

To help you avoid the most common pitfalls here is a list of the top ten reasons why people fail*

1. Observation at junctions - Ineffective observation and judgment.
2. Reverse parking - Ineffective observation or a lack of accuracy.
3. Use of mirrors - Not checking or not acting on the information.
4. Reversing around a corner - Ineffective observation or a lack of accuracy.
5. Incorrect use of signals - Not cancelling or giving misleading signals.
6. Moving away safely - Ineffective observation.
7. Incorrect positioning on the road - At roundabouts or on bends.
8. Lack of steering control - Steering too early or leaving it too late.
9. Incorrect positioning to turn right - At junctions and in one way streets.
10. Inappropriate speed - Travelling too slowly or being hesitant.

* Top ten reasons based on twelve months to January 2004.