

COCKPIT DRILL

- 1 On entering the vehicle, check that the handbrake is on.
Manual Gearbox: check that Neutral is selected.
Automatic: check that Park is selected.
- 2 Ensure that your passengers/Observer/Examiner know the location of the door opening lever and the seat belt release.
- 3 Check that your door and those of your passengers are securely closed. Using the hand furthest from the door arm, pull inwards firmly, and ask your passengers to do likewise on their doors.
- 4 Ensure that your passengers can adjust the seat for a more comfortable position, including the correct position of the headrest (level with the eyes). Check your own seat for correct positioning & adjustment relevant to the steering wheel, pedals and all round visibility.
- 5 Ensure that you and your passengers/Observer/Examiner have seat belts fastened and that they are correctly adjusted.
(Consider checking that the seatbelt is not twisted and check for retardation).
- 6 Ensure that all mirrors are set to your satisfaction in case they have been moved. When checking exterior mirrors, ensure that all doors are shut by checking that a smooth body line is seen.
- 7 Switch on the ignition, ensure that all warning lights are lit.
Announce to your Observer/Examiner that all warning lights are working.
- 8 Manual Gearbox: depress the clutch, start the engine and once started, slowly release the clutch.
Automatic: press the brake pedal, start the engine and once started, slowly release the brake pedal.
- 9 Check that all relevant warning lights are extinguished (not the handbrake warning light).
Announce that all warning lights are working correctly, and that you have sufficient fuel for the journey.
(Consider relating fuel level to tank quantity and average miles per litre/gallon).
- 10 Check for a firm footbrake pressure and announce this to your Observer/Examiner.
- 11 Press the brake pedal, release the handbrake and re-apply.
Ensure that the handbrake warning light goes out and then re-lights.
Announce this to your Observer/Examiner.
(Check heating and ventilation settings and confirm to your Observer/Examiner).
- 12 Confirm to your Observer/Examiner, the following details about the car:
Make, model, engine type, type of drive, type of gearbox, active safety features.
- 13 Comment to your Observer/Examiner on the weather conditions, day of the week, time of day, and the factors these may introduce into your drive.
- 14 When satisfied that all is in order:
Manual Gearbox: depress the clutch, select a gear.
Automatic: press the brake pedal, select a gear or Drive.
- 15 Make a final check all round the vehicle (using mirrors and through all windows) and if it is safe to do so:
Manual Gearbox: release handbrake and move off.
Automatic: release handbrake, then footbrake and move off.