



Trailer Training

Thank you for making an enquiry for Trailer Training with M 4 Motoring Driving School Limited.

The next few pages will give you full information on the B+E Category (Car & Trailer) Training courses available along with that is involved and the standards expected on the B+E Driving Test

Welcome to

M 4 Motoring

Driving School Limited

Trailer Training



Candidate Mid-Snake Reverse

Each course is tailored to the individual based on your current ability and experience levels.

Following your course, you will be confident in:

- Driving on the public highway, including Dual Carriageways, Motorways and Country Lanes
- Trailer Reversing
- Un-Coupling and Re-Coupling
- Performing Trailer Safety Checks

On Road – We will bring you back up to Driving Test standard and encourage you to lose any bad habits you may have accumulated; such as one-handed steering and resting a hand on the gear stick. The on road training will cover trailer-handling, observations, road positioning, planning and awareness, signalling, use of controls, mirrors, and speed. The test consists of a Minimum 50 Minutes On-Road Driving and requires the Drive to be at DVSA Driving a Test Standard.

Off Road – During training, we will take you to our Private, off-road facility where we will assist you in becoming confident and competent in:

- Reversing – accuracy, control, and all-round observation for a snake reverse into a bay park.
- Uncoupling and Recoupling



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This page explains what is involved in the B+E Driving Test. We will cover all elements in your Training.

The B+E Test

1

Meet the examiner.

Carry out an Eye Sight Check. You will then be asked 5 “Show Me/Tell Me” safety questions

2

Complete the trailer Reversing Exercise.

You will be expected to reverse through an S Bend course laid out according to the length of your Car & Trailer. You may shunt forwards no more than twice to adjust.

3

On Road Drive

You will be directed to drive on different categories of road including: Motorway; Dual Carriageway; Rural Roads; Built Up Areas. You will be expected to demonstrate a high standard of: Vehicle Control; Anticipation & Forward Planning; Knowledge of Driving Standards; Legal Requirements & limits of your Vehicle and Trailer

4

Un-Couple & Re-Couple Exercise

Remove the Trailer from Tow-Vehicle and Park alongside. Carry out safety checks on the Trailer as though you have never seen it before and then Re-Couple the Trailer & Tow-Vehicle. Follow this with a comprehensive check of lights with support from the Driving Examiner

The Show Me & Tell Me questions

1. About the questions

You'll be asked 5 vehicle safety questions. These are also known as the 'show me, tell me' questions.

The examiner will ask you 'show me' questions, where you'll have to show them how you'd carry out a vehicle safety check.

You'll also be asked 'tell me' questions, where you'll have to explain to the examiner how you'd carry out the check.

2. THE QUESTIONS

2.1 Open the bonnet, identify where the brake fluid reservoir is and tell me how you would check that you have a safe level of hydraulic brake fluid.

Identify reservoir, check level against high/low markings.

2.2 Show me how you would check that the direction indicators are working.

Applying the indicators or hazard warning switch and checking functioning of all indicators.

2.3 Tell me the main safety factors involved in loading this vehicle.

The load should be distributed evenly throughout the trailer. Heavy items should be loaded as low as possible so that they are mainly over the axle(s). Bulkier, lighter items should be distributed to give a suitable 'nose weight' at the towing coupling. The nose weight should never exceed the vehicle manufacturer's specifications.

2.4 Tell me the main safety factors involved in securing a load on this vehicle.

Any load must be carried so that it does not endanger other road users. It must be securely stowed within the size and weight limits for the vehicle. The load needs to be secure so that it cannot move or fall from the vehicle when cornering or braking.

2.5 Show me how you would check that your vehicle and trailer doors are secure.

Physical checks should be made to ensure that windows, roof light and all doors, including cargo doors, are properly closed.

2.6 Tell me how you would check the tyres to ensure that they have sufficient tread depth and that their general condition is safe to use on the road.

No cuts and bulges, 1.6mm of tread depth across the central $\frac{3}{4}$ of the breadth of the tyre and around the entire outer circumference.

2.7 Show me how you would check that the horn is working (off road only).

Check is carried out by using control (turn on ignition if necessary).

2.8 Open the bonnet, identify where you would check the engine coolant level and tell me how you would check that the engine has the correct level.

Identify high/low level markings on header tank where fitted or radiator filler cap, and describe how to top up to correct level.

2.9 Show me how you would check the parking brake for excessive wear.

Demonstrate by applying parking brake that when it is fully applied it secures itself, and is not at the end of the working travel.

2.10 Show me how you would clean the windscreen using the windscreen washer and wipers.

Operate control to wash and wipe windscreen (turn ignition on if necessary).

2.11 Show me how you would set the de-mister controls to clear all the windows effectively, this should include both front and rear screens.

Set all relevant controls including; fan, temperature, air direction / source and heated screen to clear windscreen and windows. Engine does not have to be started for this demonstration.

2.12 Show me how you would switch on the rear fog light(s) and explain when you would use it/them (no need to exit vehicle).

Operate switch (turn on dipped headlights and ignition if necessary). Check warning light is on. Explain use.

2.13 Show me how you switch your headlight from dipped to main beam and explain how you would know the main beam is on whilst inside the car.

Operate switch (with ignition or engine on if necessary), check with main beam warning light.

2.14 Show me how you would check that the brake lights are working on this vehicle (I can assist you, if you need to switch the ignition on, please don't start the engine).

Operate brake pedal, make use of reflections in windows, garage doors, etc, or ask someone to help.

2.15 Tell me how you make sure your head restraint is correctly adjusted so it provides the best protection in the event of a crash.

The head restraint should be adjusted so the rigid part of the head restraint is at least as high as the eye or top of the ears, and as close to the back of the head as is comfortable. Some restraints might not be adjustable.

M 4 Motoring Driving School Ltd. offers 1st-Class Car & Trailer (B+E) Training



We have a dedicated team of trainers, one of which will be allocated to you and outside of training sessions, will always be on hand to offer assistance and support.

We offer a number of flexible Training Packages, dependant on your requirements

**1 Day
Course £269**

Based on good driving skills and good Trailer Reversing Skills

**2 Day
Course £399**

Based on good driving skills and little Trailer Reversing Experience

**3 Day
Course £549**

Based on fair Driving Skills and little or no trailer reversing experience

All prices are quoted in addition to the DVSA Driving a Test Fee:
B+E (Car & Trailer) Test Fee: £115



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