

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS OF MOTORING

1 **Perfect your roadcraft**

Roadcraft includes every aspect of driving and can be acquired only by a systematic approach to hazards and constant application of the basic rules. Good roadcraft enables a driver to avoid awkward and possibly dangerous situations. It not only prevents accidents but makes riding less arduous.

Use your skill to keep out of trouble.

2 **Drive with deliberation and overtake as quickly as possible.**

Good driving demands continual planning and correct decisions - which must be put into operation with deliberation. Overtaking should always be completed in the minimum of time to leave the road clear for approaching or following vehicles.

Deliberation eliminates uncertainty - WHEN SAFE GO !!!

3 **Develop car sense and know the capabilities of your vehicle.**

Car sense is the ability to get the best from the vehicle, without jerks or vibrations. Never expect more from the machine than it is able to give. Vehicles, like drivers, have their limitations.

Driver and vehicle must blend to ensure skilful driving

4 **Give proper signals; use the horn and headlights thoughtfully.**

Use the signals given in The Highway Code. An ambiguous signal is misleading and dangerous. Use of the horn is a form of signalling much neglected by some and overdone by others. Flashing the lights is an efficient form of signalling at night and on fast roads.

Give good signals - in good time

5 **Concentrate all the time to avoid accidents.**

Concentration is the keystone of good driving. Complete concentration will ensure that every detail is observed. It is often the smallest detail that gives the clue to what is about to happen. If it is missed, an accident, or at least an unpleasant experience may result.

Concentration assists observation

6 **Think before acting.**

The good driver makes progress so smoothly and with so little fuss or effort that to the uninitiated he appears to respond to situations automatically. The fact is that by continuous concentration and thought he has raised his driving to a fine art. Every hazard and driving operation presents problems, which can be solved by thinking. A thoughtful driver applies the phases of the System, carries out every operation and manoeuvre in plenty of time and consequently is always in the right place at the right moment.

Think and avoid accidents

7 **Exercise restraint and hold back when necessary.**

To hold back is to follow a vehicle at a safe distance until road and traffic conditions allow it to be overtaken. This will call for restraint when in a hurry. Accidents are caused because a situation has been wrongly assessed.

Whenever in doubt - WAIT !!

8 **Corner with safety.**

Driving around a curve demands the application of the principles for cornering and knowledge of the forces acting on the vehicle. Common faults are entering too fast or accelerating before the exit is clearly seen.

Lose your speed or lose the vehicle

9 **Use speed intelligently and drive fast ONLY in the right places.**

Safety with speed depends largely upon ability to recognise danger and able to slow down in good time.

Any fool can drive fast enough to be dangerous

10 **Know the Highway Code and put it into practice.**

A failure to observe them could establish liability in legal proceedings.

Drive according to the Highway Code and you will drive -SAFELY