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## RAC response to new practical driving test

RAC spokesman Simon Williams said: “The RAC is supportive of the driving test being updated as it should reflect the way driving has changed over the years.

“Following directions from a sat-nav have now been included which is sensible as they are so commonly used by motorists. Going forward, the driving test must also keep up-to-date with future technological changes.

“And while manoeuvres like turning in the road and reversing round a corner will no longer be tested they should still be taught to new drivers by their instructors. These have been replaced by important manoeuvres like parallel parking and parking in a bay, and a more controversial one – pulling up on the right-hand side of the road, reversing for two car lengths and rejoining the traffic – which effectively contravenes rule 239 of the Highway Code which says drivers must not park facing against the traffic flow.”

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At the forefront of new solutions for business fleets and consumers, the RAC's breakdown service is electric-ready with mobile EV charging technology and can be called on using [myRAC](#) – the all-in-one route planner, fuel finder and breakdown reporting app.

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