

# SADE (Safety And Driver Education) Limited

## ASSESSORS FAULT GUIDE

Do not mark this sheet but use it as a guide to help identify faults made by a driver, remembering that it is the cause not the symptom that should be singled out for corrective measures. I.e. for example :

NB Excess speed when cornering may show up a drivers poor steering feed technique, but if they had taken the corner at the correct speed then the steering fault may not have occurred.

1. **PRE-START CHECKS**, Handbrake not checked. Gear lever not checked. Excessive revs when starting. Starter left running. Engine not allowed to idle before switching off. Doors or load not checked. Load insecure. Seat and or mirrors not adjusted correctly. Seatbelt not used.
2. **MOVING OFF**, No shoulder check. Mirror not used. Failed to observe other road users. Failed to give correct signal. Rolled back. Lacked regard to other road users.
3. **ACCELERATOR**, Jerky. Too fierce. Not relaxed prior to upward gearchange on automatic gearbox.
4. **GEARS AND AUTOMATIC GEARBOX**, Used as a manual box. Incorrect gear range selected for conditions. Too high a gear when moving off. Splitter box not used correctly. Incorrect range used. Did not select a lower gear for engine braking in slippery conditions. Engaged reverse whilst moving forward. Engages neutral at short stops. Engages gear with a high revving engine. Uses gears to brake when not required.
5. **BRAKES**, Late operation. Heavy braking. Braked too early. Not used progressively. Fails to stop at required point. Caused skid. Excessive use. Retarder not used. Handbrake not used when required. Not used between forward and reverse gears. Vehicle stopped on handbrake. Accelerated when using exhaust brake retarder.
6. **CONTROLS**, Wipers, washers, side lamps, dipped lamps, demister, heaters not used when required.
7. **STEERING**, Incorrect hold on wheel. Used one hand when turning. Crosses hand when turning. Allowed wheel to self centre. Rests arm on window. Turning wheel too early and striking kerb. Too late causing incorrect positioning.
8. **USE OF MIRRORS**, Late observation. Not used before signalling / changing direction / altering speed / stopping / opening doors / overtaking. Failed to ensure safety or others when turning left or right
9. **SIGNALS**, Omitted. Wrong signal given. Not cancelled after use. Late signal given. Not linked with mirrors. Took hands off wheel to signal. Failed to act upon other road users signals. Fails to use audible warning when required. Late or excessive audible warning. Courtesy not acted upon.

10. **ROAD SIGNS AND MARKINGS**, Not observed. Not acted upon. Not remembered.
11. **POSITIONING**, Lane discipline, Hit or mounted kerb. Too far away from kerb. Straddled centre line. Potholes not avoided. Caused other vehicles to overtake on left. Following position too close.
12. **PEDESTRIANS AND CROSSINGS**, Failed to stop at crossing. Overtook vehicle on approach. Beckoned pedestrians to cross. Moved before pedestrians were clear. Failed to anticipate pedestrians actions. Failed to give way to pedestrians when entering new road.
13. **MANOEUVRES**, Insufficient control. Insufficient all-round observation. High engine revs. No guides used when required. Fails to stop when guide is out of sight. Poor communication. Fails to assess gap correctly. Poor steering.
14. **OVERTAKING**, Manoeuvre unsafe. Incorrect timing / location. Too close to vehicle in front. Poor observations. Passed overtaken vehicle too closely. Cut in after overtaking. No signals given. Inadequate clearance to approaching traffic. Fails to use kickdown facility on auto gearbox.
15. **JUNCTIONS**, Speed too fast on approach. Failing to stop at correct location. Failing to observe correctly before emerging. Incorrect positioning. Incorrect signals given. Beckons on other road users.
16. **APPROACHING TRAFFIC**, Fails to judge clearance correctly. Straddles middle of road. Insufficient clearance
17. **CORNERING**, Fails to assess correctly. Poor positioning. Incorrect signals given. Incorrect speed. Gear not flexible. Stability not considered. Incorrect steering.
18. **PROGRESS**, Speed limits routinely exceeded. Speed limits not reached when safe. Overcautious in normal driving. Progress not maintained.
19. **OBSERVATION AND ANTICIPATION**, Lacks awareness of other road users. Fails to anticipate other road users actions. Poor forward planning. Lack of progress by late planning. Failed to react to hazards ahead.
20. **ATTITUDE**, Fails to give adequate clearance to cyclists. Obstructs other road users. Retaliates to other drivers actions. Forces other road users to give way. Fails to be aware of other crew members safety. Risk taking.

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