# Driver IQ Test



A driver IQ test to help determine if a person is a good driver.

# What's Your Driving IQ?

Instructions:

- Have a passenger observe and rate your driving skills by marking yes "Y" or no "N" in the appropriate box
- Skills with two boxes should be observed twice
- There should be no discussion between the driver and passenger during this observation
- After the vehicle has been parked, the observer should discuss the observation with the driver
- Based on the 100 possible skills observations below, add up the yes "Y" marks for your Driving IQ %

**Before starting up**

- ☐ When approaching the vehicle, looks in front, under and behind
- ☐ Scans for any objects in the travel path
- ☐ Verifies that all occupants are buckled prior to vehicle movement
- ☐ Checks the condition of the vehicle prior to driving
- ☐ Adjusts seat and mirrors to fit prior to vehicle movement
- ☐ Eliminates distractions prior to driving

**Pay attention while driving!**

- ☐ Does not become distracted while driving
- ☐ Keeps eyes scanning for hazards while driving

**Maintain at least a 4 second space cushion**

- ☐ ☐ Maintains a 4 second following time
- ☐ ☐ Backs off and re-establishes the proper following time when another vehicle moves into the space cushion
- ☐ ☐ Increases following time as speed increases
- ☐ ☐ Constantly scans for hazards
- ☐ ☐ Increases following time in inclement weather
- ☐ ☐ When stopped in traffic, leaves a space cushion and counts to 4 when the vehicle ahead starts to move to establish the initial space cushion
- ☐ ☐ Increases following time as road conditions change
- ☐ ☐ Uses a space cushion to avoid sudden stops

**Back only when necessary**

- ☐ ☐ Avoids all unnecessary backing
- ☐ ☐ Continuously scans area into which the vehicle is backing
- ☐ ☐ Backs immediately after scanning the area
- ☐ ☐ Backs slowly and is aware of children

**Prior to entering an intersection, look left, right, and left again.**

- ☐ ☐ Looks left, right and left again at every intersection
- ☐ ☐ Is always prepared to stop, even if they have the right-of-way
- ☐ ☐ Obeys all traffic signs, signals and pavement markings
- ☐ ☐ Doesn't assume that other drivers will obey the law
- ☐ ☐ Comes to a full stop at stop signs
- ☐ ☐ Signals intention to turn well in advance
- ☐ ☐ Watches closely for motorcycles
- ☐ ☐ Doesn't underestimate the speed of approaching vehicles
- ☐ ☐ Applies right turn on red correctly
- ☐ ☐ Stops behind stop line or crosswalk
- ☐ ☐ Turns into the correct lane
- ☐ ☐ Turns left when the traffic is clear

**To help maintain traction**

- ☐ ☐ Reduces speed in poor weather conditions
- ☐ ☐ Reduces speed when entering curves
- ☐ ☐ Adjusts speed to varying road and traffic conditions
- ☐ ☐ Knows that in icy weather, bridges and overpasses freeze over first

**Shift your eyes every 2 seconds at different hazards**

- ☐ ☐ Shifts eyes every 2 seconds to the most important hazards
- ☐ ☐ Understands that trees, bushes and objects near the road may hide animals and children
- ☐ ☐ Checks to the rear when slowing or stopping
- ☐ ☐ Checks one of the mirrors to follow-up on any hazard at least every 8 seconds

**Establish eye contact**

- ☐ ☐ Stops when approaching a stopped school bus
- ☐ ☐ Yields to pedestrians

**When changing lanes**

- ☐ ☐ Signals, checks mirror and turns head when changing lanes
- ☐ ☐ When entering a highway, search for open spaces where you can merge and establish your space cushion

**When driving near parked vehicles**

- ☐ ☐ Slows down and is prepared for pedestrians, especially children, to be around or exiting the vehicles
- ☐ ☐ Looks for signs that the vehicle is occupied and is prepared for the vehicle to pull out into the lane of traffic

**Keep your eyes out front, aiming at an area at least 12 seconds ahead of your vehicle**

- ☐ ☐ Aims at an area at least 12 seconds ahead of the vehicle
- ☐ ☐ Slows down when approaching work zones and school zones
- ☐ ☐ Stays centered in traffic lane
- ☐ ☐ Remains patient in traffic

**Do not speed!**

- ☐ ☐ Does not speed and knows the speed limit
- ☐ ☐ Slows down in areas where pedestrians are expected, such as in shopping centers and school lots

**When entering curves**

- ☐ ☐ Reduces speed in curves to avoid losing traction and moving out of your lane
- ☐ ☐ Enters curves with an escape route in case another vehicle is in your lane

**Your Driving IQ =_____%**