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## OVERTAKING

There are 3 types of Overtake the first a Momentum Overtake when you have good views and you do not have to alter speed). 2 Stage where you have adopted a follow position (2 Second gap) and from that position you move out to make the Overtake. 3 Stage is more normal where you will be following a vehicle looking for an Overtake and making use of the Overtaking Position.

### Momentum Overtake

Normally here your speed on approach and the overtake will not change and as such you may move out earlier to gain a view. You will still be looking for hazards in front and behind. You should also be aware that in these circumstances the driver may not have seen you and what they might do, so a headlight flash may be appropriate.

### 2 Stage Overtake

#### Stage 1 Following Position

Standard 2 second gap to allow for stopping and show willingness for an overtake. At this stage you should already have considered the type of vehicle being overtaken, driving style, occupants, look in your mirrors and make the same assessment of what is behind you. Read the road and markings ahead. Look for overtakes exiting right hand corners (Clear view of road ahead & vehicle in front has probably slowed for the corner).

Take views of both off & near sides especially if van/lorry. If a potential opportunity for an overtake presents ensure you have the correct gear selected.

#### Stage 2 The Overtake

If all this suggests an overtake is on check off-side mirror, consider signal, move out to maximise view without accelerating and confirm safe gap to return into! Once in this position and no further hazards present consider headlamp signal and accelerate briskly. Use acceleration sense to avoid having to brake into a safe gap ahead. If you have to abort beware of a vehicle behind moving up, and closing off your space to return to.

### 3 Stage Overtake

#### Stage 1 Following Position (Same as 2 Stage Overtake)

#### Stage 2 Overtaking Position

Move into the one second gap and this tells anybody paying attention that you are looking for the overtake. Your previous observations should have meant that you do not expect to have to brake when so close to vehicle in front. Position usually to offside rear of vehicle in front (escape route). If a hazard situation presents move back to the Following Position.

#### Stage 3 The Overtake (Same as Stage 2)

### Filtering

Take extra care, low speed no more than 20 to 25 and not faster than 15mph of the other vehicles. Identify gap ahead before starting, consider horn, watch for pedestrians, vehicles pulling out/ u-turning/ turning across lane of stationary traffic, opening doors, road surface unevenness (studs / paint / manhole covers), other motorbikes/cyclists.

### SMIDSY Avoidance

Where vehicle waiting to turn out of side road, slight weaving in your lane helps to increase driver's perception of movement & size, helping driver to register your speed of approach and keeps you out of car's "A" pillar blind spot. Consider using your horn.