



# Advanced driving

It's a skill for life

## Ask yourself these 10 questions:

- I On the road, do you concentrate properly and avoid distractions?
- I Can you read the road and anticipate potential hazards in good time?
- I Do you use the car's mirrors before changing your speed or position?
- I Do you always signal when other road-users can benefit?
- I Can you drive decisively, and yet with reasonable restraint?
- I Is your judgement of speed and distance accurate?
- I Do you drive with courtesy and consideration for other road-users, including pedestrians?
- I Are you always in the right place on the road, travelling at the right speed with the right gear engaged?
- I Are you always able to stop safely in the distance that you can see to be clear?
- I Are your steering actions smooth and accurate?

## The programme includes...

Your personal copy of the IAM manual *Pass Your Advanced Driving Test*; associate membership of the local group of your choice, which will provide you with a course in theory and on-road guidance, and a warm welcome at group meetings, activities and social events; the IAM advanced driving test; and first-year membership of the IAM on passing the test.

**Welcome** If you care enough about your driving to ask yourself the questions on the left - welcome to the Institute of Advanced Motorists, the UK's leading advanced driving organisation, dedicated to raising driving standards. As a qualified driver who is considering graduating to advanced motoring, you will probably have questions about us, too. We try to anticipate them here ...

**The programme** Our advanced driving Skill for Life programme includes free theory and on-road preparation with one of more than 200 IAM groups in the UK - provided by volunteers, all of whom are advanced drivers. (They are likely to have full-time jobs, so applicants may be asked to be flexible in scheduling their course.) With the right preparation, advanced driving is not as difficult as you might suppose: it is within the reach of most motorists. But, as with any form of further education and skill straining, it's up to the individual to get the most from the programme, which can often be completed within three months.

**Results** Drivers who have qualified as full IAM members have been shown to be 50-70 per cent less likely to be involved in collisions\*, are less likely to incur penalty points for bad driving and may, after passing the IAM advanced test, benefit from reduced insurance costs.

Optional driving experiences, such as skidpan driving, may be available through IAM groups. But advanced driving is not about the skidpan or race-track, it's about skill, control and forward thinking. It's about staying alive, and enjoying your motoring more, on the UK's congested roads.

\* Source Transport Research Laboratory 1991

**Satisfaction** In addition to you and your passengers, other road-users benefit when you complete the IAM's Skill for Life programme of advanced driving. You will find that you're far less stressed, that you enjoy your motoring more than ever, and that there's immense satisfaction in applying the skills that you have acquired - safeguarding all those with whom you share the road.

**What next?** When we get your application and payment, you will receive the IAM manual *Pass Your Advanced Driving Test* and a list of IAM groups. You choose the group that's most conveniently located for you, and that's where you will receive your theory and on-road guidance. Then, when you are ready, you will measure the improvement in your driving skills by taking the IAM advanced test.

You use your own vehicle, and the test is conducted by an IAM-appointed examiner who holds a Police Advanced Driving Certificate. It lasts about 90 minutes and is run over all types of road. If you are successful, you will receive a pass certificate and be proposed for IAM membership.

There is no age limit. The only requirement is that you have held a full UK or EU licence for at least three months. (A small number of penalty points will not usually mean that you are barred from taking the test.)

**Recognition** As an advanced driver and IAM member, your skills and social responsibility are recognised. First and foremost, you qualify to display the coveted IAM badge. Members also receive our magazine *Advanced Driving* three times a year; and there are opportunities to buy special-value motoring products and services, including insurance cover that reflects your advanced-driver status.

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