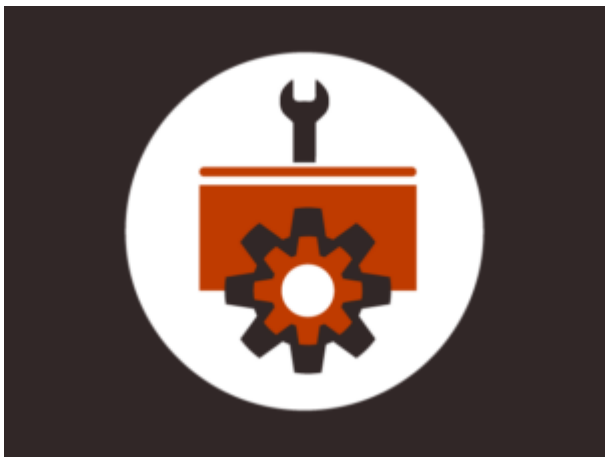
Driver IQ Test



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 =_____%