

## CURB - Parallel Parking Procedures

**\*NOTE, FIRST make sure that the truck is parked straight next to the left LINE of the parallel parking area.**

The 5 step Parallel Parking Procedure, was developed REQUIRING complete STOPS between every step.

1. **Use Left Rectangle Mirror:** Turn steering wheel hard LEFT and back up until you reached the designated point about 18 inches DEEP from the outer left side of the trailer, STOP! *In The Right mirror this would be the center of the landing gears "THE V"*.
2. **Use Right Rectangle Mirror:** Turn steering wheel hard RIGHT and back up until your tractor Aligns STRAIGHT with your trailer, STOP!
3. **Use Right Rectangle Mirror:** Turn steering to CENTER, about 2 complete turns or 2 ½ complete turns, KEEP TRUCK STRAIGHT while backing up until your Right Rear Trailer tire is about 4 feet away from the curb, STOP!  
Your truck and trailer will be aligned STRAIGHT, but it's direction will be SLANTED towards curb.
4. **Use Left Rectangle Mirror:** Turn steering wheel hard RIGHT and back up until you get to the center of the landing gears "THE V" or the equivalent, STOP!
5. **Use Right Rectangle Mirror:** Turn steering wheel hard LEFT and back up until the tractor Aligns STRAIGHT with your trailer, STOP! (Make sure that you keep your right rear tractor tire and right front tractor tire from hitting the CURB) If tractor and trailer are NOT aligned Straight with the CURB, make Right Turn and the pull forward to straighten.

**\*NOTE: Use Only LOW REVERSE and 1<sup>st</sup> GEAR while doing these maneuvers! Drivers Should always reference BOTH mirrors while backing even though you are trying to reach a MARK.**

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