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The Official Highway Code



Synopsis

When did you last read yours? For over 80 years The Highway Code has been the official guide to using the roads safely and legally. It has contributed enormously to road safety and reliable road transport. However, every day, on average five people are killed and just over 60 people are seriously injured in road collisions. So it is as important as ever that all road users, including drivers, motorcyclists, cyclists, horse riders and pedestrians, should update their knowledge of The Highway Code. The Highway Code is for life, not just for learners.

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Customer Reviews

Bought this to show my American friends what we need in order to codify road rules! I had been driving for 25+ years before I temporarily moved to England. Decided to take driving lessons to "touch up" my skills. It was the best thing I ever did! The Highway Code is expansive and brought a huge degree of sanity to England's tiny roads (however, there were dreadful drivers there too!) I miss having an American version of this manual. The 1999 version I had (this was 2007) had over 1000 rules, you needed multiple lessons (I could drive but took 10 lessons before feeling

comfortable I'd pass the test as 60% of people fail on their first try!) and then the test itself is 45+ minutes in VERY busy traffic. You were allowed to make 16 errors (some mistakes lost you one point, others more), if you made more than 16 before the test ended the instructor drove you home and you started the process all over again! In England they consider driving a privilege not a right and boy do you have to earn the privilege! :)

Very helpful guide for my trip to the UK. Read ahead of time to get an idea of how things are different and used as reference in the car for the dreaded roundabouts and the signs. People tended to follow the rules in the UK and while the driving was slightly terrifying (think narrow roads with high walls on one side and big (thin) trucks on the other - 60mph) knowing the rules and following them and knowing that others were following them helped a lot. Kid loved reading it too for some reason...

Excellent prep for driving in the UK! I also purchased the book on travel signs.

I'm heading to Northern Ireland in May this year, and although being from there, I never drove there, and have done all my driving in the US, on the right. Since I'm terrified of the narrow roads and pedestrians and vehicles parked at either side of the road, not to mention roundabouts (ack!), I figured not having to worry about the rules of the road would relieve some of the pressure and allow me to drive around white-knuckled focussing on the things that scare me most. Can do less damage that way, I reckon..

This book helped me learn all the UK street signage and conventions. It didn't save my left side mirror coverage until I learned to disregard the center line. English streets are frequently narrower than two cars, let alone a car and a truck.

If you are going to be renting a car in the UK in your travels this is a must read before you go and while you are there so that you will know what the road signs mean once you arrive. They don't do things the same way we do here in the states. So glad I purchased this and will review it every time we travel to the UK.

Indispensable information for a traveler who will be driving in Britain.

Great! Gives the information I was looking for.

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