

TESTING THE THEORY

Over the last 9 years the learner pass rate for the UK's official driving theory test has decreased by an unsettling 25%. With **Road Safety Awareness Week** upon us, we surveyed 1,000 **qualified** drivers to see how they'd shape up against today's challenging questions and found that it may well be time to dust off the highway code...

TOP STATISTICS



A whopping 99% of the people we surveyed failed the practice theory test

3 MILLION

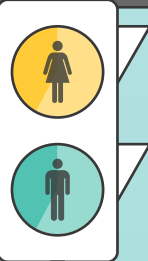
3 million new drivers took their theory test this year, with less than half passing

REGIONAL RESULTS

Region	Avg. Score
East Midlands	48%
East Anglia	46%
South East	45%
Yorkshire	43%
Wales	43%
North East	43%
South West	42%
Scotland	42%
Northern Ireland	42%
North West	41%
West Midlands	40%
London	38%

On average, women scored less than 1% lower than men

However... males under 20 actually came out bottom of the scoreboard!



AGE RANGE

MALE & FEMALE RESULT

43%	50+
41.40%	40-50
42.33%	30-40
41.67%	18-30

MOST PASSED QUESTION

What's the national speed limit in a residential area?

82% answered correctly with 30mph



MOST FAILED QUESTION

What should be the time gap between you and the vehicle in front on a wet road?

19% answered correctly with 4 seconds



CAR OWNERSHIP STATISTICS

3.3 million vehicles were registered in the UK during 2016, the highest annual total ever recorded

591 trips made by car per person per year on average in 2016

5079 miles travelled by car per person per year on average

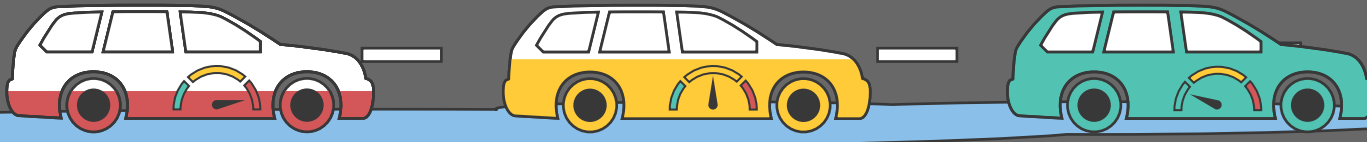
77% of households own at least one car

SAFE DRIVING TIPS

WINTER IS COMING...>

Our coldest season is fast approaching which means UK drivers need to be extra vigilant on the roads. We asked the RAC for its top winter driving tips to make sure you're well covered for those frosty mornings and drizzly evenings.

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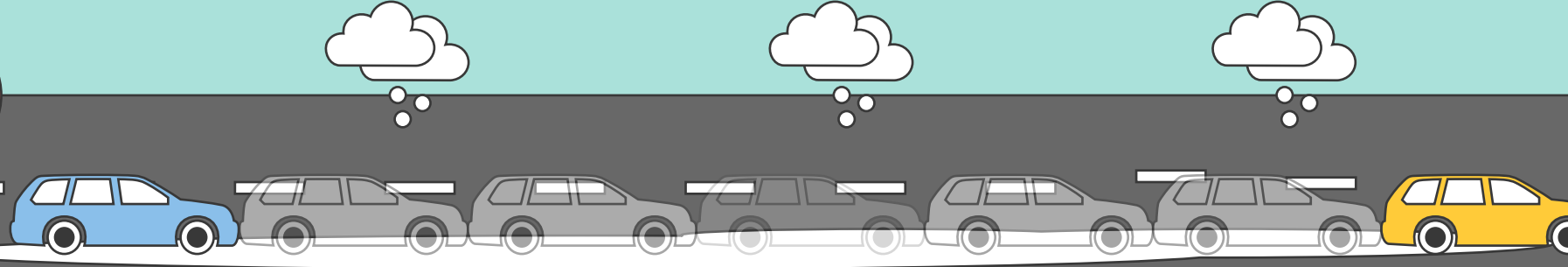
Before driving in heavy rain, try to fill up with fuel before you travel, as getting stuck in traffic will increase your fuel consumption. Remember, with the lights, heater and wipers switched on, your fuel economy will be reduced even further.

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Use your fog lights if visibility is reduced to 100 metres (328 feet) or roughly the length of a football pitch. If while driving in fog your car is involved in an accident and you weren't using your fog lights, it could invalidate your insurance.

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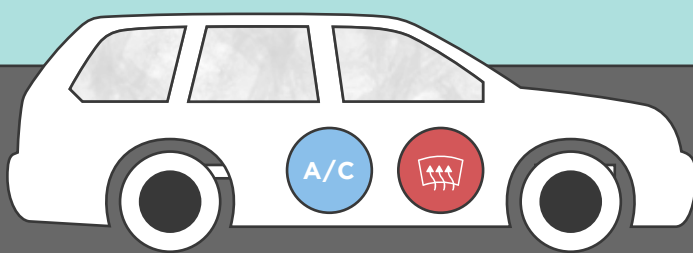
Braking distances can increase tenfold on ice compared with a dry road. For this reason, you should leave up to 10 times the normal recommended gap between you and the car in front.

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In windy weather, driving past large vehicles can result in a sudden gust from the side as you clear, so be prepared for this change in how the vehicle may respond and do not attempt the manoeuvre unless you are certain it is safe.

5



To demist your car quickly, use the air-con in conjunction with the heater. Hot air will clear the glass a little through evaporation, but the air-con will keep the atmosphere dry.

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