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# BTT Road Markings and Bus Lanes

Road markings tell you where to drive, where to stop and where you may park. **White lines** guide traffic and show where to stop; **yellow lines** at the kerb control parking and stopping, and the more lines, the stricter the rule; **bus lane lines** show when only buses may use the lane. Road markings are the largest single topic in our BTT question bank.

## Lines along the road



**Broken white** centre line: keep left of it; cross only when the road ahead is clear and safe.



**Continuous white**: keep left; no parking on either side at any time. You may cross it only when clear and safe.



**Double white**: never cross; no right turn or U-turn; no parking on either side.



**Lane arrows**: go only the way they point. **Merging arrows**: the two lanes take turns. p.43

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## Yellow lines at the kerb

| Line | Park? | Stop to drop off / pick up? |
|---|---|---|
| **Single yellow** | not 7am-7pm (yes on Sun, PH) | yes |
| **Double yellow** | never | yes, immediately |
| **Single yellow zig-zag** | never | yes, immediately |
| **Double yellow zig-zag** | never | **no stopping at all** |

Zig-zag offences carry **demerit points** and a fine. p.38

## Across the road and crossings



**Parallel broken lines**: give way to traffic on the major road.




**Single white line**: stop close to, and before, the line.



**Zebra crossing**: stop for anyone crossing or about to cross, on foot or on a bicycle.



**White zig-zag** by the kerb: a crossing ahead. No stopping, overtaking or waiting.

Turning at a junction while the **Green Man** is lit: give way to the people crossing. p.35-36, 42

## Penalties (car)

| | |
|---|---|
| **Stopping in a yellow box** | $100, no points |
| **Stopping in a zebra crossing area** | 3 points, $150 |
| **Crossing double white lines** | 4 points, $150 |
| **Offences at a pedestrian crossing** | 6 points, $200 |

In school and silver zones and Friendly Streets, some offences add 2 points and $100. p.6-7

## Boxes and areas



**Yellow box junction**: do not enter unless your exit is clear, even on green.



**Chevrons**: channel traffic. Do not drive or park on them.



**Red chevrons** at a bus-stop separator: no driving or parking.

You may wait in a yellow box to turn right against oncoming traffic, or when people crossing hold up your turn. Brick red road = school zone. Right-turn pocket: stay in it until it is clear to turn. p.39-42, 54-55

## Bus lanes

| | |
|---|---|
|  **Normal** | yellow line: **Mon-Fri** 7.30-9.30am and 5-8pm |
|  **Full-day** | red line too: **Mon-Sat** 7.30am-11pm |
| **Open to all** | outside those hours, Sundays and public holidays |

In bus lane hours only buses, bicycles, emergency and police vehicles. School and factory buses may use the lane but not stop in it. Where the line is **broken**, cross it to turn into or out of a side road. **Bus priority box**: give way to buses leaving the bay. p.40-41

## Test traps

- **Single vs double zig-zag**: single, you may still stop to drop off; double, no stopping at all. p.38
- **Single vs double white**: a single line may be crossed when safe; double lines never. p.37
- **Saturday**: normal bus lanes are open to all; full-day bus lanes are not. p.40
- **Green light** does not let you into a yellow box when your exit is blocked. p.54
- **Single yellow on a Sunday**: you may park. p.38

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