

Gear selection and clutch mechanism

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When selecting any gear it is important to not to look down at the gear lever as there is a tendency for our hands to follow our eyes and in so doing it is easy for one to loose position on the road or even worse. So before you start take some time to memorise the configuration, and practice the selection whilst the car is stationary (with the engine switched OFF).

To select first gear place your left foot on the clutch pedal and push all the way down, now with your left hand point your thumb down the back of the gear stick keeping the palm of your hand on the right-hand side of the gear knob and curling your fingers gently round the front of the gear knob. This position can be used for both first and second gear selection. To change from second to third gear, with the palm of your hand and fingers curled over the top of the gear lever gently push forwards and allow the gear lever to return to the 'Home' position then gently push forward to the th



ird position. To select fourth gear place the your thumb pointing forward along the top of the gear knob with the palm of your hand on the left hand side of the gear lever, pull the lever back through the 'home' position into fourth gear. To select fifth gear place the your thumb pointing forward along the top of the gear knob with the palm of your hand on the left hand side of the gear lever push forward to 'Home' position and here's a clue, if you need fifth push your hand toward your *'knee'*. Gears and speed have a direct relationship with each other and as a simple rule use the following as a guide.





