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The Art Of Driving Stick



Synopsis

So you want to drive stick? You've heard that driving stick gives you more control of your car in every situation, from a passing maneuver to descending a snowy hill. You've heard driving a stick shift car is more economical at the gas pump. You've heard it's more fun. But you've also heard it's hard to learn. There are gearshifts to master, your engine can stall, your car can roll backwards on a hill, and understanding the clutch is a nightmare. So, what if I told you using a clutch is no more difficult than using a faucet, or that your car's handbrake is a lot more than just a 'parking brake', or that I can teach you in one sentence how to avoid ever stalling your engine? I've already taught thousands of people how to drive stick men and women of all ages normal people, not engineering students or race car engineers. And I can teach you.

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It starts with basics and gradually builds the learning process of driving a stick shift. The subtle humour keeps reading fresh. Re-emphasis on important fundamentals throughout the book.

This is a great beginner's guide for learning how to drive manual, I have never driven a manual transmission before and this book explains clearly, the step by step the learning process.

I thought I knew everything about driving stick but I actually learned a lot from this book! Wish it was longer.

Well its a book written by a professional instructor and mine was printed December 10,2016 Lexington, Kentucky. It says on the very last page, so probably printed it. Anyway, the book covers the basics but it is misleading when it constantly mentions to use the handbrake "parking brake/emergency brake". You should never drive the handbrake period in any car unless you need the extra stopping power, thus you have an emergency. In here constantly it mentions the handbrake, I guess for beginners, but your hand should be focused on the gearshift, not the parking brake and feet heel toe. Ignore the constant references to the parking brake.

Author may have been a "professional instructor". But you are never suppose to use your e-brake during driving. The term "e-brake" is a misnomer in itself. That lever is for parking and parking only. It is a secondary safety mechanism that was federally mandated because cars kept falling out of gear while parked. This is the biggest problem I have with this book. Second largest is that the last chapter does not teach any performance oriented driving skills as it claims. For a first time learner this book would be ok. Just don't pay attention to the parts about using the parking brake lever to hold the car at a stop while driving. It's too complex. Heal toe and practice. That will make a good stick driver.

I've driven a stick for 40 years and I still managed to learn a few things from this book.

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