

Basic Spotter Hand Signals



Stop

The commonly accepted signal for "stop" is to raise one or both hands, either closed into fists or held palm forward.

Proceed or continue

The usual signal to tell a driver to keep moving the vehicle is to raise an arm with a bent elbow and repeatedly draw the top part of the arm and hand in a motion away from a vehicle.

Move right

To signal a driver to move to the right, a spotter typically holds out a straight arm with a finger pointing to the right, while using the other arm to signal that the vehicle must continue to back up.

Move left

Holding out a straight arm with a finger pointing to the left while using the other arm to signal that the driver must continue to back up is an accepted signal for moving to the left.

Distance remaining

Holding both hands a particular distance apart, with palms facing inward, is an accepted way of signaling how much further a vehicle can back up before it will hit an object, such as another vehicle.

Slow down

To signal a driver to slow down, a spotter typically holds the right arm out at the elbow, with hand held flat and palm down, and moves the hand up and down.