

B.T.W.
Lesson 7
Driving the Interstate

Objective: *Students will be able to comprehend the interstate system and the rules that govern the controlled access system. Students will also do the proper and safe techniques of entering and exiting the interstate system. Passing other vehicles will be an option as long as we can stay with in the posted speed limit. This lesson will be completed on one of two sections of Interstate 15, either from Great Falls to the Hardy exit and back.(three drivers) or from Great Falls to Vaughn and back (2 drivers).*

Homework: *Study!! Chapter 11 and write out the questions and answers on page 242 of your text. 1-11*

Parts of the Interstate

1. *The entrance ramp*
2. *The de-acceleration lane*
3. *The acceleration lane*
4. *The merging area*

Apply the SIPDE Process

1. *Identify the green exit signs.*
2. *Anticipate the actions of others.*
3. *Signal 300'before the exit (3 football fields).*
4. *Decide upon a safe exit speed, let up on the accelerator and gently slow down.*

Steps When Exiting

1. *Start checking your zones about 1/2 mile before exiting.*
2. *Signal and move into the proper lane.*
3. *Move into the de- acceleration lane.*
4. *Tap the brakes to warn other drivers of your actions (Do not hit the brakes.)*
5. *Identify exit ramp speeds.*

Interstate Highway Travel: *(1)Create a safety zone around you. (2)Drive with the flow of traffic. (3)Keep a 3-4 second following distance.(4) Scan12-15 seconds ahead.*

