

Road Testing Your New Brakes

1. The key to a successful road test is to be extremely cautious. Be very slow and methodical about your approach to the road test. Check and re-check until you are 100% satisfied that there is no contact and that the brakes are functioning correctly.
2. Use a private road. Make sure you are on a level piece of road without slopes.
3. Start by checking that with the engine running the brake pedal feels similar to before.
4. Before you pull away, check that you're sure that there is adequate wheel clearance. The slightest rub will badly mark the caliper, worst of all it will mark the face of the caliper.
5. Accelerate to a little more than a walking speed, and check that the brakes function correctly.
6. Now slowly increase the speed in small increments, but remember that you are not doing emergency stops, just checking that the brakes are functioning correctly. The brakes will not be fully effective until they are bedded in.
7. Before you go too far return to the garage/workshop and check thoroughly for any brake fluid leakage. Be careful, the brakes could be very hot.
8. Bed in.