



## The 'ADI Lesson Presenter' by IDEAS4ADIs



In my opinion, every ADI needs to portray a professional image while working if we are ever going to get the general public to view driving instruction as a profession rather than just a job. Part of this is about using good, well-produced visual aids in our lessons rather than scraps of paper and hasty drawings. Seeing is believing and there are occasions when a verbal explanation of a road situation is just not enough without a visual backup. In my role as ADI trainer and check test advisor, I all too often see hastily sketched diagrams. They may mean something to the ADI who drew them, but probably very little to the pupil. The Lesson Presenter is an example of a professional tool that will help promote a professional image. It's a visual aid that covers all aspects of the driving syllabus that you should be discussing with your pupils.

### Quality

What makes this product special is the high quality of its production - it will last you for years. It arrives in a high quality, detachable four-ring binder that itself fits into a sturdy black multi-binder. The binder has pockets to store your own items such as business cards, pens, handouts

etc. There's also a whiteboard at the back for when you need to draw your own diagrams of local roads and, of course, the dry wipe pen you need is included in its own penholder. The producers really have tried to think of everything that you'll need.

Each of the 36 colour illustrations and diagrams of typical road situations are produced in firm, highly resilient and hardwearing materials and can be written or drawn on using a dry wipe pen. I like the fact that this is a book of visual ideas and does not contain a lot of lesson plans or peripheral information that would detract from the pictures and essential points you are trying to get across to your pupil. Each sheet has the key points in order to help you prompt discussions with your pupil, or as part of the Part 3 exam. Simplicity is the way forward and all you need is the keywords alongside the illustrations - that's what this product offers.

### Clarity

The Presenter is set out with a clear contents page and follows a logical sequence. This is a teaching aid to use throughout your career as an instructor, and the layout and construction quality reflect this. My only suggestion is that numbered pages might make it easier to

find the required page and diagram. However, in using it I have quickly learnt how to flip to the page I want. Being unnumbered, it allows for extra pages to be added later and there is already an expansion pack available to order with supplementary pages and diagrams, and this is probably the reason why it has been designed without page numbers.

These extra pages include Y-junctions, box junctions, staggered crossroads, and more. However, the standard product covers all the necessary subjects that an ADI will need.

### Cars And Colours

The diagrams are easy on the eye and contain enough colours to make them interesting and realistic (over use of colour can make illustrations confusing). An inside pocket contains a CD-ROM which provides a 'User Guide' to ensure you make the most of the product.

Picking some of the sheets to look at in detail, I liked the illustrations on mirrors and car controls - most useful for a new pupil. All the manoeuvres are easy to follow: the reverse to the left shows both a sweeping and a sharp corner. The bay-parking sheet is the best I have seen to date. Perhaps the junction sheets could show more unmarked and traffic-controlled junctions, and have a few vehicles in place. The pedestrian crossing diagrams clearly show what a pedestrian and cyclist can see on approach, and include all the latest types of crossing. Only the overtaking illustration confused me slightly - I teach that the MSMPSL is reversed to become PSLMSM, but that sequence isn't shown in one diagram, instead it's split across two diagrams. I'd also suggest that you consult the manual for your own car to ensure your advice on when to use clutch

and brake with ABS complements the manufacturer's own emergency stop guidance.

The user guide suggests that you use a miniature model car with some of the sheets and this certainly brings the picture to life. However, a model car is not currently supplied with the presenter.

### Good Stuff

I use the Presenter in my teaching and recommend it to my PDIs for their Part 3 exam. It's great to see that a good idea can always be improved - it shows that feedback can inspire improvements and make a difference. Given the high quality of the product, the price represents good value for money and I am happy to recommend it to all ADIs and PDIs. Congratulations to Ideas4ADIs.

*IDEAS4ADIs, have told us that 'ADI Expansion Pack 1', Product Code: ADIXP1, is now available to order from them.*

*It contains 12 new diagrams: Y Junctions, Box Junctions, Junctions on Bends, Right Turn Filters, Staggered Crossroads, Crossroads Nearside to Nearside, Crossroads Light Controlled, Unmarked Crossroads, Staggered Crossings, Pegasus Crossings, Meeting and Passing, and Meeting Low Bridge.*

*The ADI Lesson Presenter is priced at £54 or £69 with Expansion Pack 1 from*

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