MINIMIZE BLIND SPOTS USING OUTSIDE MIRRORS

Blind spots are areas alongside your vehicle that you cannot see.

Outside and inside rearview mirrors help drivers to see vehicles, motorcyclists, bicyclists, and pedestrians on either side of and behind the vehicle, but they don't allow drivers to see everything, and blind spots can still exist.

Mirrors can be positioned to maximize visibility.



Driver's Outside Rearview Mirror

Place your head against the driver's side window and adjust the outside rearview mirror so you can just see the left side of your vehicle.



Passenger's Outside Rearview Mirror

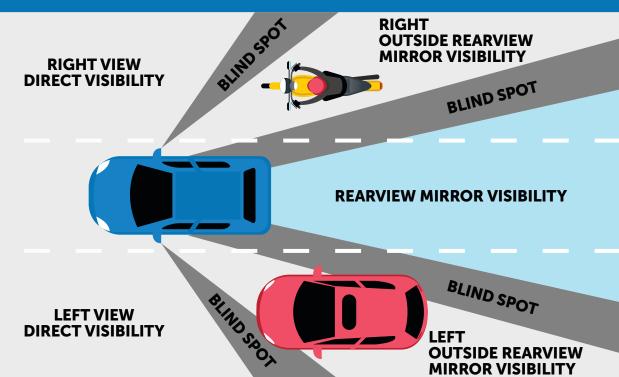
Position your head in the middle of the vehicle and adjust the passenger's outside rearview mirror so you can just see the right side of your vehicle. Adjusting your mirrors slightly outward from the vehicle allows you to view more of the roadway.

Maximize visibility with enhanced mirror settings.



Enhanced Mirror Settings

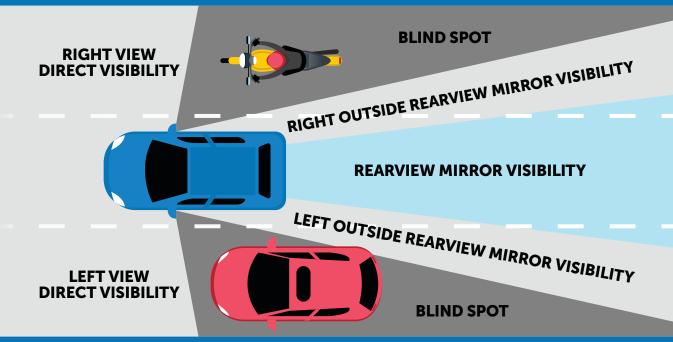
Adjust the outside mirrors to minimize blind spots along the sides of your vehicle. Although the blind spots will not be large enough to hide a vehicle, you should still take a moment to look over your shoulder before changing lanes.





Common Mirror Settings

There is an area that extends back from the rear quarter panels of both sides of a vehicle that neither the outside mirrors nor the rearview mirror shows. Outside mirrors are set so that the sides of the car are just visible, but the shaded area still shows areas with limited visibility.



With these small adjustments, you can make it easier to drive safely.



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