

## Purpose and Scope

- ◆ Structured to provide practical and common sense guidance for exhibiting good manners and practicing driving etiquette as well as showing respect for other drivers.
- ◆ Designed to provide tips and suggestions for kind and safe driving in a variety of environments.
- ◆ Developed as a guide to help motorists avoid and prevent incidents of driver aggression and road rage before they happen.

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### PART 1 – THE ART OF POLITE DRIVING

#### 1 Why Driving Etiquette?

Defines etiquette, and justifies why motorists should be as polite as in non-driving situations by offering specific rationale for being courteous while on the road.

#### 2 Being Polite and Compassionate

Highlights driver virtues such as being tolerant with and compassionate toward older drivers, recognizing the need for personal space, and generally practicing random acts of kindness.

### PART 2 – DRIVING ENVIRONMENTS

#### 3 Urban Driving

Addresses such issues as using turn signals, navigating intersections, obeying STOP signs, yielding, and observing vigilance with regard to traffic lights, changing lanes, railroad crossings, parking, and emergency vehicles.

#### 4 Suburban/Residential Driving

Covers issues addressed in Chapter 4 as well as maneuvering around parked cars; driving in parking lots; and being on the alert for bicyclists, skateboarders, and inline skaters.

#### 5 Interstate Driving

Gives advice on merging, proper use of headlights, passing, speed, cruise control, and dealing with tailgaters.

#### 6 Rural Driving

Provides guidance on following distance, maneuvering through curves and hills, being aware of wildlife, safety at railroad crossings, stopping on a roadway, and emergencies.

#### 7 Off Road Driving

Lists rules and regulations for safely operating two-, three-, and four-wheeled vehicles in off road environments.

### PART 3 – ROAD RAGE

#### 8 Dangerous Driving

Provides findings from case studies regarding the cause and implications of “dangerous driving.” Profiles specific behavior of the aggressive driver, what triggers such behavior, and how to personally protect yourself.

#### 9 Controlling Road Rage: It Starts with You

Suggests how to avoid road rage by using techniques to neutralize potentially volatile situations.

**Appendix A** addresses sleep deprivation and the use of cellular telephones.

**Appendix B** offers insights into specific dangers to pedestrians.



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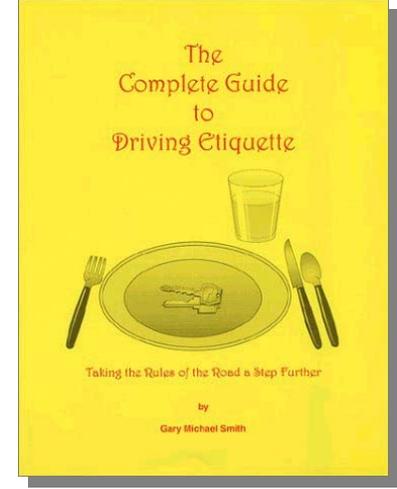
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Taking the Rules of the Road  
a Step Further



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