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3D animations will take you smoothly through the relevant skills you need to learn

Pass Your Driving Test is one of the first launches from up-and-coming British company Absolute Media, and they're promising to bring some much-needed quality to the reference software scene. They've certainly fulfilled that promise with this CD-ROM, which should prove invaluable to anyone preparing to take their driving test in the near future. If you passed many years ago, you might not be aware of just how many extras have been bolted on to the original practical exam - would-be drivers now have to navigate through a written theory exam as well as a hazard-perception test.

Both are extensively covered here. The pro-

gram uses official questions and hazard-perception videos drawn from the DSA exam, and it's all put across in an easy-to-use format. As you would expect, you can work through the tests at your own pace, repeating where necessary, and the navigation is intuitive and easy to pick up. The 3D driving lessons are great fun and throughout, the software manages to achieve the crucial objective of making learning entertaining as well as educational. Every conceivable topic, from left-hand bends to parking at night, is covered using a clear audio commentary and some impressively smooth and high-quality graphics. Many of the videos can be viewed from different angles and, of course, you can repeat them as necessary.

Also included are a series of easy-to-follow car maintenance videos (another new part of the driving test) and a complete highway code, which will certainly save you a few pounds at the post office. Speaking of saving money, if you take out insurance with the program's sponsor, you'll get the price of the software back anyway!

It makes a refreshing change to see something this well-researched and well-presented on the software shelves. Both content and presentation



You can view the animations from different angles, as many times as you like

are top notch and it's hard to see how it could've been bettered - the only slight niggle is that there isn't enough variation in the hazard-perception videos. Have no doubt about it, if you're approaching your test and want to put in the best preparation possible, this is £30 very well spent - and it will go on helping you during your first years of driving

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