

Mirror Adjustments

Whenever we change lanes, we have to check your “blind spot” because another driver may be right next to you but be blind to your vision through your mirrors. With a few adjustments, you can “eliminate” your own blind spots.

Here's how:

Adjust the driver's side mirror by resting your head against the driver's side window and then turn the mirror so that you can barely see the side of you own car. Once set, move over to the center of the front seat or move your head the same distance to the right as you did to the left and turn the passenger-side mirror so that you can just see the side of your own car.

With this adjustment, you won't see the side of your own car in either mirror, yet what you do see is far better. Cars behind you show up, as always, in the inside rearview mirror above the dash. And the instant a car leaves your field of vision on the inside mirror, the outside mirrors pick it up. Another benefit of this adjustment is that it markedly reduces nighttime headlight glare from behind. While this mirror adjustment will “eliminate” blind spots in the mirrors, it does not eliminate the need to do a shoulder check prior to changing lanes, especially when a driver is tired or distracted.

As with every change, it takes some time to get used to it. But over time, you will begin to see the benefits of always knowing who is around your car every time you scan your mirrors.