

WHAT'S HIDING BEHIND THE A-PILLAR? QUICK FACTS

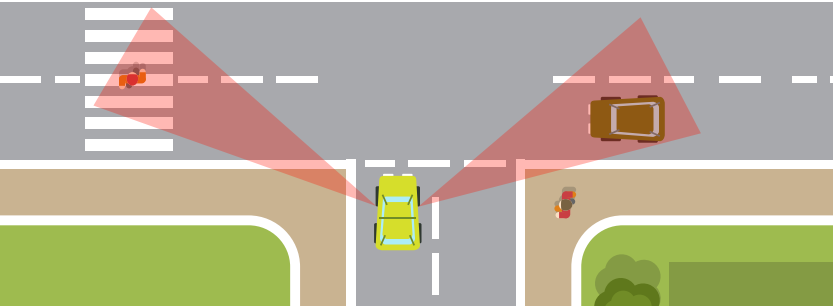
What is the A-pillar?

The **A-pillar** is the diagonal pillar on the sides of the windscreen, running from the dashboard to the roof.



Source: [Driving Test Tips, A-Pillar Blind Spots \(2018\)](#)

Vehicles, Cyclist, Pedestrians and Motor Cyclists

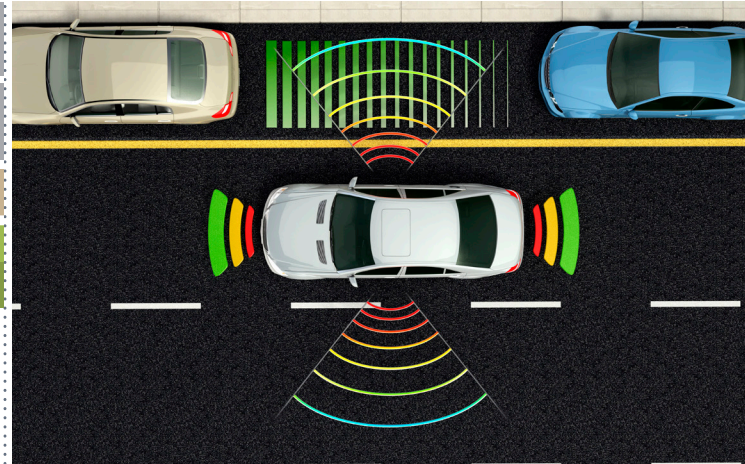


The wider the A-pillar the **wider the blind spot**

The A-pillar can **conceal** motor cyclist, cyclists, pedestrians and even small cars.

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Technology



Blind spot monitors are a broad category of vehicle-based safety devices that warn a driver of other road users in their blind spot.

Active systems are sensors which scan your vehicle's blind spots. If there is something, such as a cyclist, in your blind spot, these sensors will detect it and pass on a message to warn the driver.

Source: [Proctor Cars, How do blind spot monitors work? \(2018\)](#)

Tips



Slow Down and Observe your Surroundings Approach intersections slowly, with enough time to assess your surroundings. Look twice in each direction, and come to a full stop in obstructed intersections.

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