

Typical stopping distances

20 mph
(32 km/h)



= 12 metres (40 feet)
or three car lengths

30 mph
(48 km/h)



= 23 metres (75 feet)
or six car lengths

40 mph
(64 km/h)



= 36 metres (118 feet)
or nine car lengths

50 mph
(80 km/h)



= 53 metres (175 feet)
or thirteen car lengths

60 mph
(96 km/h)



= 73 metres (240 feet)
or eighteen car lengths

70 mph
(112 km/h)



= 96 metres (315 feet)
or twenty-four car lengths

The distances shown are a general guide. The distance will depend on your attention (thinking distance), the road surface, the weather conditions and the condition of your vehicle at the time.



Average car length = 4 metres (13 feet)