

STRAIGHT BACKING

1 Free GOAL
1 Free Pull-up

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Straight backing is the foundation for all other backing maneuvers. Make sure you can straight back before moving on to the other maneuvers. Pull forward ahead of the cones. Make sure the rear of the trailer is past the front of the box.



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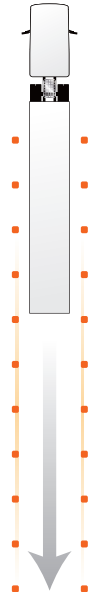
When straight backing, watch **BOTH** mirrors. Look at the **SIDE** of your trailer, not the front. If you see more of the side of your trailer in your left mirror, steer left to correct. If you see more of the side of your trailer in your right mirror, steer right to correct. **Watch BOTH mirrors.**



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Return the steering wheel to center just as the trailer is lining up behind the truck. The earlier you catch a trailer drift to the right or left, the easier it is to fix. Small drifts need small turns to fix. Big drifts need big turns. Watch **BOTH** mirrors.

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Back up until your front bumper is behind the last line of cones and STOP.

