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RAC comment on remote parking

New laws were introduced yesterday which will permit drivers to use new technology to remotely park their car from June.

The Department for Transport announced updates to the Highway Code which will enable drivers to use advanced driver assistance systems like remote parking and motorway assist.

RAC spokesman Rod Dennis said: "This is welcome news. With the pace of

technological change in the automotive sector being so rapid, it is important that the law and the Highway Code keeps up so that motorists can really benefit from new technologies like remote control parking.

“However it is also vital that nothing is done that encourages drivers to activate any of this sort of technology from a phone while inside their vehicle – the driving seat is no place for using something as distracting as a handheld mobile phone.

“And for drivers used to parking in Britain’s congested cities, remote control parking is unlikely to unlock the tightest of parking spaces – meaning the skill of being able to do a good parallel park will still be as valuable as ever.”

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About the RAC

The RAC provides complete peace of mind to 12m UK private and business drivers, whatever their motoring needs. Its services include:

- **Breakdown assistance.** Its highly-skilled, 1,600-strong branded patrol workforce attends more than two million breakdowns every year, fixing on average four out of five vehicles at the roadside. The RAC’s patrol fleet is one of the most advanced in the UK, and was the first to roll out both an [All-Wheels-Up recovery system](#), allowing the vast majority of vehicles to be recovered from a single patrol van, and [EV Boost](#) mobile electric vehicle charging units
- **Insurance.** The RAC is a top-five [car insurance](#) broker having surpassed the 500,000 policies-in-force milestone in 2018. It also offers ‘[black box](#)’ [telematics policies](#), as well as home and travel insurance
- **Other motoring services.** The RAC leads in the development of new solutions for business, fleets, electric vehicles and future car technology. Its additional products and services include a [personal loans offering](#), a [used car buying website](#), [vehicle inspections and checks](#), [legal services](#) or up-to-the-minute [traffic and travel information](#). It also has a network of [Approved Dealers](#) and [Approved Garages](#) which combine the trust of RAC brand with local service and

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The RAC also works to support the interests of its members and UK drivers on the most important motoring issues which it identifies via the annual [RAC Report on Motoring](#) and the RAC Opinion Panel. The Report on Motoring is the longest running analysis of driver opinion in the UK having been published every year since 1989.

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