

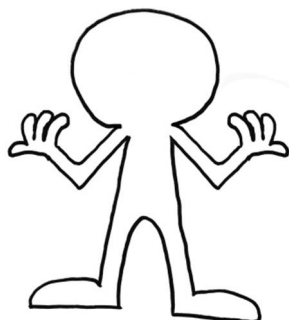
Hand Signals for Spotting

Demonstrated by
Buddy the Off-Road
Assistant.

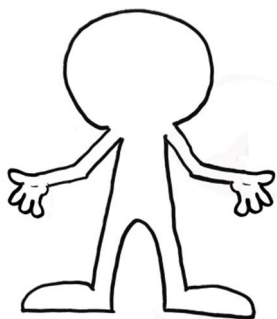


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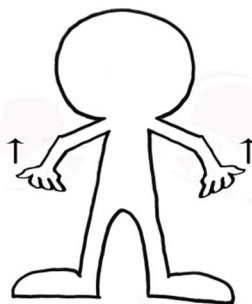
Come Forward
Palms toward you
Beckoning motion



Back Up
Palms Away
Shooing motion



Slow Down
Palms down
Patting motion



Speed Up
Palms Up
Lifting motion



Stop
Closed fist military style is clearer than a
palm-forward stop



Turn Left
Use entire hand or hands, not just one finger
Left means the Driver's left



Turn Right
Use entire hand or hands, not just one finger
Right means the Driver's right



Stop NOW
Also used for greater distances when the
spotter is harder to see



Lockers On

Bring hands together, interlocking fingers in a basket shape. Think of gears meshing.



Lockers Off

Make Lockers On signal and then separate hands. Palms are up.



Forward and Turn

Combine signals as needed



A Little Bit

Combine with other signals when small movements are needed



Rock the Steering Wheel

Fore-arm and hand side to side in an arc
Driver rocks steering wheel side to side



Shut Down

Hand moves in back and forth “Cut” motion
Driver shuts downs and secures vehicle



Stop for Photo

Finger makes a shutter clicking motion

Spotting Tips

- The Driver has ultimate responsibility for their vehicle.
- Only the Primary Spotter communicates with the Driver. Assistant Spotters communicate to the Primary Spotter.
- Make large clear hand signals.
- Whenever possible keep your hands to the side of your body for visibility.
- If you need to talk to the driver don't yell from a distance, stop the vehicle and then talk.
- Ensure spectators and assistants are clear before the vehicle moves.
- Have an escape route planned in case of loss of vehicle control.
- Watch your step. Splitting your attention can result in falls, so unless the terrain is relatively smooth or the vehicle is moving very slowly it is best to stop the vehicle while you check a hazard or adjust your position.