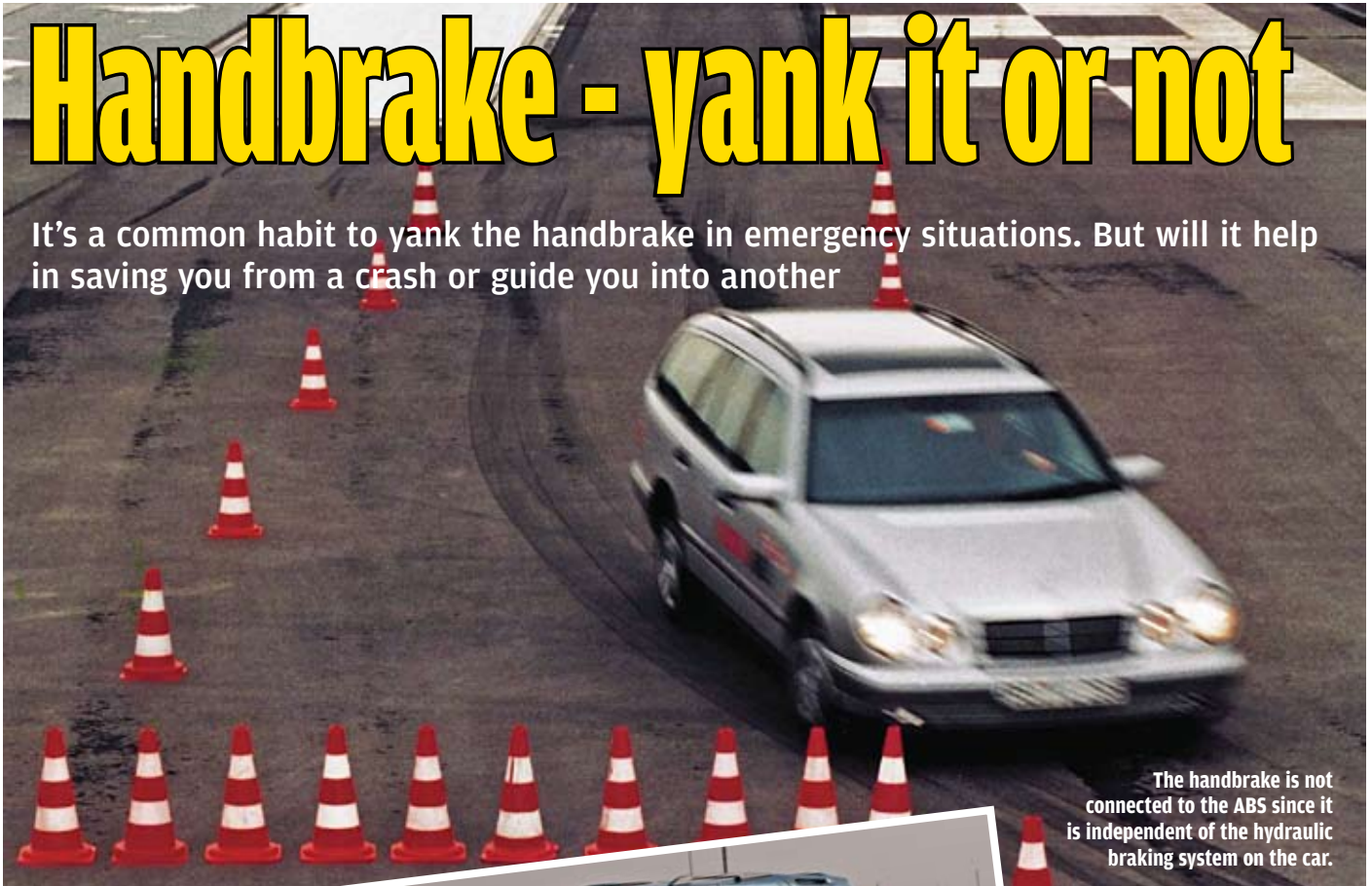


Handbrake - yank it or not

It's a common habit to yank the handbrake in emergency situations. But will it help in saving you from a crash or guide you into another



The handbrake is not connected to the ABS since it is independent of the hydraulic braking system on the car.

There are a lot of myths surrounding emergency braking manoeuvres and most of them remain unknown till the time comes to actually use it. So here's answering all the queries.

The handbrake as it's called is connected to the rear brakes via a set of steel cables which are connected to a lever next to a driver.

Although the handbrake is often attached to the regular drum brakes of the car, it is independent of the hydraulic braking system connected to the brake pedal which means ABS is not connected to it. In case of an emergency situation where the



Using handbrakes at high speeds can cause the rear end to cut loose.

hydraulic brakes fail, the driver can still stop the car using these as emergency brakes. It is recommended that you should downshift which will offer some amount of engine braking before applying the emergency brake. This will slow the car significantly, and reduce the grabbing

feeling that accompanies high speed use of the emergency brake. In addition to being more comfortable for driver and passengers, this is also a safety measure, as if the car is traveling at a high speed, it can fishtail or spin when the emergency brake is applied. The handbrake can also be used to prevent the car



When parked, employ the hand brake to prevent the car from rolling. from slipping away when parked. However many prefer to keep the car in gear, it is advisable to yank the handbrake as well. Not only is it a safeguard, but constant usage will keep it in working condition and help in detecting faults if any.

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