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PART II.—GENERAL DIRECTIONS

PART III.—GENERAL CITATION AND COMMENCEMENT

The Secretary of State and the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation (hereinafter referred to as "the Minister") acting jointly in exercise of their powers under sections 48 and 59 of the Road Traffic Act, 1930(a), as read with the Transfer of Functions (Roads, Bridges and Ferries) Order, 1955(b), section 35 of the Road Traffic Act, 1956(c), and of all other powers them enabling in that behalf hereby make the following Regulations and give the following Directions :—

PART I.—TRAFFIC SIGNS REGULATIONS

SECTION I

Preliminary

Citation

1. These Regulations may be cited as "The Traffic Signs Regulations, 1957".

Revocation

2.—(1) The Traffic Signs (Size, Colour and Type) Regulations, 1950(d) (hereinafter in these Regulations referred to as "the Regulations of 1950") are hereby revoked, without prejudice, however, to the validity of anything done thereunder or to any liability incurred in respect of any act or omission before the coming into operation of these Regulations.

(2) Any traffic sign situate on or near any road immediately before the coming into operation of these Regulations, being a traffic sign shown in any diagram set out in Part I, Part II, or Part III of either the First Schedule or the Second Schedule to the Regulations of 1950 and then complying with the provisions relating thereto by virtue of those Regulations shall, subject as hereinafter provided in this Regulation, be treated as prescribed by these Regulations for so long as it continues to comply with the said provisions as if the same had not been revoked :

Provided that the foregoing provisions of this paragraph shall not apply—

(*a*) in the case of a sign shown in either of the diagrams Nos. 49 and 50 set out in the said Second Schedule,

(*b*) on and after the expiration of one year from the coming into operation of these Regulations in the case of a sign shown in diagram No. 74 in the said First Schedule unless the sign is illuminated in the same manner as that in which Regulations 18 and 19 of these Regulations provide for the illumination of the sign shown in diagram No. 204 in the First Schedule to these Regulations, or

(*c*) on and after the expiration of two years from the coming into operation of these Regulations in the case of a sign shown in diagram No. 71 in the First Schedule to the Regulations of 1950 or diagram No. 43 in the Second Schedule to the Regulations of 1950 unless the lettering, background and borders of the sign comply as to colour with such one of the signs shown in diagrams Nos. 316 and 320 in the First Schedule to these Regulations as is appropriate.

(3) On and after the expiration of two years from the coming into operation of these Regulations any traffic sign situate on or near a road, being a traffic sign giving the indication shown in any of the diagrams Nos. 110, 111, 147, 148, 151, 152 and 205 in the First Schedule to these Regulations but not complying with the size, colour and type of sign shown in any such diagram,

(a) 20 & 21 Geo. 5. c. 43.
(b) S.I. 1955/1955 (1955 I, p. 1205).
(c) 4 & 5 Eliz. 2. c. 67.
(d) S.I. 1950/953 (1950 II, p. 775).

shall notwithstanding that it complies as to size, colour and type with the relevant provisions of the Regulations of 1950 or of any authorisation by the Minister or the Secretary of State, as the case may be, under section 48 of the Road Traffic Act, 1930, cease to be valid.

Interpretation

3.—(1) In these Regulations the expression "an approved Organisation" means the Royal Automobile Club, the Royal Scottish Automobile Club, the Automobile Association or the Cyclists Touring Club.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889(a), shall apply to the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

(3) Any reference in these Regulations to any enactment shall be construed as a reference to that enactment as amended by any subsequent enactment.

(4) Any reference in these Regulations to any sign shown in the First Schedule or Second Schedule to these Regulations shall be construed as including a reference to any such sign varied in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations.

SECTION II

Miscellaneous General Provisions

Authorisations by the Minister or the Secretary of State

4. Nothing in these Regulations shall be taken to limit the powers of the Minister or the Secretary of State, as the case may be, under section 48 of the Road Traffic Act, 1930, to authorise the erection or retention of traffic signs of a character not prescribed by these Regulations.

Application of s. 49 of the Road Traffic Act, 1930, to signs

5. Section 49 of the Road Traffic Act, 1930, shall apply to signs of the type shown in any of the diagrams Nos. 204, 205, 206, 212, 213, 216, 217, 218 and 219 in the First Schedule to these Regulations and to the red signal when shown by the light signals prescribed either by Regulation 27, or by that Regulation as varied by Regulation 28, or by Regulation 29 of these Regulations.

Reflectors shown in certain diagrams

6. Small circles shown in any of the diagrams in the First Schedule to these Regulations indicate reflectors, but this indication by itself shall not be taken as a requirement that reflectors must form part of the sign or any attachment thereto to which that diagram relates.

Variations in dimensions shown in diagrams

7. Any variation in a dimension specified in any of the diagrams in the First, Second or Third Schedule to these Regulations shall be treated as permitted by these Regulations if the variation—

(*a*) in the case of a dimension so specified as over 12 inches, does not exceed 5% of that dimension;

(*b*) in the case of a dimension so specified as 2 inches or as over 2 inches but not as over 12 inches, does not exceed 10% of that dimension; or

(*c*) in the case of a dimension so specified as under 2 inches, does not exceed 15% of that dimension.

(a) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

SECTION III

Traffic Signs shown in First Schedule

Signs to be of the sizes, colours and types shown in diagrams

8. Subject to the provisions of these Regulations, and except where the Minister or the Secretary of State, as the case may be, authorises the erection or retention of a traffic sign of another character, every traffic sign for conveying—

(*a*) to traffic a warning of the description specified in or under a diagram set out in Part I of the First Schedule to these Regulations (hereinafter referred to as " the First Schedule ") shall be of the size, colour and type shown in the diagram relating to that warning;

(*b*) to vehicular traffic a requirement of the description specified in a diagram set out in Part II of the First Schedule shall be of the size, colour and type shown in the diagram relating to that requirement;

(*c*) to vehicular traffic a prohibition or restriction of the description specified in a diagram set out in Part III of the First Schedule shall be of the size, colour and type shown in the diagram relating to that prohibition or restriction; or

(*d*) to traffic information of the description specified in or under a diagram set out in Part IV of the First Schedule shall be of the size, colour and type shown in the diagram relating to that information.

Permitted variants

9.—(1) Where the circumstances so require the following indications given on the signs shown in the First Schedule shall be varied as follows:—

(*a*) in diagrams Nos. 112, 115, 118, 125, 126, 127, 128, 311, 313, 314, 315, 318, 320, 322, 324, 327, 401, 411, 412, 413, 414, 447 and 475 the numerals shall be varied to accord with the circumstances;

(*b*) in diagrams Nos. 308, 309, 311, 312, 314, 315, 318, 320 and 324 the wording shall be varied to accord with the prohibitions or restrictions imposed in relation to vehicular traffic;

(*c*) in diagrams Nos. 106, 107, 110 and 111 the symbols shall be reversed and in diagrams Nos. 205 and 206 the upper arm of the symbol shall be omitted, to accord with the circumstances;

(*d*) in diagrams Nos. 127, 142, 143, 144, 209, 210, 215, 317, 323, 406, 407, 476, 477, 478, 481, 482, 483, 484, 493 and 494 the direction of the arrows shall be varied to accord with the direction required to be indicated;

(*e*) in diagrams Nos. 126, 127, 411, 412 and 413 the distances shall be indicated in yards or miles to accord with the circumstances;

(*f*) in diagram No. 159 the words " Keep Left " or " Keep Right " shall be substituted for the words " Road Works ", and in diagram No. 160 the words " Single File Traffic ", " Traffic Control Ahead " or " Traffic Signals Ahead " shall be substituted for the words " Road Works Ahead ", to accord with the circumstances;

(*g*) in diagrams Nos. 209, 210, 306, 307 and 413 the word " left " shall be substituted for the word " right " to accord with the circumstances;

(*h*) in diagrams Nos. 165 and 215 the word " right " shall be substituted for the word " left " to accord with the circumstances;

(*i*) in diagrams Nos. 466 and 467 the words " Bridle Path " or " Bridle Way " shall be substituted for the words " Public Footpath " to accord with the circumstances;

(*j*) in diagram No. 488 the indication "until 12 MIDNT" shall be varied or omitted to accord with the circumstances;

(*k*) in diagram No. 483 the panel bearing the word "Free" shall be omitted and in diagrams Nos. 484 to 488 inclusive a similar panel shall be included, to accord with the circumstances.

(2) In a sign shown in any of the diagrams Nos. 460 to 464 inclusive there may be incorporated the arms of the Council in whose administrative area the sign is placed provided that the indication of the place name in the sign is not thereby materially impaired. The arms may be shown either in the colours normally used by the Council or in black.

10. In a sign shown in any of the diagrams Nos. 416, 429 to 472 inclusive, 474, 477, 478, 479 and 480 in the First Schedule there shall be incorporated such route numbers, chequer symbols (except in signs shown in diagrams Nos. 429, 430, 448 and 450), place names and number and types of panels and arrows as may be appropriate having regard to the place where the sign is erected, and in a sign shown in any of the diagrams Nos. 416, 447, 452, 453, 459, 462, 465, 466, 467, 479 and 480 there shall be incorporated such distances as may be so appropriate and in a sign shown in any of the diagrams Nos. 422 to 428 inclusive, 449, 451, 453, 454, 466 to 470 inclusive, 474 and 480 the direction of the fingerpost shall be varied to accord with the circumstances.

11. To signs shown in diagrams Nos. 456, 457 and 458 in the First Schedule place names may be added where it is considered necessary.

Dimensions

12.—(1) Where in any diagram in the First Schedule dimensions for any detail are not indicated, the dimensions which shall apply to that detail shall be the relevant dimensions indicated in the first diagram in the said Schedule which includes that detail.

(2) Where in any diagram in the First Schedule dimensions for a sign are indicated in brackets against dimensions not so indicated, the first mentioned dimensions may be treated as an alternative to the second mentioned dimensions.

(3) The size of a sign shown in any of the diagrams Nos. 105 to 111 inclusive, 118, 119, 120, 145 and 146 in the First Schedule may be increased by doubling all the dimensions applicable to that sign other than dimensions as to the width or radius of any border of the sign.

(4) The size of a sign shown in either of the diagrams Nos. 429 and 430 may be increased by extending all the dimensions applicable to that sign by 50%.

Proportions and form of letters and numerals

13. Except in the case of the signs shown in diagrams Nos. 215 and 307 in which the letters shall be compressed laterally to suit the width of the signs, and in the case of signs shown in diagrams Nos. 471 and 472, all letters and numerals incorporated in the signs shown in the First Schedule shall have the proportions and form shown in diagram 1 in the Fourth Schedule to these Regulations:

Provided that letters and numerals having the proportions and form shown in diagram 2 in the said Fourth Schedule may be incorporated in any such sign other than the signs shown in diagrams Nos. 215 and 307 if the sign is placed on or near a road at any time before the expiration of two years from the coming into operation of these Regulations.

Surmounting of signs

14.—(1) The signs shown in Part I of the First Schedule other than the signs shown in diagrams Nos. 128, 142, 143, 144, 149 and 157 to 165 inclusive in that Part shall be surmounted by a triangle of the size, colour and type shown in diagram 101.

(2) The signs shown in diagrams Nos. 204, 205, and 206 in Part II of the First Schedule shall be surmounted by a ringed triangle of the size, colour and type shown in diagram No. 201 and the signs shown in diagrams Nos. 209 to 214 inclusive in that Part shall be surmounted by a ring of the size, colour and type shown in diagram No. 207.

(3) The signs shown in Part III of the First Schedule other than the signs shown in diagrams Nos. 304, 305, 307 and 316 to 326 inclusive shall be surmounted by a disc of the size, colour and type shown in diagram No. 301.

(4) Methods of assembling the triangle, the ringed triangle, the ring or disc referred to in the preceding provisions of this Regulation with a sign or signs which it is to surmount in accordance with those provisions are indicated by way of example only in diagrams Nos. 102, 103, 104, 202, 203, 208, 302 and 303 in the First Schedule.

Arrangement of multiple route and place signs

15. Where a direction sign shown in any of the diagrams Nos. 429 to 457 inclusive, 465, 467, 479 and 480 in the First Schedule indicates more than one route in any one direction or more than one place on a route, the routes and places shall be arranged vertically and so as to read from top to bottom in order of distance from the site where the sign is erected, the nearer or nearest route or place being uppermost.

16. In signs shown in diagrams Nos. 429, 430, 448, 450, 452 and 479 in the First Schedule the order of directions reading from top to bottom shall be Ahead, Left Fork, Left Turn, Right Fork, Right Turn to accord with the circumstances.

Colour of signs

17.—(1) Except where otherwise indicated in any diagram, and subject to the following provisions of this Regulation, all letters, numerals, symbols, arrows and borders on signs shown in the First Schedule shall be black on a white ground.

(2) The colour of the background surrounding any panel showing any route number or place in a direction sign shall in the case of such a sign shown in any of the diagrams Nos. 431 to 447 inclusive be yellow if the sign is erected at or near a road junction in a County Borough, Borough or Urban District in England and Wales or a Burgh in Scotland.

(3) Signs shown in diagrams Nos. 476 and 478 may be in such colours as the British Transport Commission may think fit having regard to the region of their railway undertaking in which any such sign is required.

Illumination of signs by lighting

18.—(1) The signs shown in diagrams Nos. 215 and 307 shall be illuminated at all times by the fitting of a means of internal lighting.

(2) The sign shown in diagram No. 158 shall not be illuminated by the fitting of a means of external lighting.

(3) Subject to the foregoing provisions of this Regulation, any sign shown in the First Schedule may be illuminated by the fitting of a means of lighting:

Provided that on and after the expiration of one year from the coming into operation of these Regulations the sign shown in diagram No. 204 shall, unless it is illuminated by the use of reflectors or reflecting material in accordance with the provisions of the next succeeding Regulation, be illuminated during the hours of darkness as so defined in the Road Transport Lighting Act, 1927(a), by the fitting of a means of external lighting.

Illumination of signs by reflectors

19.—(1) The traffic sign shown in diagram No. 158 shall be illuminated by the use of red reflectors when the sign indicates the near side edge of the carriageway or an obstruction near that edge and by the use of white reflectors when that sign indicates the offside edge of the carriageway or an obstruction near that edge.

(2) Signs shown in diagrams Nos. 215 and 307 shall not be illuminated by the use of reflectors or reflecting material.

(3) Subject to the foregoing provisions of this Regulation, the following provisions as to the illumination of signs by the use of reflectors or reflecting material shall apply.

(4) Any sign shown in the First Schedule may have white reflectors fitted to any letter or numeral not being less than 3 inches in height which is incorporated in the sign.

(5) Where reflectors are fitted to any letter or numeral in accordance with the last preceding paragraph of this Regulation—

(*a*) the diameter of the reflectors shall be:—

(i) $\frac{5}{16}$ of an inch in the case of letters or numerals 3 inches in height;

(ii) $\frac{3}{8}$ of an inch in the case of letters or numerals 4 inches or $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches in height; and

(iii) $\frac{5}{8}$ of an inch in the case of letters or numerals 6 inches or 8 inches in height; and

(*b*) the reflectors shall be so fitted as:—

(i) to be spaced at 2 diameters approximately; and

(ii) not to be less than, nor more than, 5 in any vertical stroke forming part of a letter or numeral.

(6) Any sign, being a sign containing a symbol and shown in any of the diagrams Nos. 105 to 112 inclusive, 118, 119, 120, 124 to 127 inclusive, 130, 131, 142 to 146 inclusive, 205, 206, 214 and 473, may have white reflectors fitted to the symbol and the number, size and arrangement of the reflectors in the symbol shall be as indicated in such of the said diagrams as relates to that sign.

(7) Any sign, being a sign incorporating an arrow $15\frac{1}{2}$ inches in length and shown in any of the diagrams Nos. 209, 210, 213 and 407 may have white reflectors fitted to the arrow and the size of reflectors fitted to the arrow shall be as indicated in diagram No. 209.

(8) Where any sign is fitted with white reflectors in accordance with the last four paragraphs of this Regulation or where any sign shown in diagram No. 204 is illuminated by the fitting of a means of external lighting in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (3) of the last preceding Regulation and any such sign is to be surmounted in accordance with the relevant provisions of Regulation 14 of these Regulations by a triangle, ringed triangle, ring or disc, the said triangle, ringed triangle, ring or disc shall be fitted with red reflectors and the number, size and arrangement thereof shall be as indicated in diagrams Nos. 101, 201, 207 and 301 respectively.

(a) 17 & 18 Geo 5. c. 37.

(9) Where the letters in the sign shown in diagram No. 304 are fitted with white reflectors in accordance with paragraph (4) of this Regulation, the sign shall also be fitted with red reflectors and the number, size and arrangement thereof shall be as indicated in the said diagram.

(10) Any sign shown in the First Schedule may be illuminated by the use of any reflecting material—

(*a*) on the surface thereof, provided no such material is used on the surface of any part of the sign consisting of any black letter, numeral, symbol, arrow or border; or

(*b*) on the surface of any triangle, ringed triangle, ring or disc

so long as any colour prescribed for the sign, triangle, ringed triangle, ring or disc by these Regulations is not thereby affected:

Provided that nothing in this paragraph shall prevent the illumination of any such sign by the use of white reflecting material on any part of the sign consisting of any black letter, numeral, symbol or arrow.

Permitted use of certain badges or devices

20. There may be included in or attached to any sign shown in any of the diagrams Nos. 158 and 481 to 488 inclusive in the First Schedule the arms, badge or other device of an approved Organisation, and where such arms, badge or other device are included in any sign shown in diagram No. 158, the background to the reflectors may be of the colour or colours adopted by the approved Organisation.

SECTION IV

Traffic Signs shown in Second Schedule

Carriageway markings

21.—(1) A traffic sign consisting of a line or mark (hereinafter referred to as a "carriageway marking") placed on the carriageway of any road for conveying a warning, a requirement or information of the description specified under a diagram set out in the Second Schedule to these Regulations shall be of the size and type shown in the diagram relating to that warning, requirement or information:

Provided that in diagram No. RM7—

(*a*) the dimensions indicated in brackets against dimensions not so indicated may be treated as an alternative to the last mentioned dimensions; and

(*b*) all the dimensions not indicated in brackets may be increased by 50 per cent.

(2) Any carriageway marking shown in any of the diagrams Nos. RM2, RM4, RM5 and RM6 may have studs incorporating reflectors fitted to the marking and studs shown in diagram No. RM3 may have reflectors incorporated therein.

Colour and height above carriageway of markings

22.—(1) Carriageway markings and studs fitted thereto shall be white, silver or light grey in colour, and reflectors incorporated in such studs shall be white in colour or, where they are incorporated in studs fitted to the carriageway marking shown in RM6 to indicate the near side edge of the carriageway, red in colour.

(2) Carriageway markings consisting of studs and shown in any of the diagrams Nos. RM3, RM10 and RM11 shall not project above the adjacent surface of the carriageway more than $\frac{5}{8}$ of an inch at their highest points nor more than $\frac{1}{4}$ of an inch at their edges, except that where reflectors are incorporated in studs of the carriageway marking shown in diagram No. RM3, such studs may at their highest points project above the adjacent surface of the carriageway not more than 1 inch.

(3) Carriageway markings other than those referred to in the last preceding paragraph of this Regulation shall not project above the adjacent surface of the carriageway more than $\frac{1}{4}$ of an inch.

(4) Studs incorporating reflectors fitted to any of the carriageway markings shown in any of the diagrams Nos. RM2, RM4, RM5 and RM6 may project above the adjacent surface of the carriageway not more than 1 inch at their highest points.

SECTION V

Miscellaneous Traffic Signs

Certain temporary signs

23.—(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of Regulation 8 of these Regulations and subject to the succeeding paragraphs of this Regulation, signs placed temporarily on or near a road—

(*a*) for conveying to traffic information as respects deviations of traffic routes or a warning of works being executed on or near a road or of any obstruction on a road;

(*b*) for conveying to vehicular traffic any prohibition, restriction or requirement of a description required for any purpose for which a sign may be placed under section 36 of the Road Traffic Act, 1956 (which relates to experimental traffic schemes in London), section 37 of that Act (which relates to the erection of traffic signs relating to special traffic regulations) or section 38 of that Act (which relates to signs for dealing with traffic congestion and danger); or

(*c*) pending the erection of any permanent sign prescribed by these Regulations, for conveying to traffic the indication which such a permanent sign indicates;

may be of such size, colour and type as is specified in the following provisions of this Regulation.

(2) Every such sign placed as aforesaid (hereinafter referred to as a "temporary sign") shall be of a shape which—

(*a*) is rectangular,

(*b*) is rectangular, but with the corners rounded; or

(*c*) is rectangular, but with one end pointed.

(3) Every temporary sign shall be of such size as is necessary to accommodate the wording, numerals and arrows appropriate to the purpose for which it is placed as aforesaid and any arms, badge, device, words or letters incorporated in the sign in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (6) of this Regulation.

(4) Every letter and numeral incorporated in a temporary sign other than any letter incorporated in the sign in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (6) of this Regulation shall be not less than $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches nor more than 6 inches in height, and every arrow so incorporated shall be not less than 10 inches nor more than 20 inches in length except that where an arrow is incorporated in the index part of a sign with a pointed end such arrow shall be not less than 4 inches nor more than 8 inches in length.

(5) Every letter, numeral or arrow incorporated in a temporary sign shall be—

(*a*) black or dark blue in colour on a background of white, silver, cream or yellow ; or

(*b*) white or silver in colour on a blue background.

(6) There may be incorporated in or attached to a temporary sign the arms, badge or other device of a highway authority, police authority or an approved Organisation or words or letters indicating the highway authority or that the sign is a police sign.

Flashing beacons

24. Beacons showing an intermittent red light for conveying the warning that drivers of vehicles should take special care may be used in combination with or in conjunction with any of the signs specified in the last preceding Regulation of these Regulations, subject to the following conditions:—

(i) the dimensions of the lenses shall not be less than 5 inches nor more than 8 inches measured in a straight line in any direction ;

(ii) the height of the centre of the lenses from the carriageway shall be not less than 4 feet nor more than 8 feet ;

(iii) the rate of flashing shall be not less than 50 nor more than 75 per minute ; and

(iv) the structure on which the lamps are supported shall be painted black and white in alternate horizontal bands.

25.—(1) Subject to the provisions of the succeeding paragraph of this Regulation, beacons showing an intermittent red light for conveying the warning that drivers of vehicles should take care may be used at important cross roads if the beacons comply with the following conditions:—

(*a*) the diameter of the lenses shall be not less than 6½ inches nor more than 8 inches ;

(*b*) the height of the centre of the lenses from the carriageway shall be not less than 8 feet nor more than 10 feet ;

(*c*) the rate of flashing shall be not less than 60 nor more than 70 per minute ; and

(*d*) the structure on which the lamps are placed shall be painted black and white in alternate horizontal bands and the base thereof shall be illuminated with a white floodlight.

(2) On and after the expiration of one year from the coming into operation of these Regulations this Regulation shall cease to have effect.

Flags

26. Flags of an area of not less than 2 square feet and coloured red for conveying information that drivers of vehicles should cause their vehicles to halt or coloured green for conveying information that drivers of vehicles may cause their vehicles to proceed may be used to control vehicular traffic in order to assist its safe movement at any level crossing or at any opening bridge or in connection with any works being executed on a road and a flag of the aforesaid area coloured red for conveying the warning that it would be dangerous for drivers to cause their vehicles to proceed may be used in an emergency :

Provided that during the hours of darkness as defined in the Road Transport Lighting Act, 1927, red or green flags shall not be used as aforesaid unless they are so illuminated by lighting as to be clearly visible to approaching traffic.

Light signals for vehicular traffic

27. Light signals may be used for the control of vehicular traffic subject to the following provisions:—

(*a*) three lights shall be used facing the stream of traffic which the signal is intended to control, one red, one amber and one green;

(*b*) the lamps showing the coloured lights aforesaid shall be arranged vertically, the lamp showing a red light being the uppermost and that showing a green light the lowermost;

(*c*) each lamp shall be separately illuminated and the effective diameter of the lens thereof shall be not less than 8 inches nor more than 8¼ inches;

(*d*) the height of the centre of the green lens from the carriageway shall be 7 feet 6 inches, provided that where desirable owing to road gradients this height may be increased to not more than 10 feet;

(*e*) the centres of the lenses shall be not more than 14 inches apart;

(*f*) the head of the signal enclosing the lamps, and the post, if any, on which it is supported shall be painted black and white in alternate horizontal bands;

(*g*) the word "STOP" in black lettering shall be placed upon the lens of the lamp showing a red light and no other lettering shall be used upon the lenses or in connection with a light signal;

(*h*) the sequence of the signal lights shown for the purpose of controlling vehicular traffic shall be as follows:—

(i) Red,

(ii) Amber and red together,

(iii) Green,

(iv) Amber;

Provided that any such light signal on the green lens of which the word "GO" has been placed before the coming into operation of these Regulations shall be deemed to comply with this Regulation.

28. A lens of the size and colour shown in diagram No. 1 in the Third Schedule to these Regulations which, when illuminated, shows a green arrow—

(*a*) may be substituted for the lens showing the green light in the light signals referred to in Regulation 27 of these Regulations in any of the methods shown in diagrams Nos. 4 to 8 inclusive in the said Schedule; or

(*b*) may be affixed to the light signals referred to in the said Regulation 27 or to those signals as altered in accordance with the preceding paragraph of this Regulation in any of the methods shown in diagrams Nos. 2, 3, 6, 7 and 8 in the said Schedule.

Portable light signals for vehicular traffic

29.—(1) Portable light signals may be used for the control of vehicular traffic—

(*a*) where, owing to roadworks being in progress or for some other reason the width of the carriageway is temporarily restricted so that it will carry only one line of traffic, or

(*b*) during the progress of temporary schemes of traffic control, if the signals are in the control of the police.

(2) Such light signals shall comply either with the provisions of sub-paragraphs (*a*), (*b*), (*c*), (*e*), (*g*) and (*h*) of Regulation 27 of these Regulations and sub-paragraphs (*d*) and (*f*) of paragraph (3) of this Regulation or with all the provisions of the said paragraph (3).

(3) (*a*) Two lights shall be used facing the stream of traffic which the signal is intended to control, one red and the other green;

(*b*) the lamps showing the coloured lights aforesaid shall be arranged vertically, the lamp showing a red light being uppermost;

(*c*) each lamp shall be separately illuminated and the effective diameter of the lens thereof shall be not less than 8 inches nor more than 8¼ inches;

(*d*) the height of the centre of the green lens from the carriageway shall be not less than 5 feet nor more than 7 feet 6 inches;

(*e*) the centres of the lenses shall be not more than 28 inches apart;

(*f*) the signal head and the post or legs on which it is supported shall be painted black and white in alternate horizontal bands;

(*g*) the word "STOP" in black lettering shall be placed upon the lens of the lamp showing a red light and where the signals are in the control of the police appropriate words indicating that the signals are police signals may be used; and

(*h*) the red and green lights shall not be shown together and one shall follow the other without any appreciable interval of time.

Significance of light signals

30.—(1) The significance of the light signals prescribed by Regulation 27 or 29 of these Regulations shall be as follows:—

(*a*) the red signal shall convey the prohibition that vehicular traffic shall not proceed beyond the stop line on the carriageway provided in conjunction with the signals or, if there is no stop line, beyond the signals;

(*b*) the amber-with-red signal (where an amber signal is provided) shall be taken to denote an impending change in the indication given by the signal from red to green but shall not alter the prohibition conveyed by the red signal;

(*c*) the green signal shall indicate that vehicular traffic may pass the signals and proceed straight on or to the left or to the right;

(*d*) the amber signal (when provided) shall, when shown alone, convey the prohibition that vehicular traffic shall not proceed beyond the stop line or, if there is no stop line, beyond the signals, except in the case of any vehicle which when the signal first appears is so close to the said line or signals that it cannot safely be stopped before passing the line or signals.

(2) The significance of the light signals prescribed by Regulation 27 of these Regulations, as varied in accordance with the provisions of Regulation 28 of these Regulations, shall be as follows:—

(*a*) subject as provided in sub-paragraph (*d*) of this paragraph, the red signal shall convey the prohibition that vehicular traffic shall not proceed beyond the stop line on the carriageway provided in conjunction with the signals;

(*b*) subject as provided in sub-paragraph (*d*) of this paragraph, the amber-with-red signal shall denote an impending change in the indication given by the signals from red to green (where a green signal is provided) or from red to a green arrow or arrows but shall not alter the prohibition conveyed by the red signal;

(*c*) the green signal (where a green signal is provided) shall indicate that vehicular traffic may pass the signals and proceed straight on or to the left or to the right;

(*d*) any green arrow during such time as it is illuminated shall indicate that vehicular traffic may pass the signals and proceed only in the direction indicated by the arrow notwithstanding any other indication given by the signals;

(*e*) the amber signal shall, when shown alone, convey the prohibition that vehicular traffic shall not proceed beyond the stop line, except in the case of any vehicle which when the signal first appears is so close to the said line that it cannot safely be stopped before passing the line.

(3) Vehicular traffic passing any light signals in accordance with the foregoing provisions of this Regulation shall proceed with due regard to the safety of other users of the road and subject to the direction of any police constable in uniform or other duly authorised person who may be engaged in the regulation of traffic.

(4) For the purposes of this Regulation the expression "stop line" means a traffic sign shown in diagram No. RM1 in the Second Schedule to these Regulations.

Light signals for pedestrians

31.—(1) Light signals indicating to pedestrians the period during which it is desirable that they should cross the carriageway may be used in conjunction with the light signals prescribed by Regulation 27 or those light signals as varied in accordance with the provisions of Regulation 28 of these Regulations and, if so used, shall consist of:—

(*a*) a lamp facing across the carriageway which, when lit, illuminates the words "CROSS" or "CROSS NOW" in white or green letters on a black ground; or

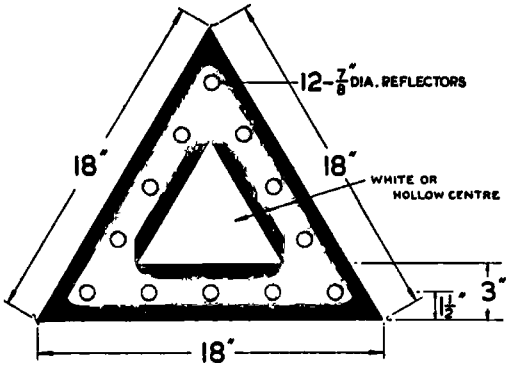
(*b*) two lamps arranged vertically with their centres not more than 28 inches apart and facing across the carriageway, the upper lamp of which, when lit, shows a red light or illuminates the word "WAIT" in red letters, and the lower lamp, when lit, illuminates the words "CROSS" or "CROSS NOW" in white or green letters, on a black ground.

In the case of any such signals the provisions of paragraph (*f*) of Regulation 27 of these Regulations shall apply thereto as they apply in the case of light signals prescribed by that Regulation.

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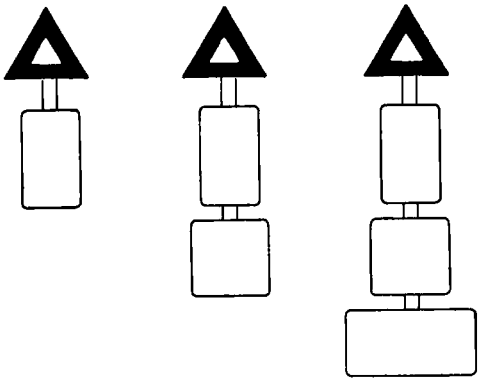
(See Regulation 8)

Signs for conveying to traffic warnings of the description specified in or under a diagram.



Note—To surmount warning signs in accordance with Regulation 14.

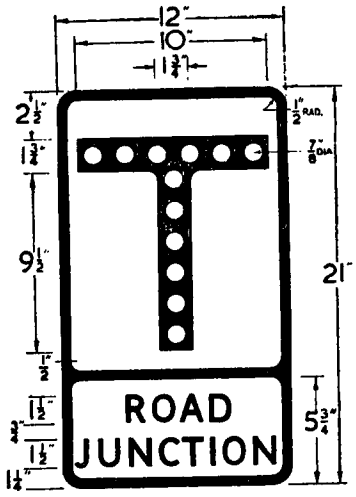
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Note—Typical methods of assembling warning signs and triangle.

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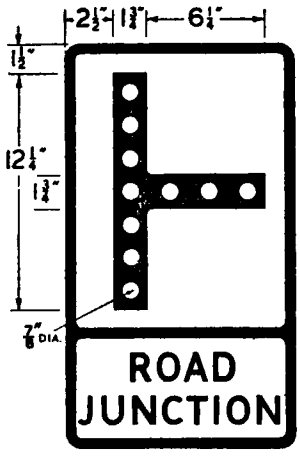
FIRST SCHEDULE. Part I—Warning Signs



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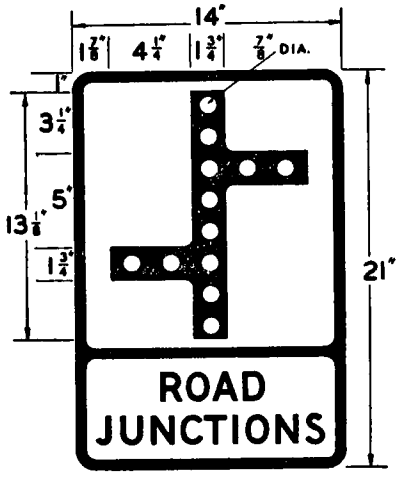
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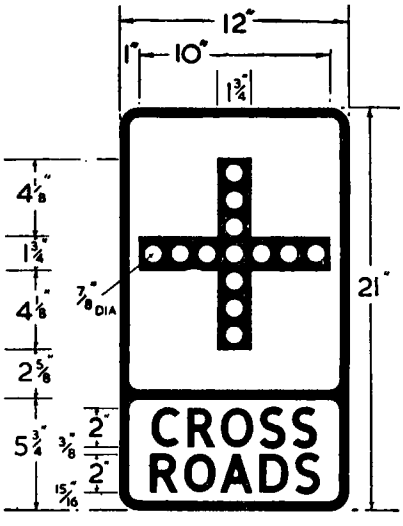
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(See Directions 5, 6 and 7)

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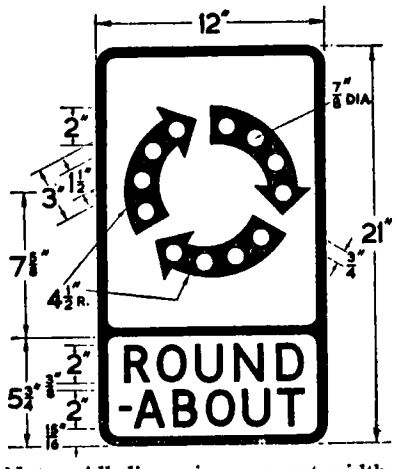


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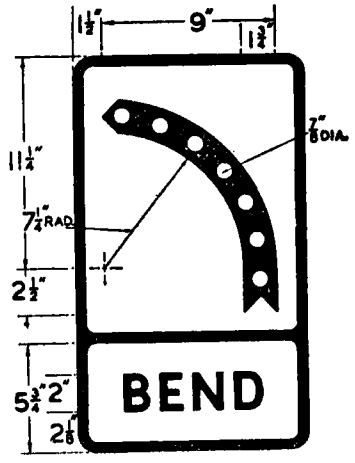
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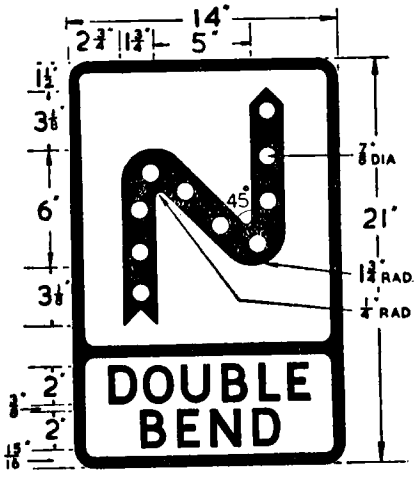
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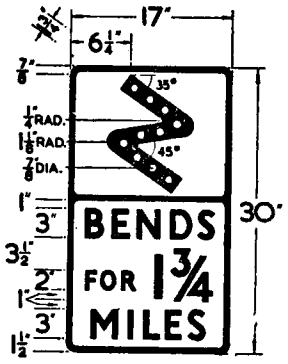


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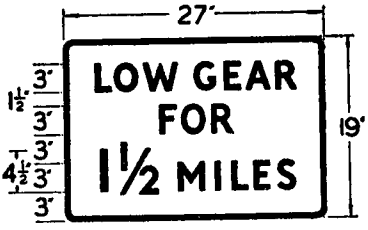
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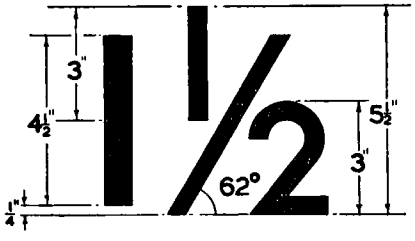
Existence of very steep hill
(See Direction 3)
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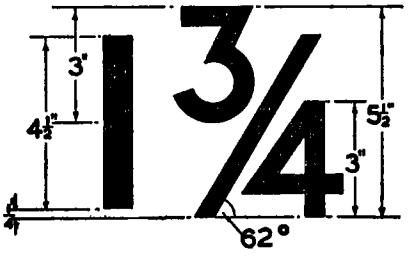
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Existence of long steep hill
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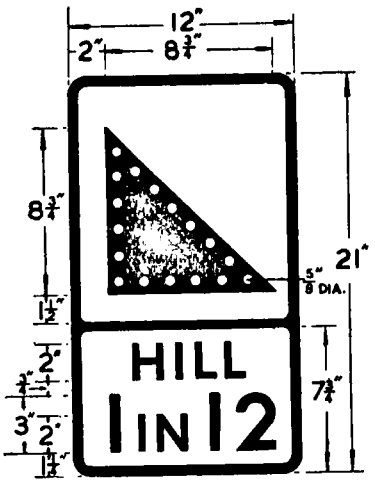


Sign Detail
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Sign Detail
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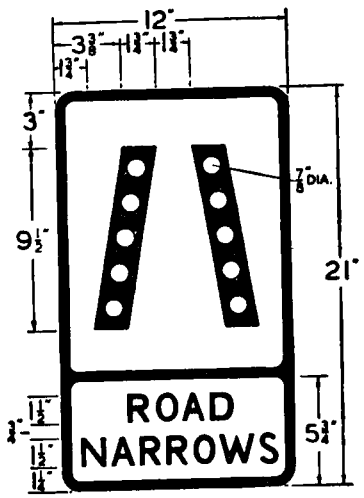
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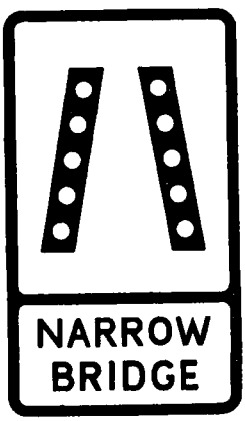
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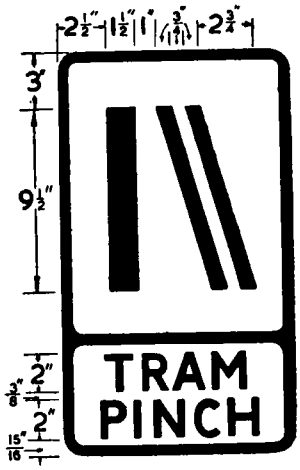
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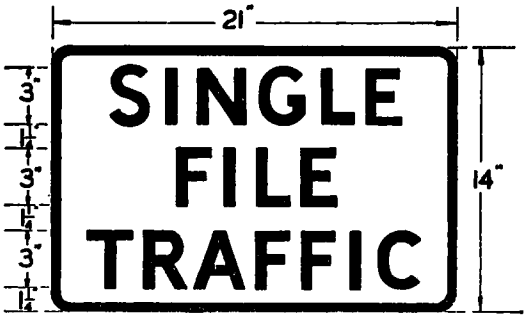
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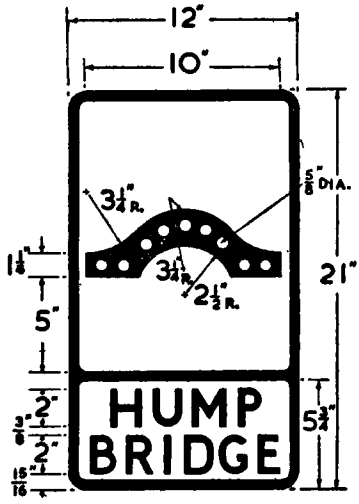
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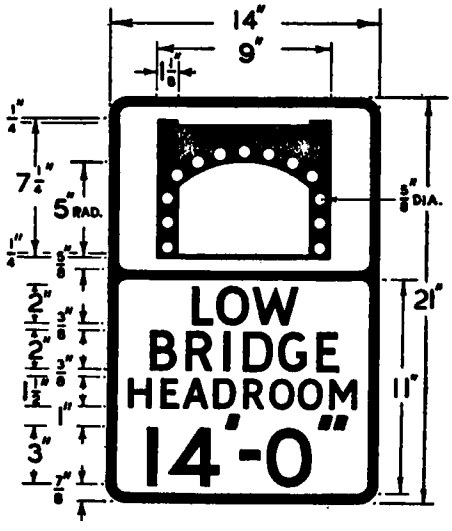
Convergence of vehicular traffic to single file
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Road only wide enough for one line of vehicles
(See Direction 10)
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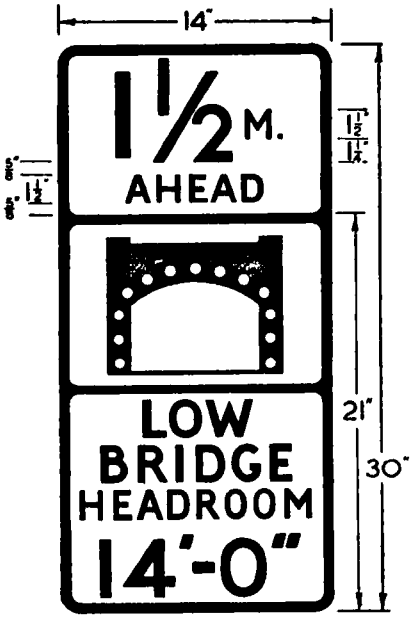


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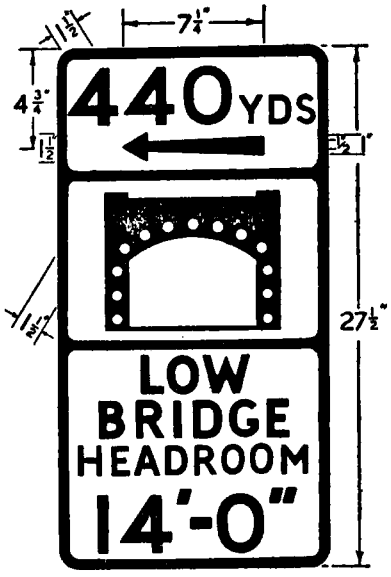
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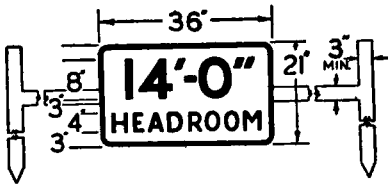
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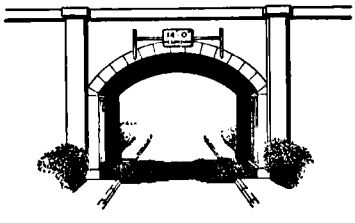


Existence of low bridge

Note—The chord marking is to indicate the width over which the headroom is available; it may be omitted where unnecessary

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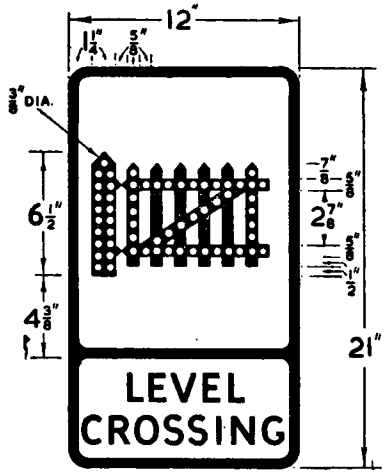
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Method of using sign in diagram 128

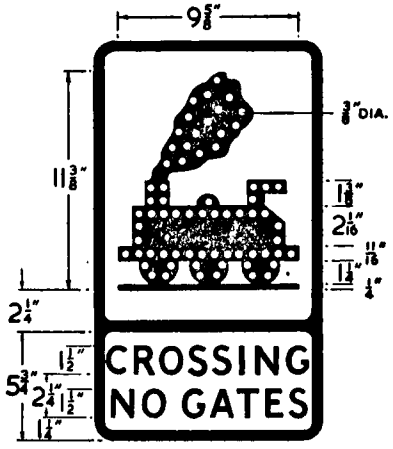
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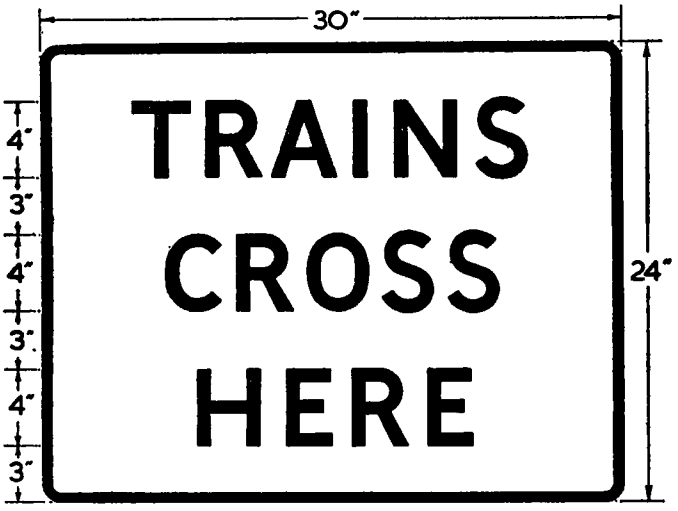
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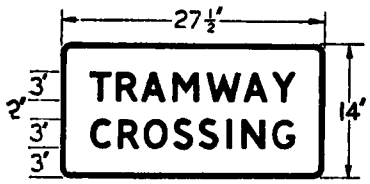


Location of level crossing

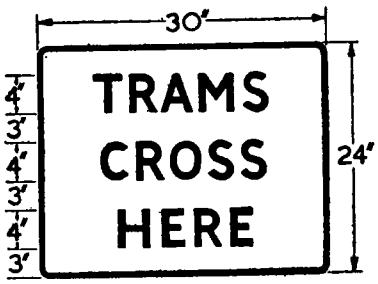
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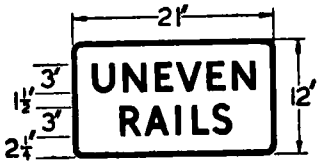
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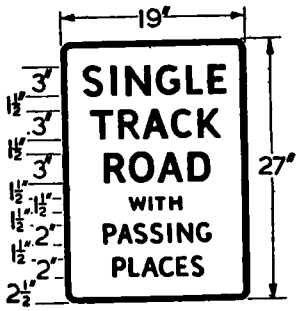
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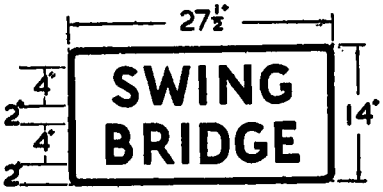
Location of tram crossing
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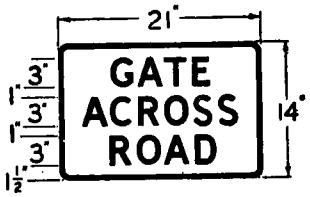
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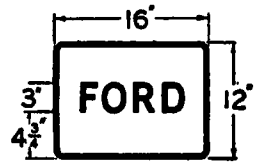


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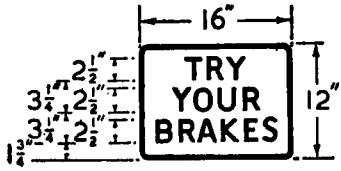
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FIRST SCHEDULE. Part I—Warning Signs



(See Directions 5 and 14)

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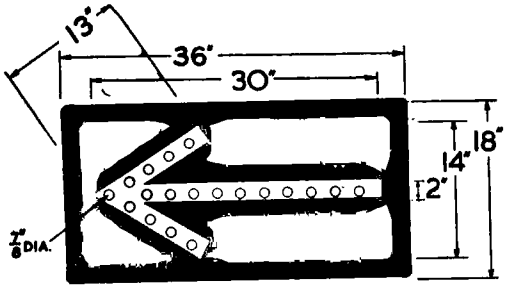
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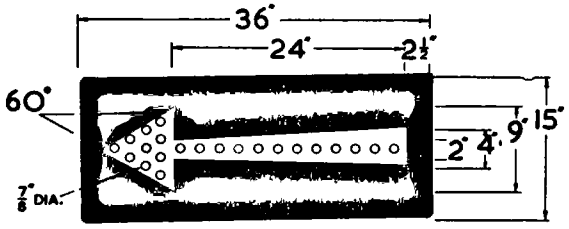
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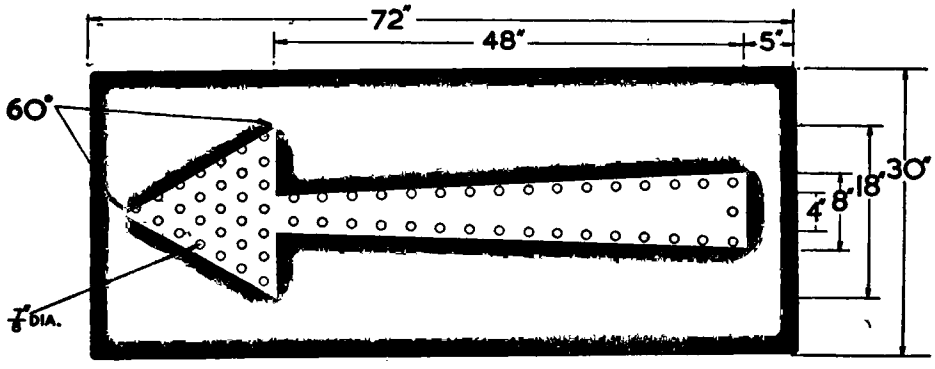
Sharp deviation of route

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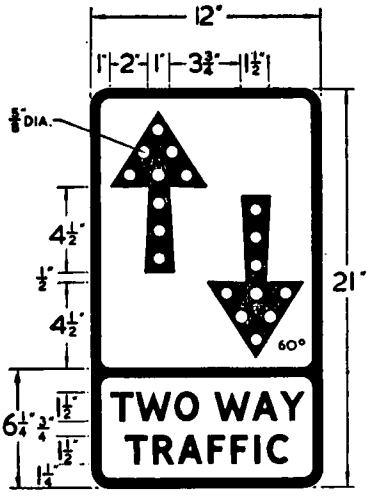
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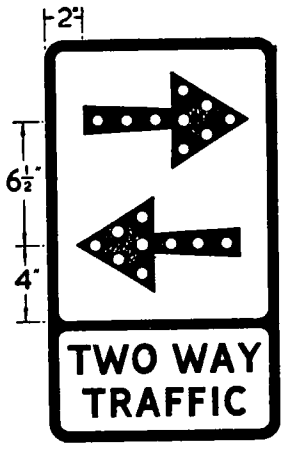


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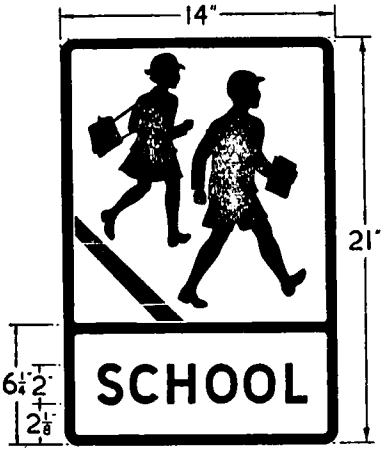


Resumption of two way traffic on single carriageway

Note—All dimensions, except width and radius of any border, may be doubled

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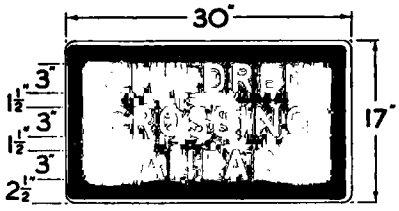




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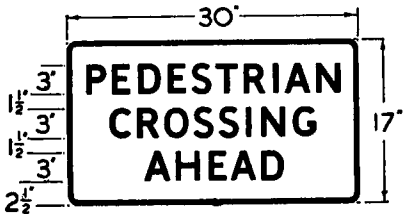
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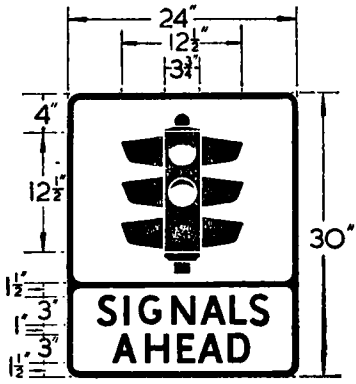
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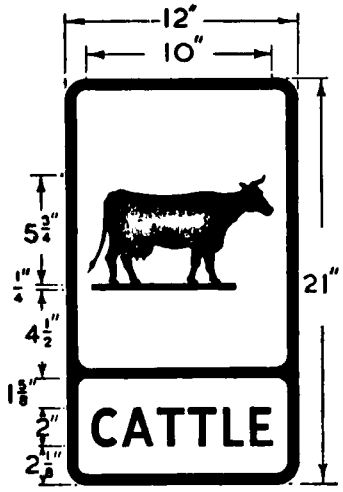
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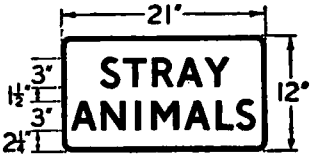
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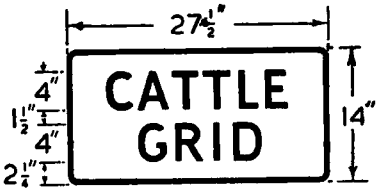
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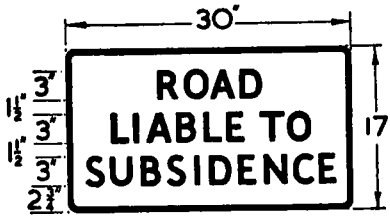


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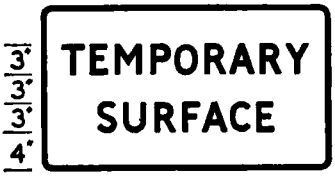


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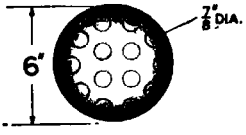


(See Direction 5)

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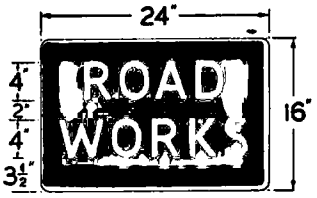
Edge of carriageway or obstruction near edge.

Note—Red reflectors on a red ground to indicate the near side of the carriageway; white reflectors on a white ground to indicate the offside of the carriageway

(See Direction 18)

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FIRST SCHEDULE. Part I—Warning Signs

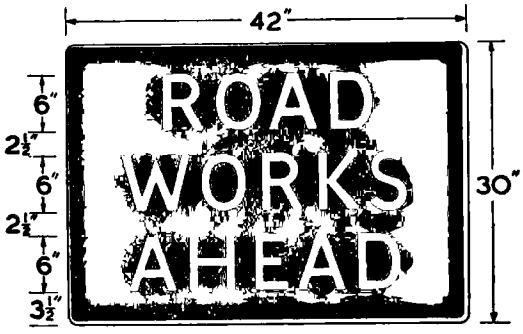


Warning to traffic of works being or having been executed on a road

(See Direction 19)

Legend may be:—Keep Left
Keep Right

159



Same as 159

(See Direction 19)

Legend may be:—Single File Traffic
Traffic Signals Ahead
Traffic Control Ahead

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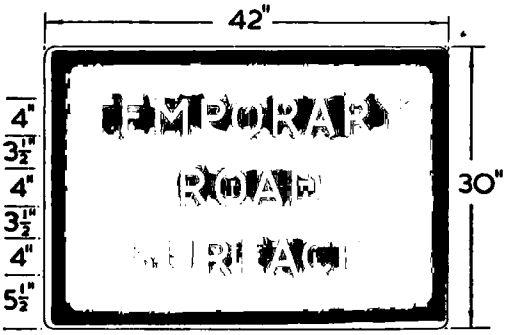


Same as 159

(See Direction 19)

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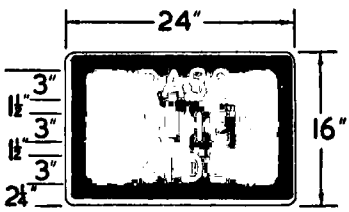
FIRST SCHEDULE. Part I—Warning Signs



Same as 159
(See Direction 19)
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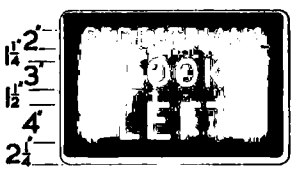


Same as 159
(See Direction 19)
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Same as 159
(See Direction 19)

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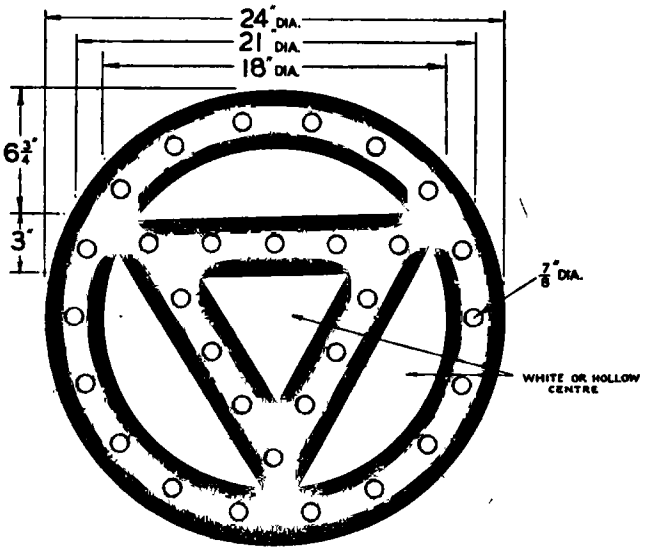
Same as 159
(See Direction 19)

Legend may be:—Pedestrians
Look Right

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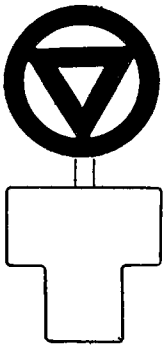
FIRST SCHEDULE. Part II—Mandatory Signs

Signs for conveying to vehicular traffic requirements of the description specified in a diagram.

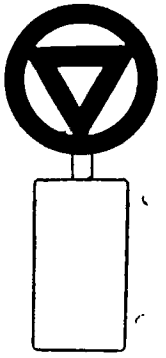


Note—To surmount signs shown in diagrams 204, 205 and 206 in accordance with Regulation 14.

201



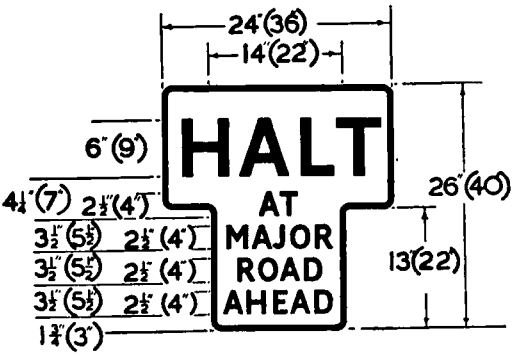
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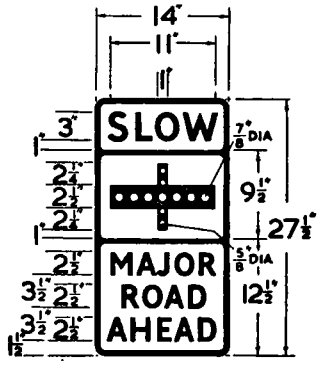
Methods of assembling "Major Road Ahead" sign, triangle and ring.

FIRST SCHEDULE. Part II—Mandatory Signs



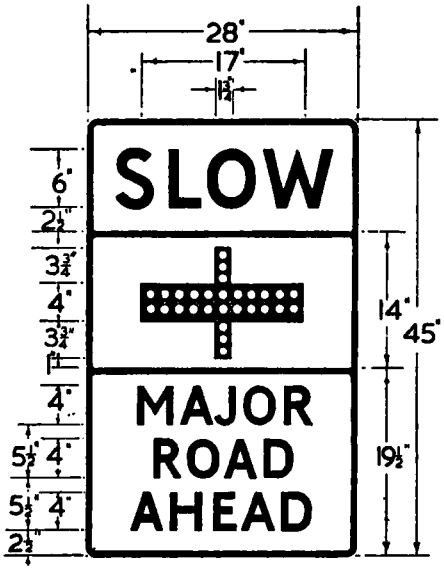
(See Direction 3)

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Note—The upper arm of the symbol may be omitted

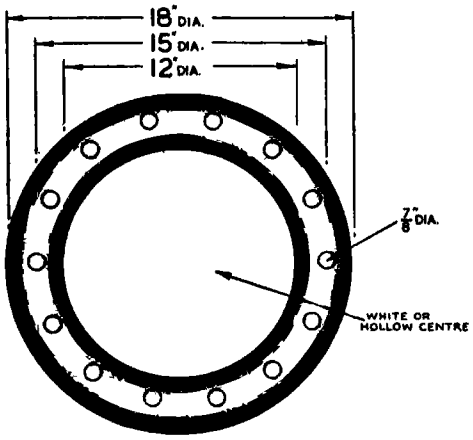
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Note—The upper arm of the symbol may be omitted

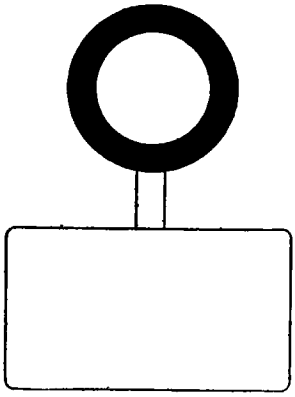
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FIRST SCHEDULE. Part II—Mandatory Signs



Note—To surmount signs shown in diagrams 209 to 214 inclusive in accordance with Regulation 14

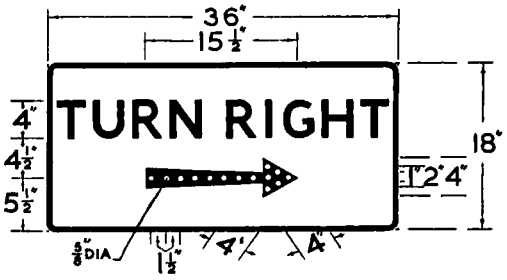
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Method of assembling mandatory sign and ring

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FIRST SCHEDULE. Part II—Mandatory Signs



(See Directions 3, 4 and 20)

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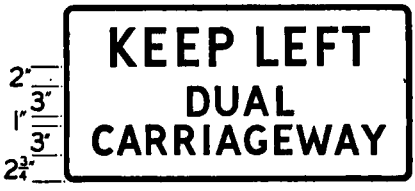
(See Directions 3, 4 and 20)

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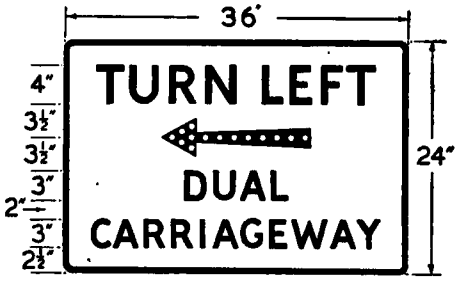
(See Directions 3 and 4)

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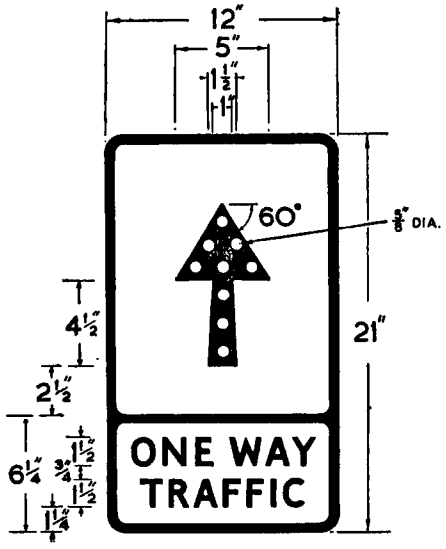


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FIRST SCHEDULE. Part II—Mandatory Signs

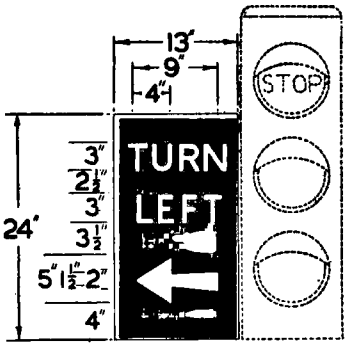


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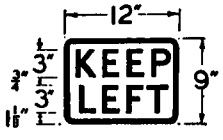
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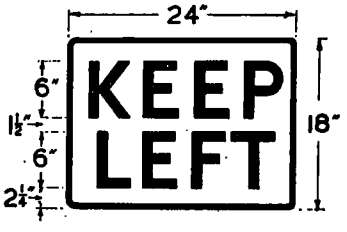


(See Directions 3, 4 and 22)

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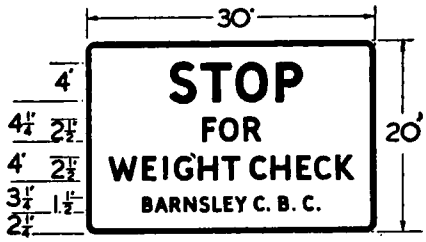
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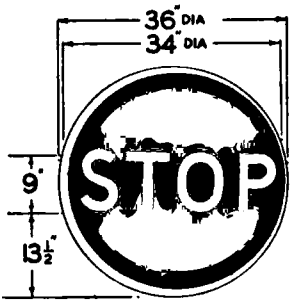
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FIRST SCHEDULE. Part II—Mandatory Signs



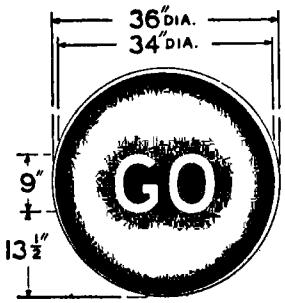
(See Direction 23)

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(See Direction 24)

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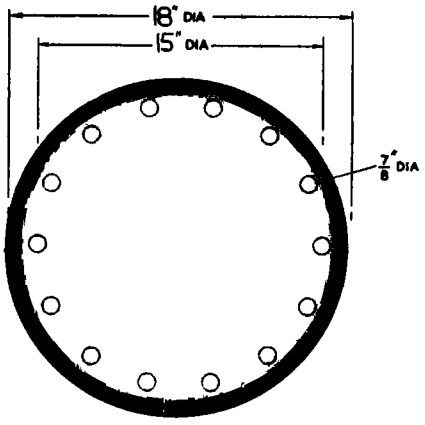


(See Direction 24)

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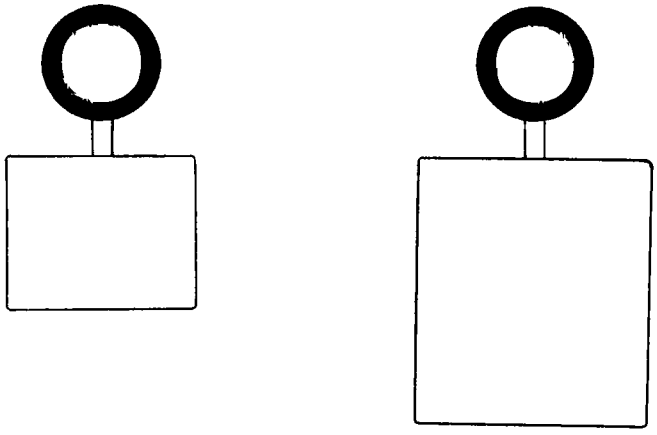
FIRST SCHEDULE. Part III—Prohibitory Signs

Signs for conveying to vehicular traffic prohibitions or restrictions of the description specified in a diagram and imposed by orders, regulations or byelaws



Note—To surmount prohibitory signs in accordance with Regulation 14

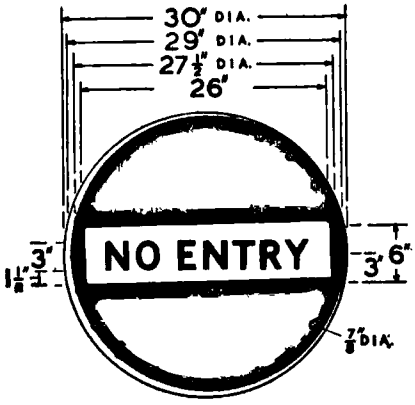
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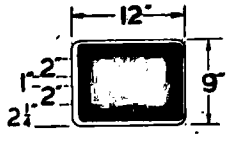
Methods of assembling prohibitory sign and disc

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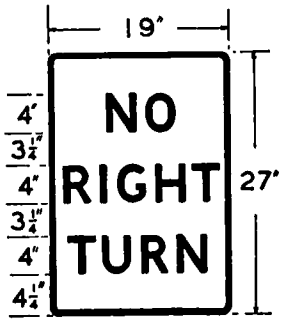
FIRST SCHEDULE. Part III—Prohibitory Signs



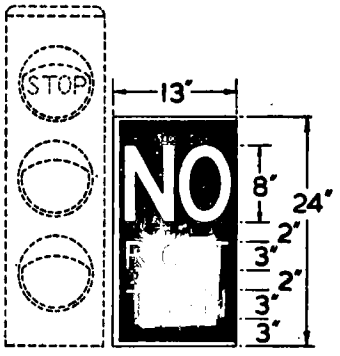
(See Directions 3, 4 and 25)
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(See Directions 3, 4 and 26)
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(See Directions 3 and 4)
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(See Directions 3, 4 and 22)
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FIRST SCHEDULE. Part III—Prohibitory Signs



(See Directions 3 and 4)

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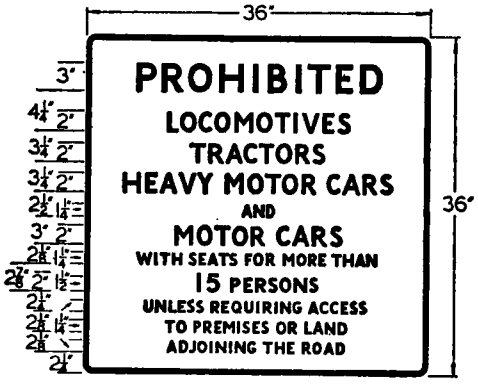
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(See Directions 3 and 4)

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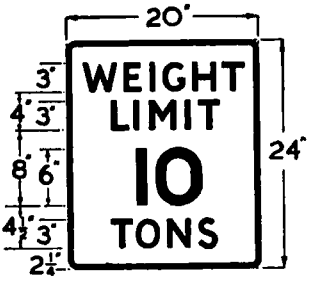
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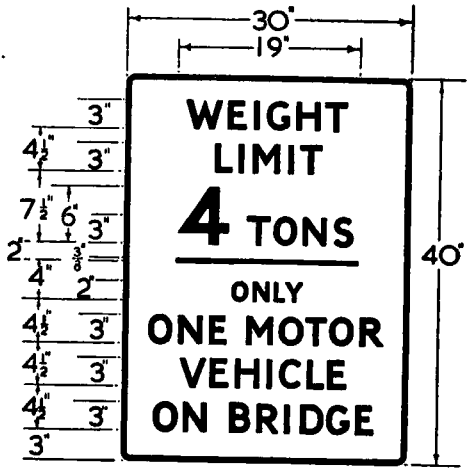
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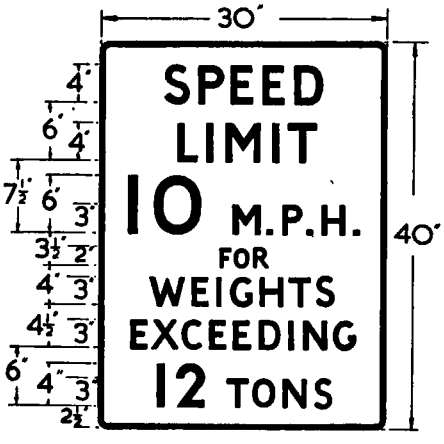
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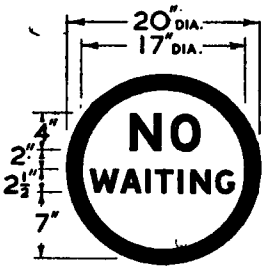


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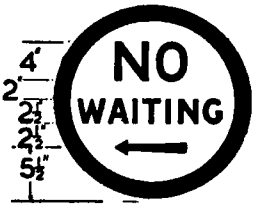


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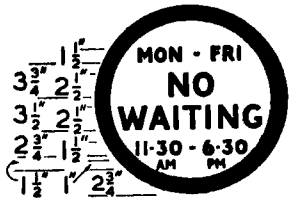
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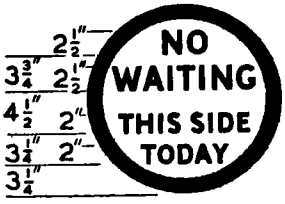
(See Directions 3, 4 and 42)
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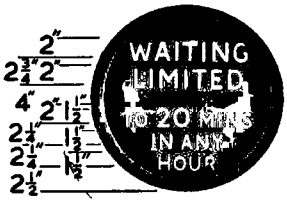
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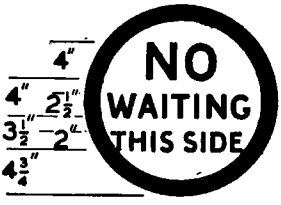
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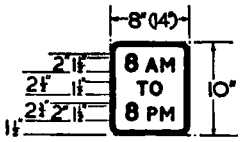


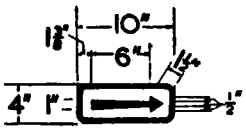
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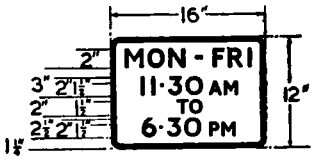


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FIRST SCHEDULE. Part III—Prohibitory Signs



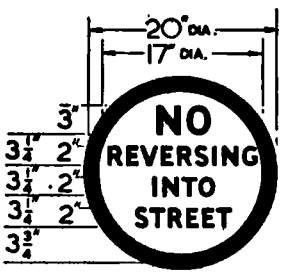




Plates that may be attached to any of the signs shown in diagrams 316 and 318 to 320 inclusive to indicate times and directions in which waiting is restricted or prohibited

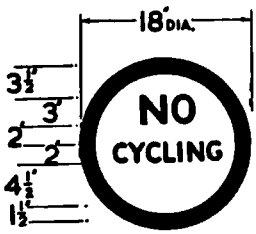
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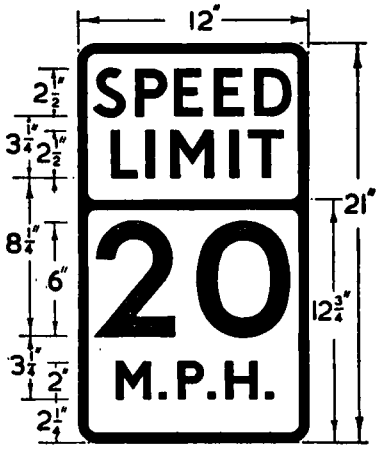
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(See Direction 3)

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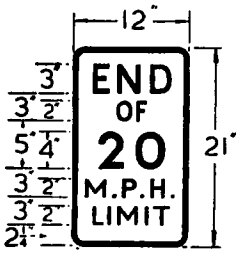


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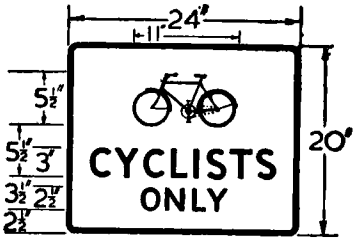
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Signs for conveying to traffic information of the description specified in or under a diagram.

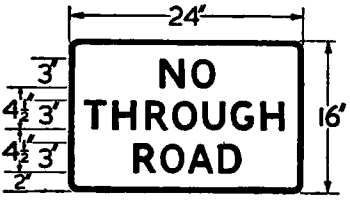


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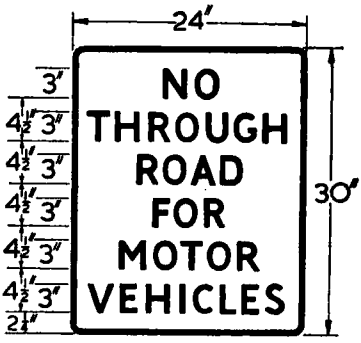
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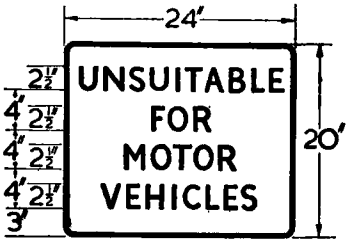
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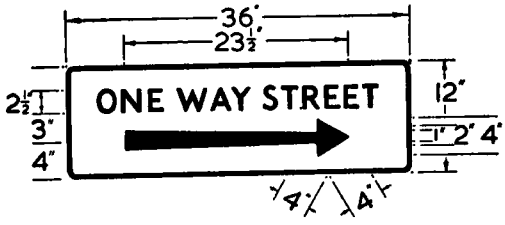
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(See Direction 3)

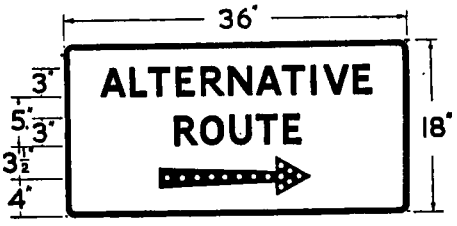
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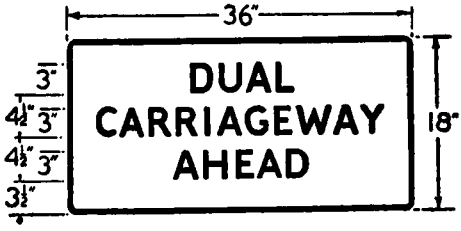


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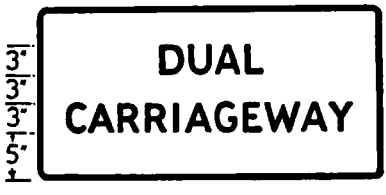
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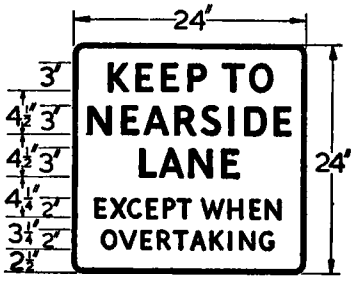


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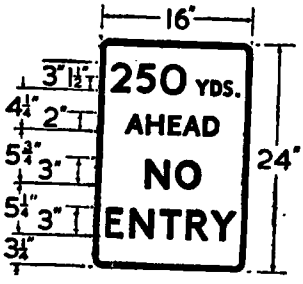
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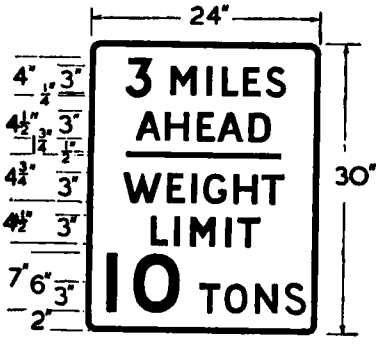
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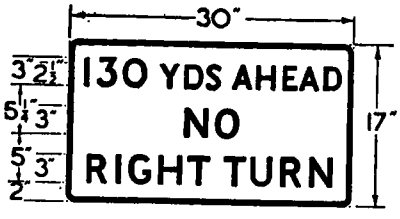
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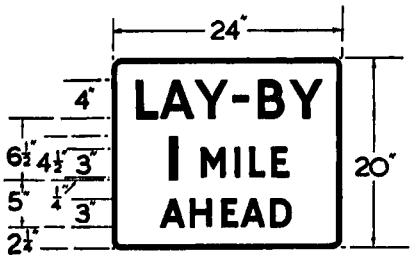
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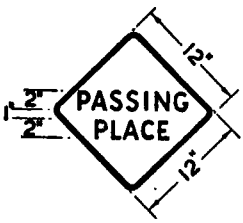


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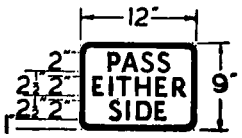


Location of lay-by and mileage to place or places indicated

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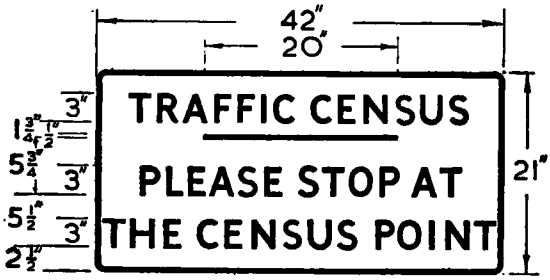


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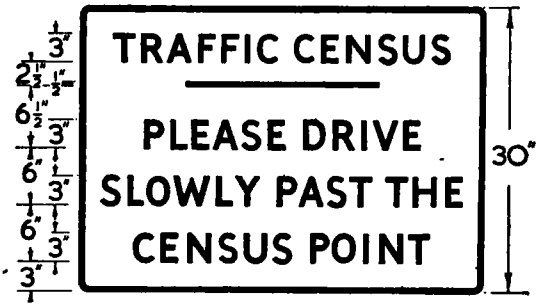
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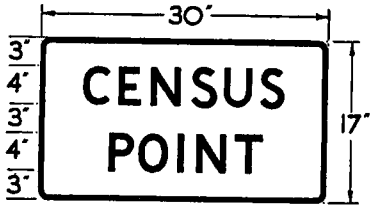
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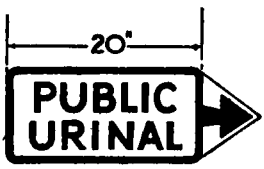
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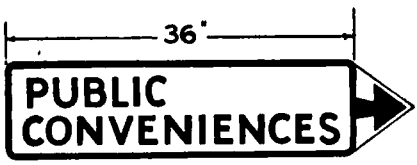
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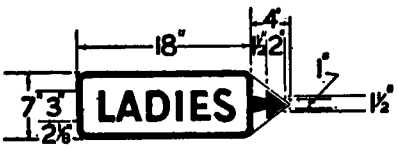
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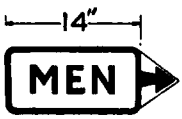
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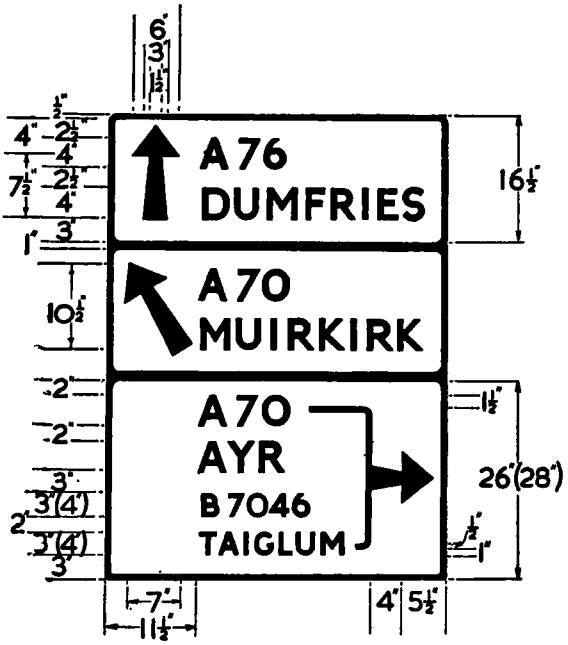


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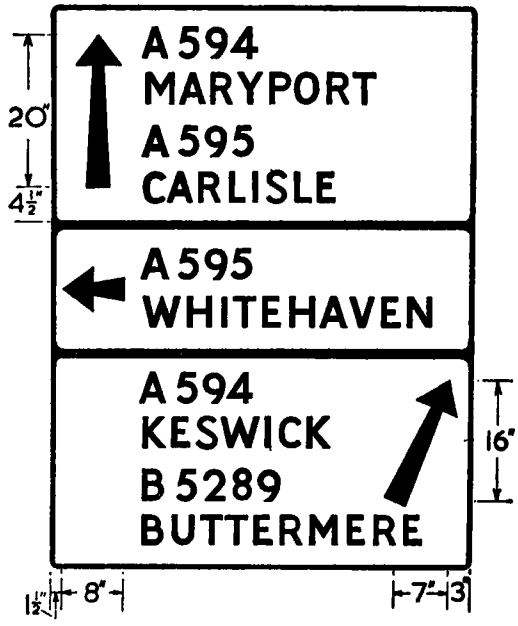


Route number of and next place of traffic importance on roads radiating from a junction immediately ahead, and other routes which can be reached by proceeding in the direction indicated

Note—All dimensions may be increased by 50 per cent

(See Directions 3 and 29)

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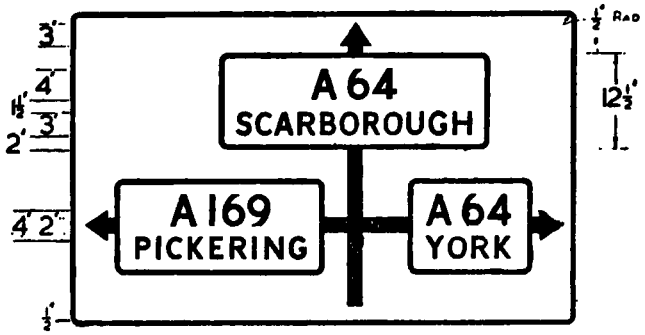
Same as 429

Note—All dimensions may be increased by 50 per cent

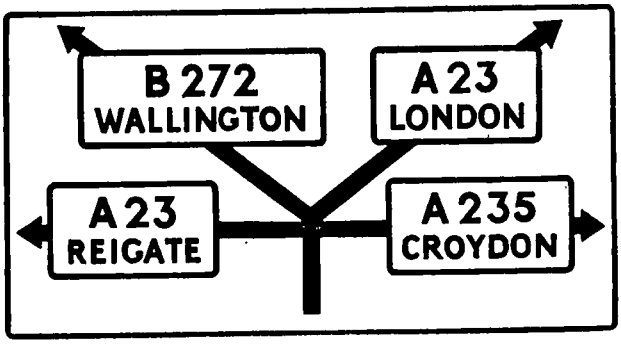
(See Directions 3 and 29)

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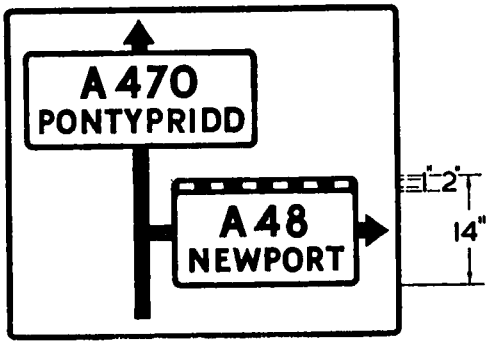
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Route number of and next place of traffic importance on roads radiating from a junction immediately ahead
(See Direction 3)
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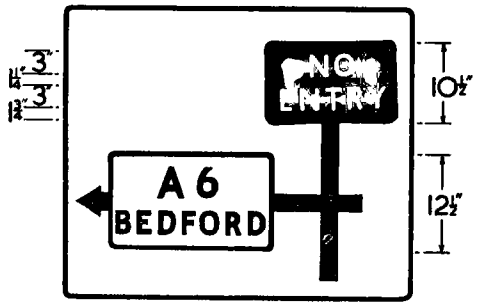


Same as 431
(See Direction 3)
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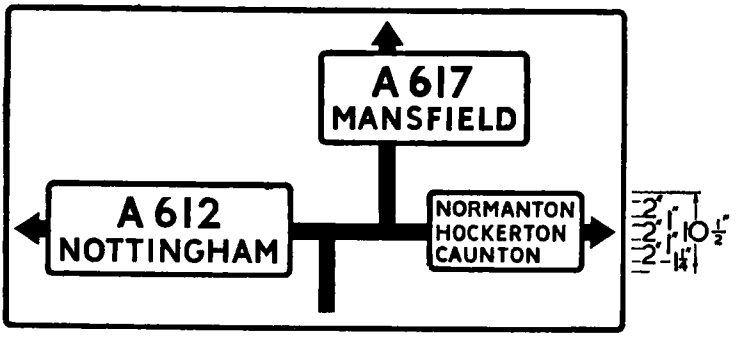


Same as 431 except that the route shown under the chequer symbol is not at the junction but can be reached by proceeding in the direction indicated
(See Direction 3)
433

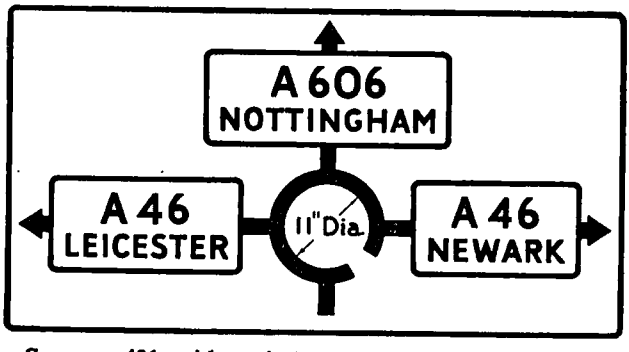
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Same as 431 with variation for a road where entry is prohibited. The stub arm indicates a road where no direction is required
(See Directions 3 and 4)
434

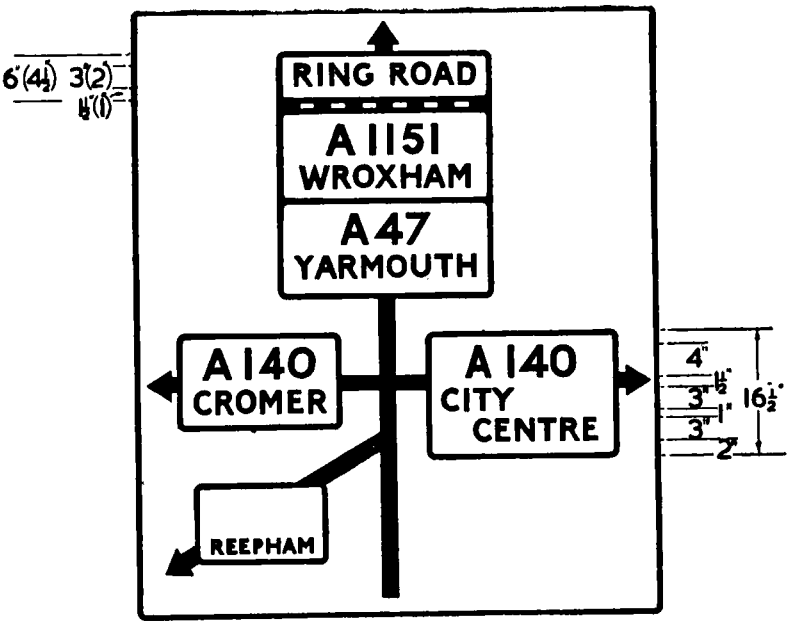


Same as 431 with variations for staggered junction and for places of local importance reached by a Class III or unclassified road
(See Directions 3 and 7)
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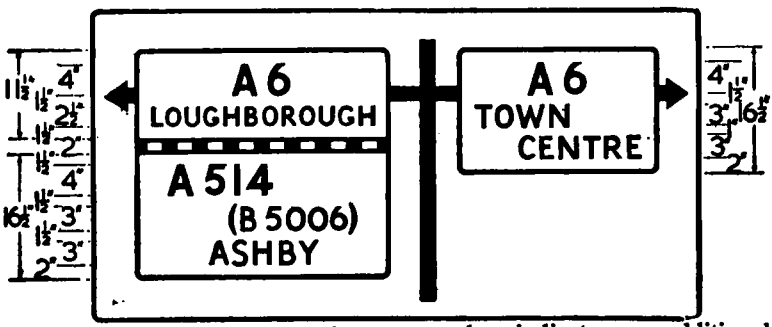
Same as 431, with variations for roundabout junction
(See Direction 3)
436

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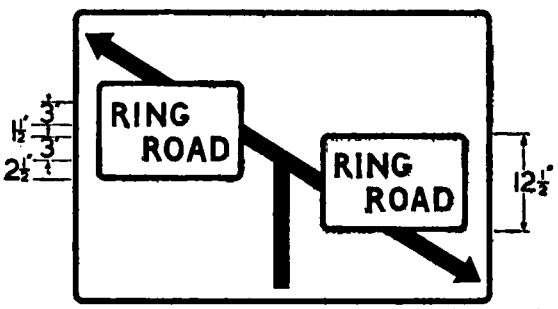
Same as 433 with variations for roads radiating from a ring road
(See Direction 3)

437



Same as 433. The bracketed route number indicates an additional route to be followed to reach the place named, there being no intermediate place of traffic importance
(See Direction 3)

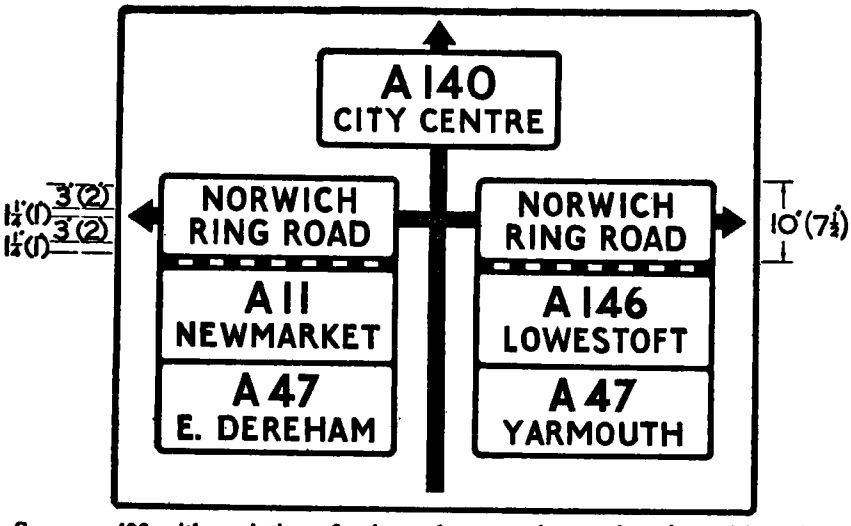
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Outward approach to a junction with a ring road
(See Direction 3)

439

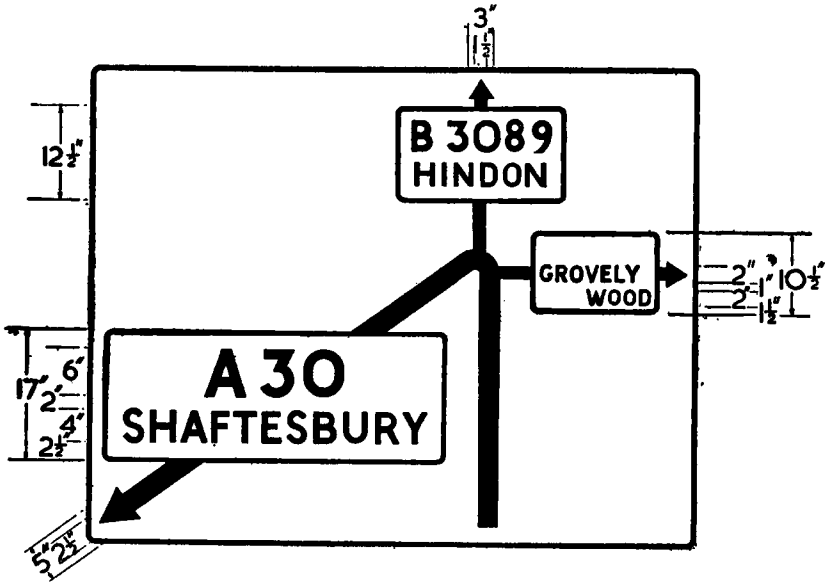
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Same as 433 with variations for inward approach to a junction with a ring road or by-pass

(See Direction 3)

440

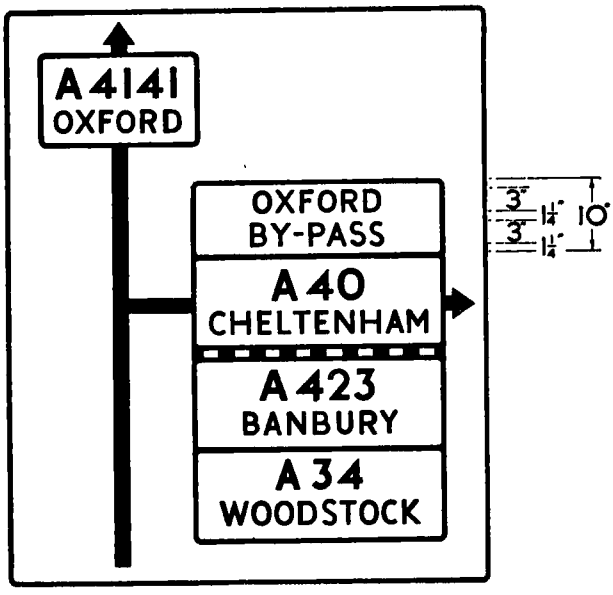


Same as 431 with variations where the course of the main route requires special emphasis

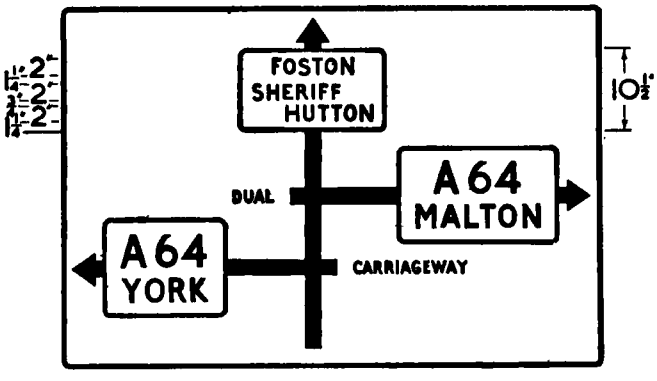
(See Direction 3)

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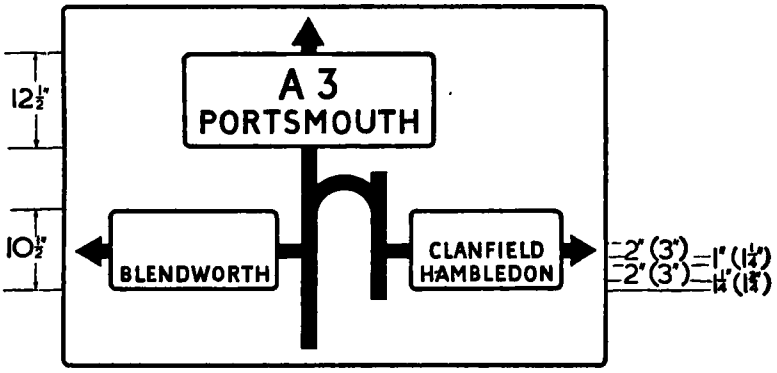


Same as 440
(See Direction 3)
442

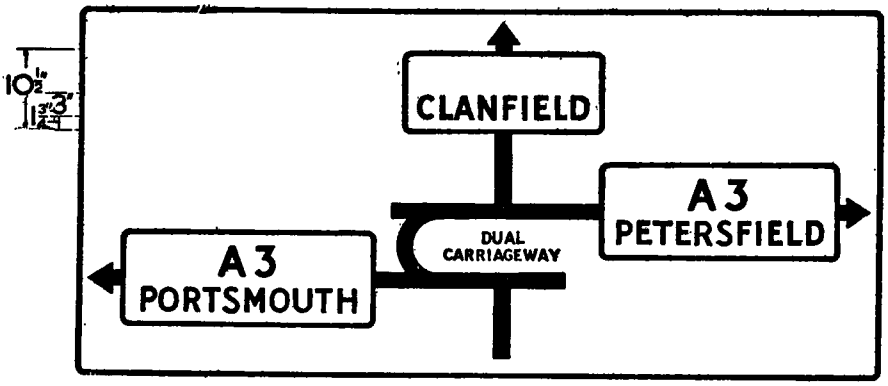


Same as 431 with variations for dual carriageway and for places of local importance as in 435
(See Direction 3)
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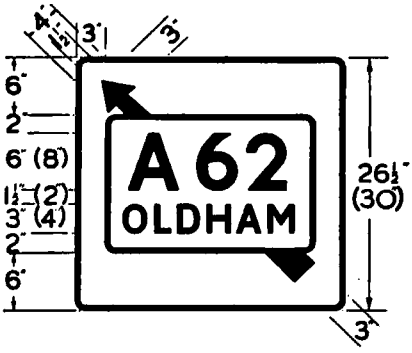


Same as 443
(See Direction 3)
444



Same as 443
(See Direction 3)
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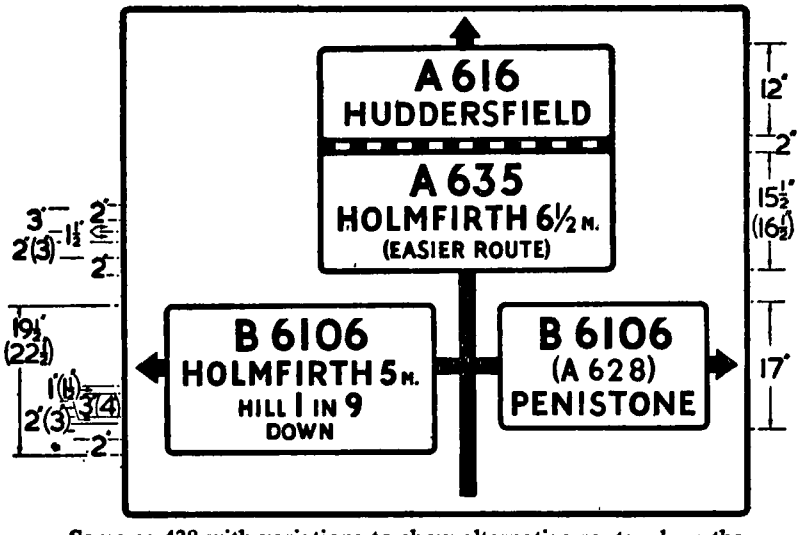
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Approach to road junction where the route shown is of preponderant traffic importance

(See Direction 3)

446

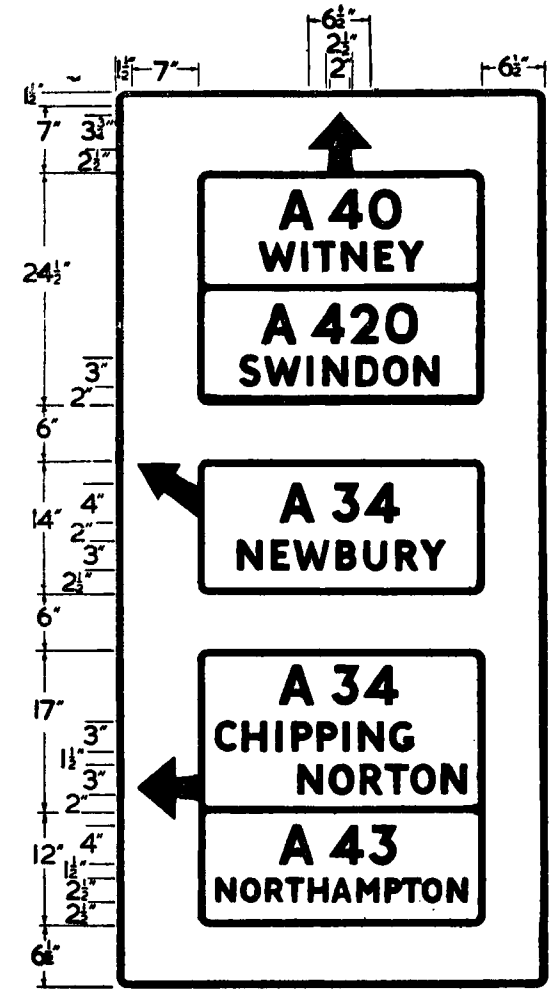


Same as 438 with variations to show alternative route where the direct one presents difficulty

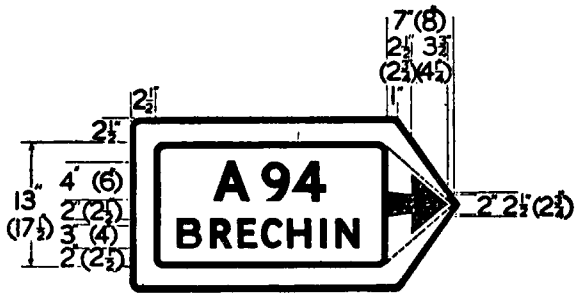
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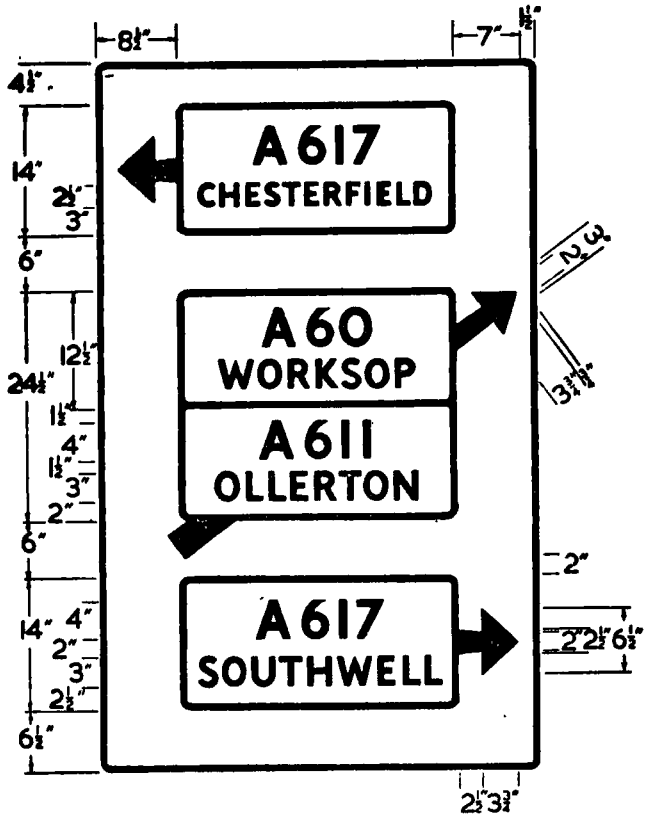


Same as 429
(See Directions 3 and 29)
448



Direction of route and place
Note—The yellow surround may be omitted and a white background to the arrow-head provided within the dotted lines
(See Directions 30 and 31)
449

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Same as 429
(See Directions 3 and 29)
450

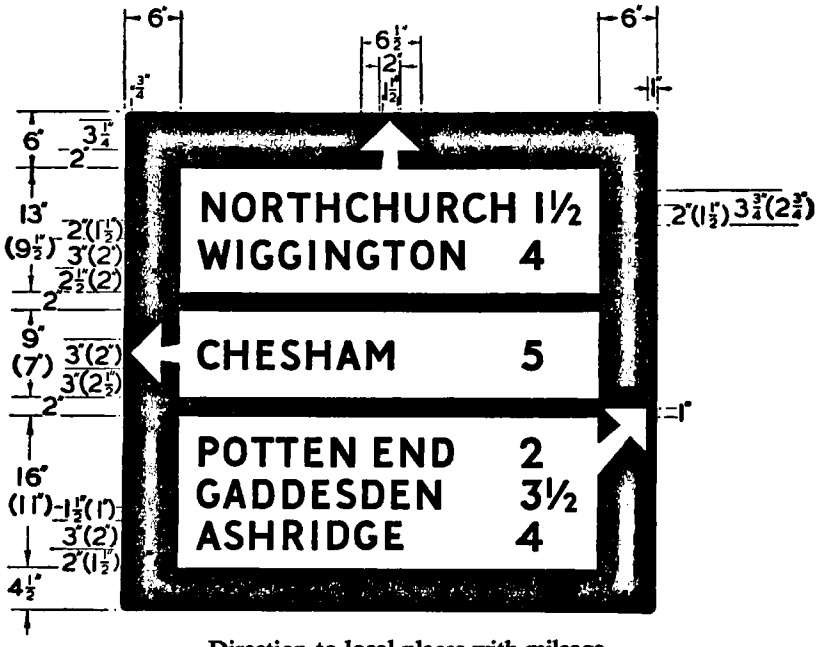


Same as 449 except that the route shown under the chequer symbol is reached by proceeding in the direction indicated

Note—The yellow surround may be omitted and a white background to the arrowhead provided within the dotted lines

(See Direction 30)
451

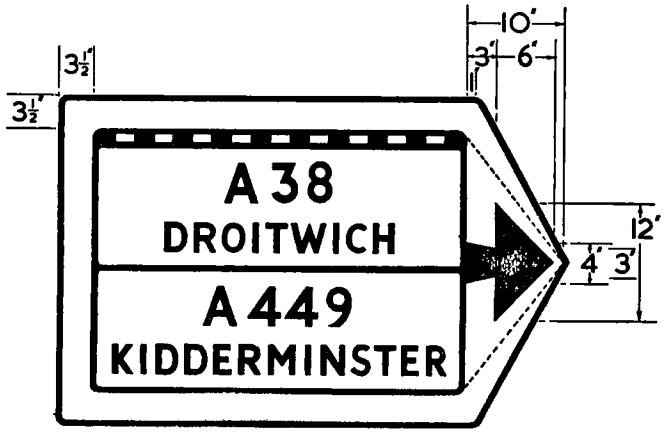
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Direction to local places with mileage
(See Directions 3 and 30)
452



Same as 452
(See Direction 30)
453

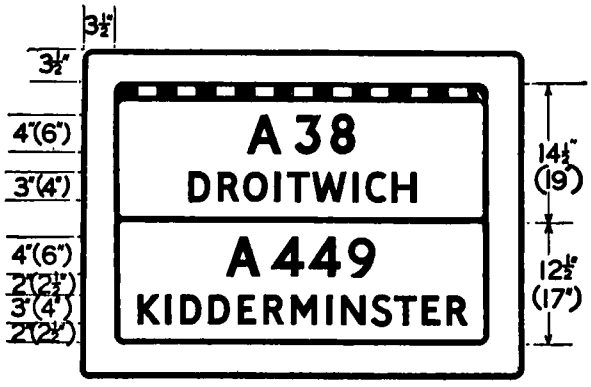


Same as 451 with variations for two routes to be reached in the direction indicated

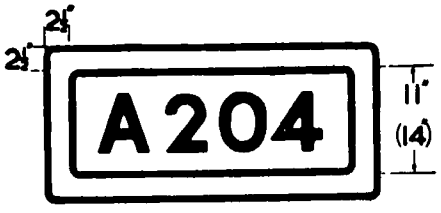
Note—The yellow surround may be omitted and a white background to the arrowhead provided within the dotted lines

(See Direction 30)
454

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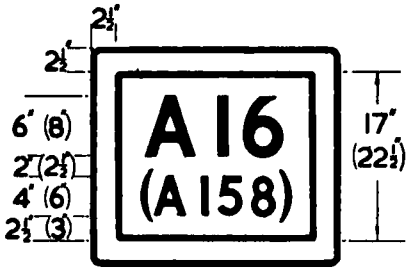
Routes and places to which road is leading
Note—The yellow surround may be omitted
455



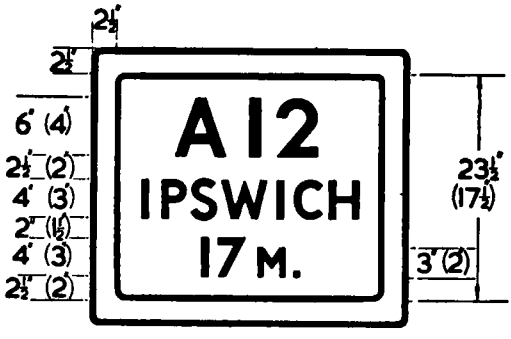
Route number of road
Note—The yellow surround may be omitted
(See Direction 31)
456



Route to which road is leading
Note—The yellow surround may be omitted
457



Route number of road and of road which branches off it not far ahead
Note—The yellow surround may be omitted
458



Route number of road with name and distance in miles of next place of traffic importance on the route.
Note—The yellow surround may be omitted
459

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Name of town or village

460



Same as 460

461



Same as 460 with variation for name and distance in miles of next place of traffic importance ahead

462



Name of place and also of the place of which it forms a part

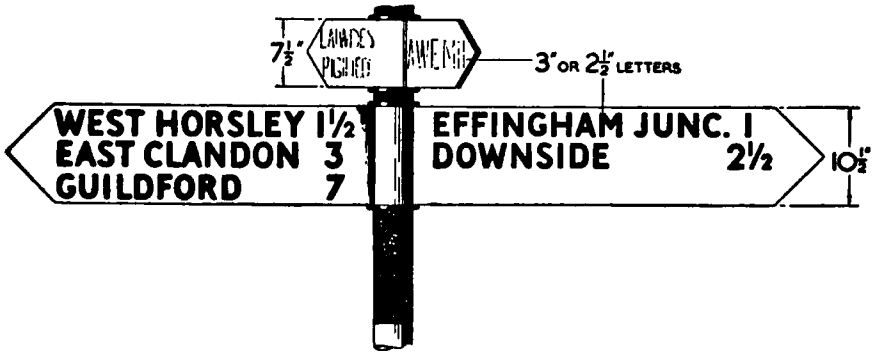
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Same as 463

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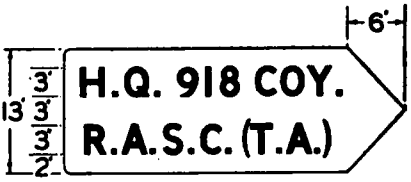
Direction to local places with mileage
465



Footpath direction sign with mileage
466



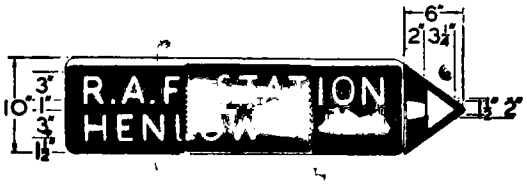
Same as 466
467



Direction to service establishment
468

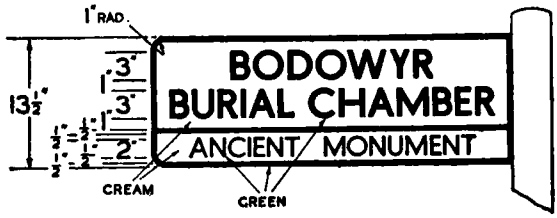


Same as 468
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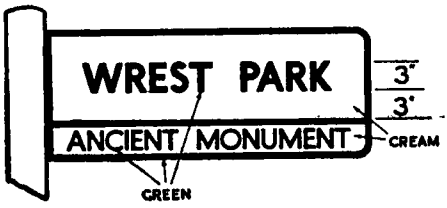
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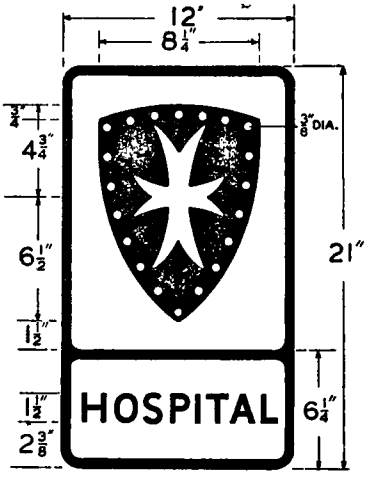
Direction to Ancient Monument

471



Same as 471

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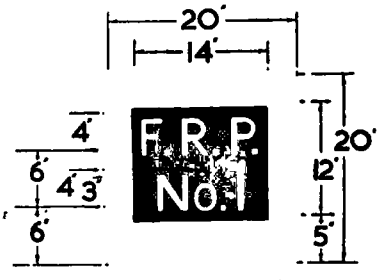


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Direction to hospital or similar institution

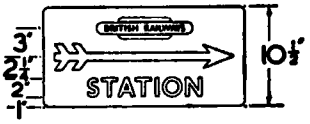
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Fire rendezvous point

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FIRST SCHEDULE. Part IV—Informatory Signs



Direction to railway station
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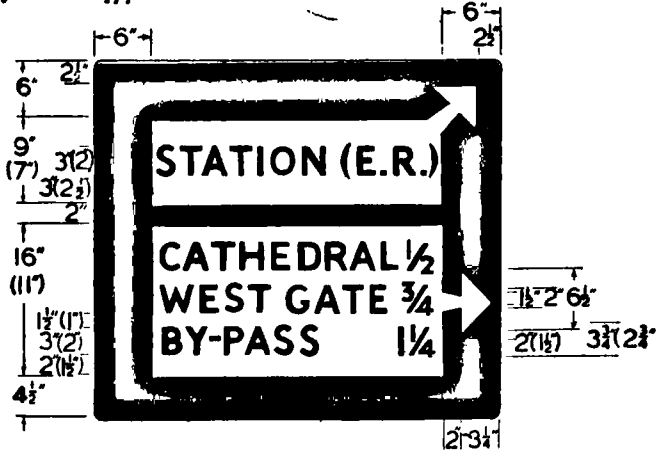


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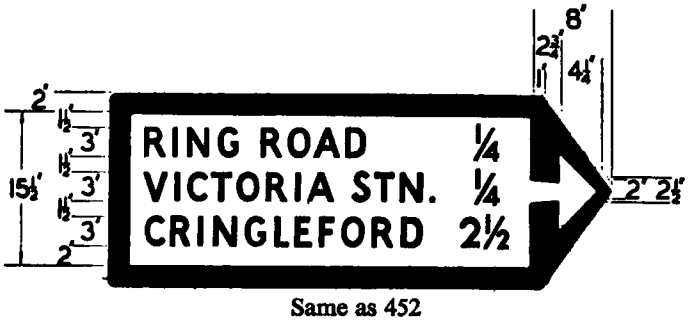


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Note—The words " London Transport " are to be included in white letters in the blue rectangle on the arrow shaft
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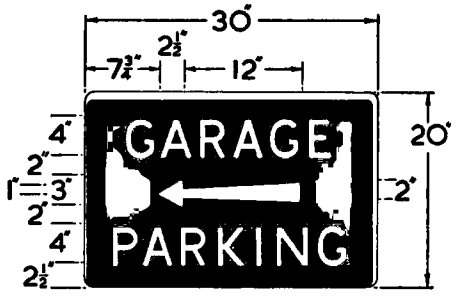


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(See Directions 3 and 30)
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Same as 452
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FIRST SCHEDULE. Part IV—Informatory Signs

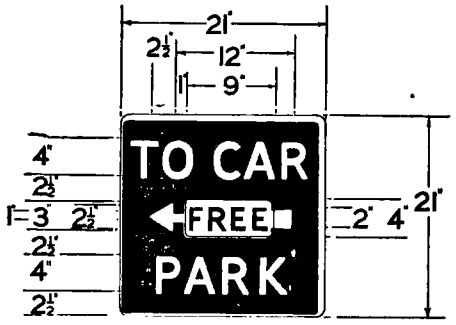


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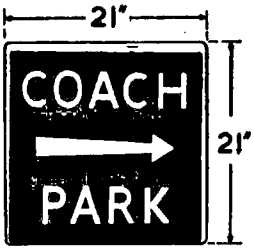


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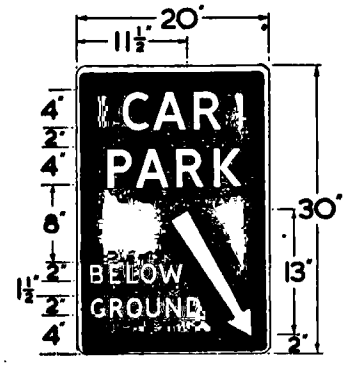
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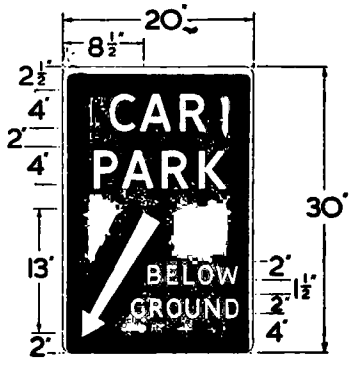
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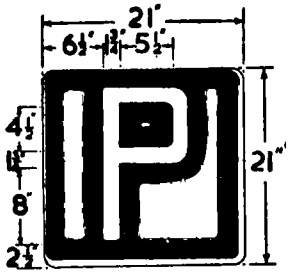


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Note—The panel 'Free' shown in diagram 483 may be included

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FIRST SCHEDULE. Part IV—Informatory Signs

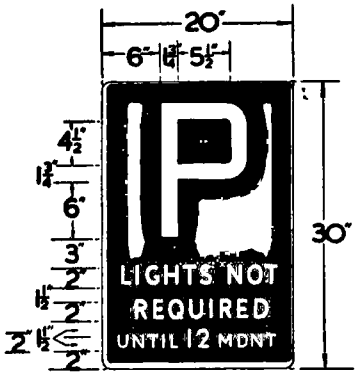


Location of car park

Note—The panel 'Free' shown in diagram 483 may be included

(See Direction 32)

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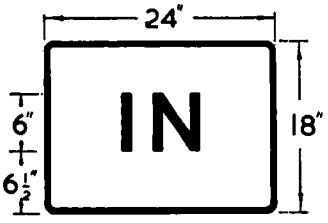


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Note—The panel 'Free' shown in diagram 483 may be included

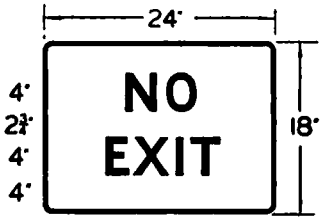
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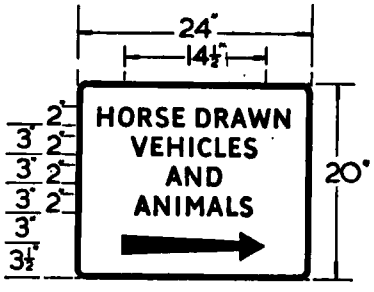
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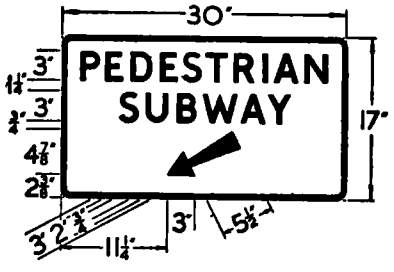
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By-pass of cattle grid

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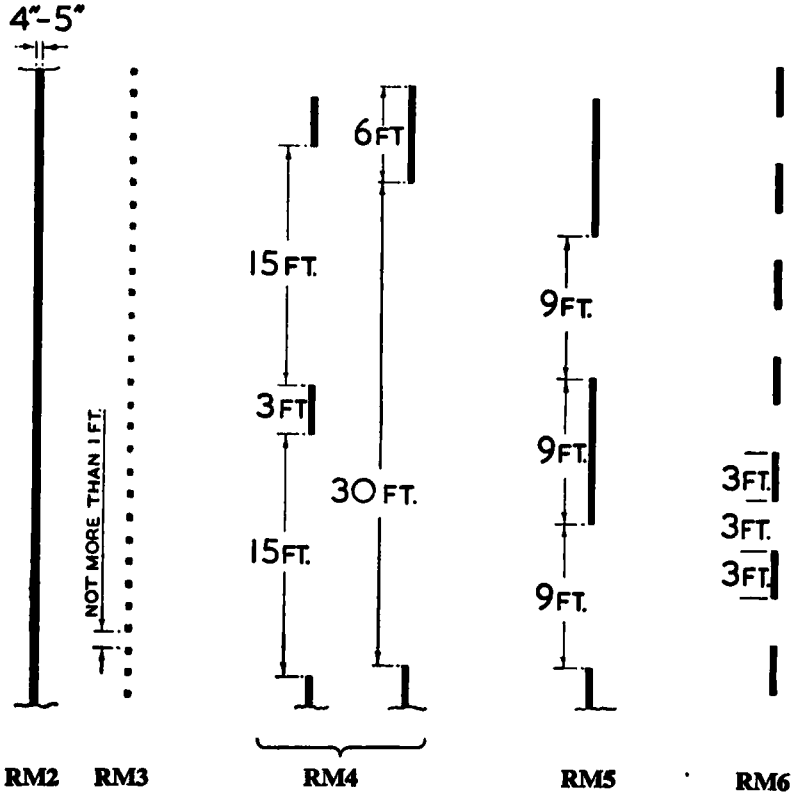
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SECOND SCHEDULE—Markings on the Carriageway
(See Regulation 21 and Direction 36)



Alternative methods of marking tranverse line (stop line) to indicate position beyond which vehicular traffic should not proceed when required to stop by Police, light signals or a sign

RM1



RM2 **RM3** **RM4** **RM5** **RM6**

Notes—RM2: Longitudinal line to warn vehicular traffic when approaching or negotiating a hazard.

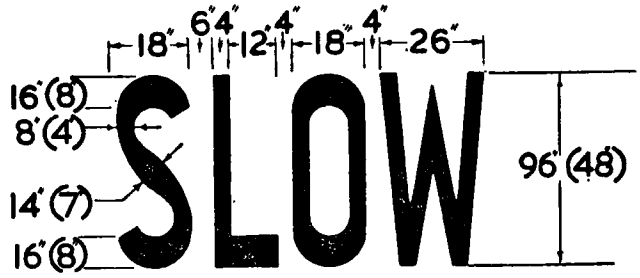
RM3: Same as RM2 but consisting of studs (see Direction 35).

RM4: Alternative methods of marking a longitudinal line to indicate to vehicular traffic the division of the carriageway into traffic lanes.

RM5: Longitudinal line to indicate to vehicular traffic the centre of a four or six lane carriageway.

RM6: Longitudinal line to indicate to vehicular traffic the edge of the carriageway at a road junction or elsewhere.

SECOND SCHEDULE—Markings on the Carriageway

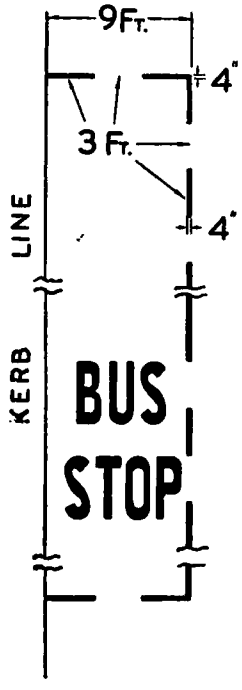


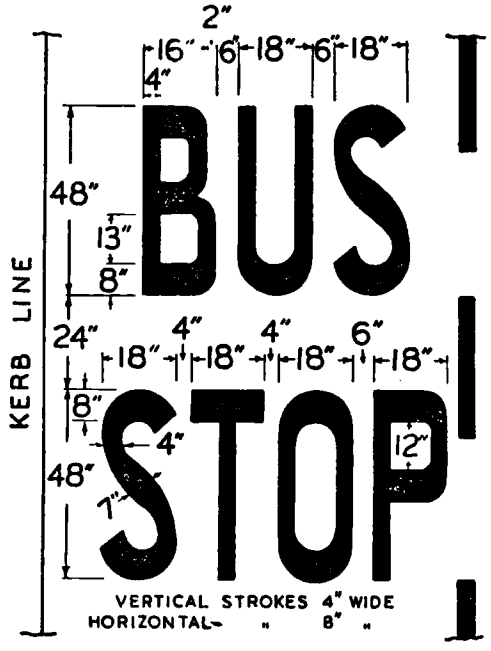
To indicate to vehicular traffic potential danger ahead and need to proceed with caution

Note—In addition to the alternative heights shown in brackets, the dimensions not in brackets may all be increased by 50 per cent. in respect of both height and width

(See Direction 37)

RM7



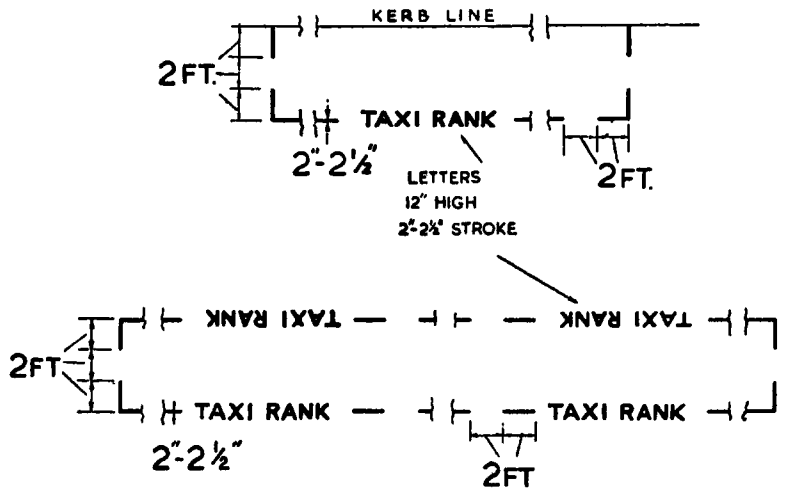


To indicate to vehicular traffic limits of bus stop Sign detail

Note—Where the stop is one where there are frequent or multiple services or vehicles with different entrance positions, the length of the bay may be increased as necessary in stages of 6 feet from a minimum of 60 feet to a maximum of 96 feet.

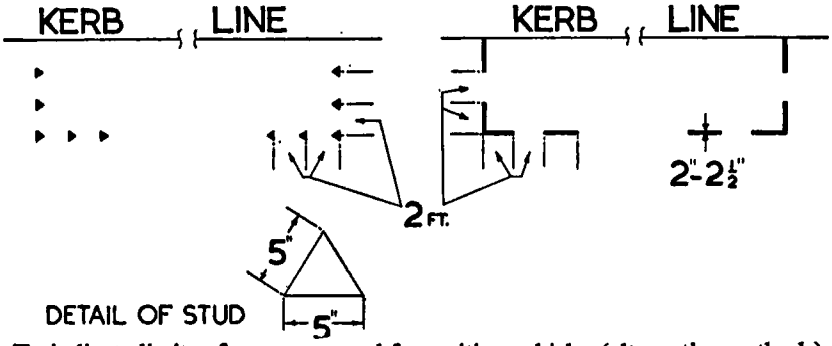
RM8

SECOND SCHEDULE—Markings on the Carriageway



To indicate the limits of places at the side and in the middle of the road where hackney carriages may stand

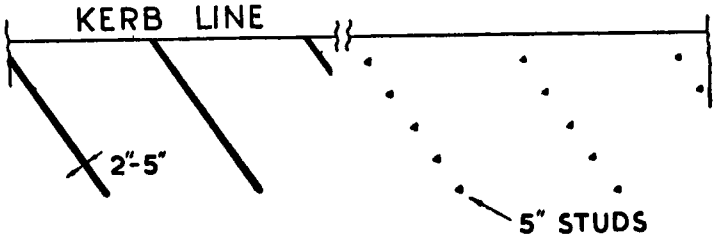
RM9



To indicate limits of space reserved for waiting vehicles (alternative methods)

(See Direction 38

RM10



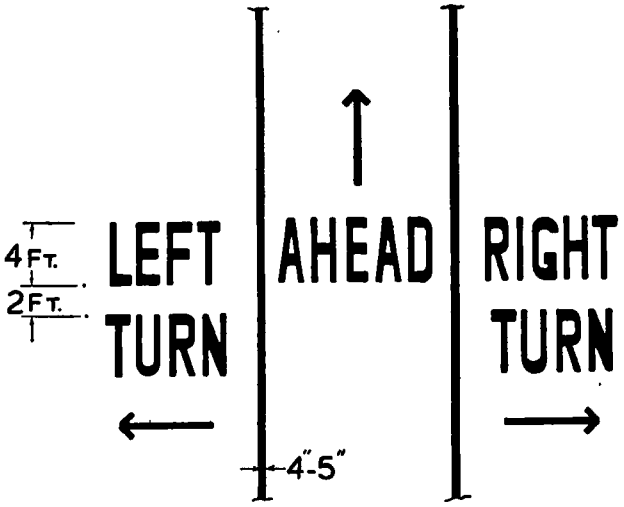
To indicate to vehicular traffic parking bays (alternative methods)

Note—The angle of the bays may be reversed where the marking is placed on the offside of a one-way street

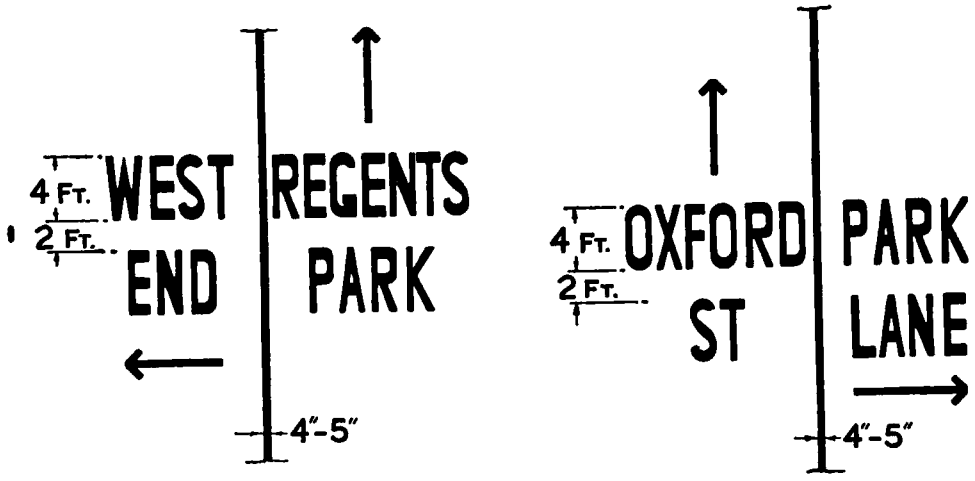
(See Direction 38)

RM11

SECOND SCHEDULE—Markings on the Carriageway

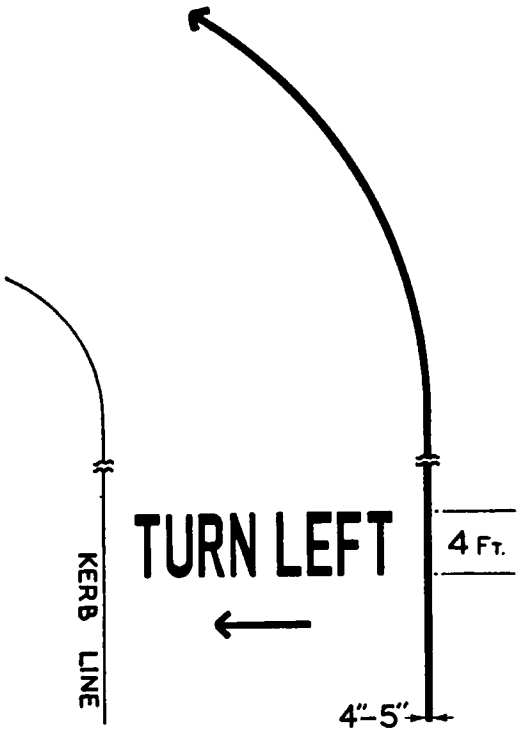


To indicate to vehicular traffic appropriate traffic lanes
RM12

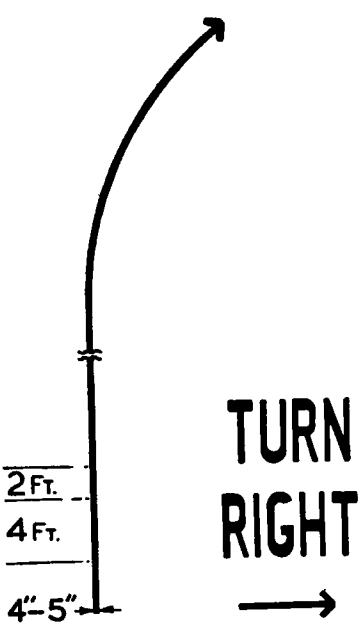


Same as RM12
Note—The wording may be varied to accord with circumstances
RM13

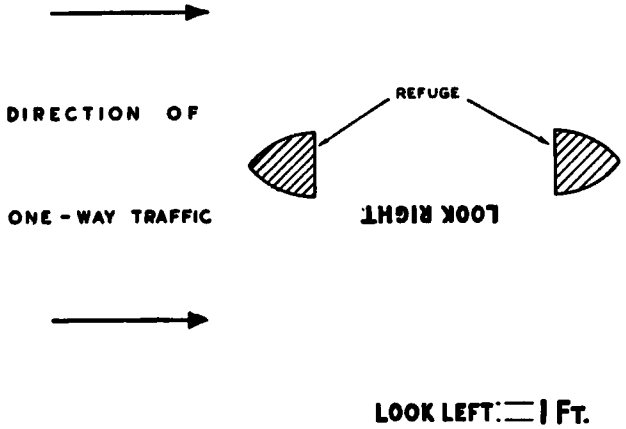
SECOND SCHEDULE—Markings on the Carriageway



To indicate to vehicular traffic compulsory turn
(See Directions 4 and 39)
RM14

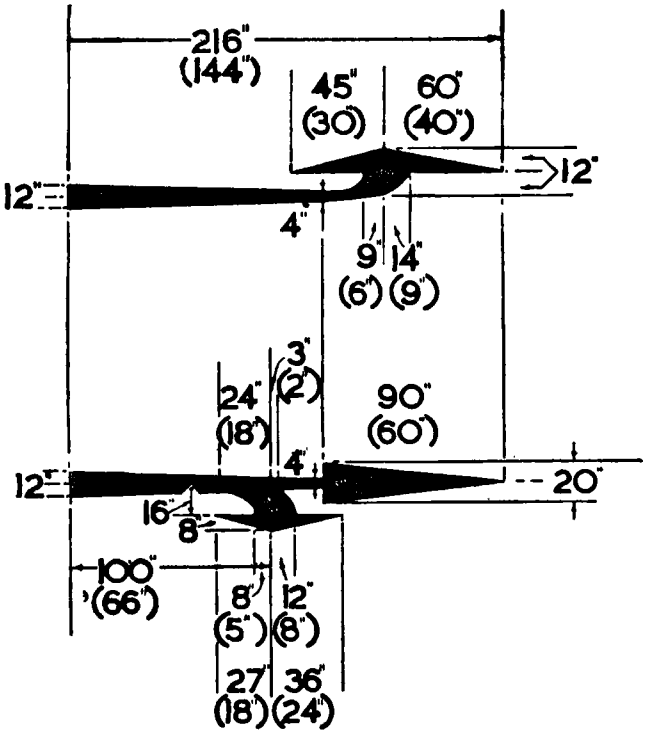


Same as RM14
(See Directions 4 and 39)
RM15

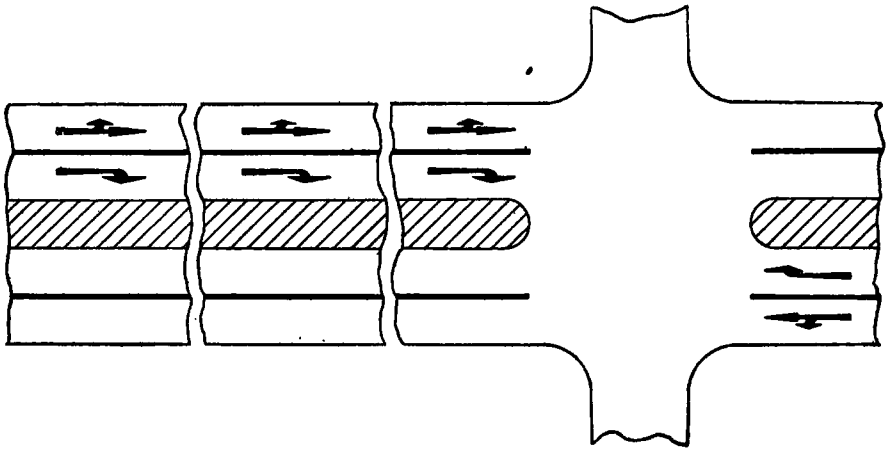


To warn pedestrians of approaching vehicular traffic in one-way street
(See Direction 4)
RM16

SECOND SCHEDULE—Markings on the Carriageway

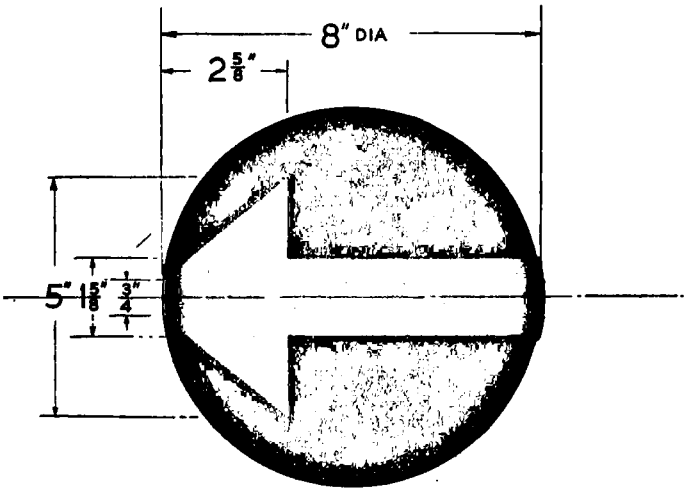


To indicate to vehicular traffic appropriate traffic lanes
RM17

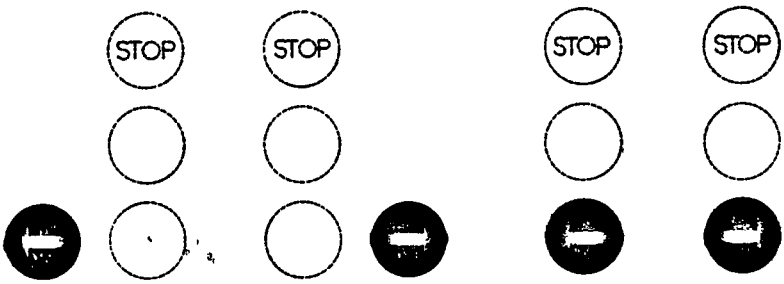


Method of using markings in diagram RM17
RM18

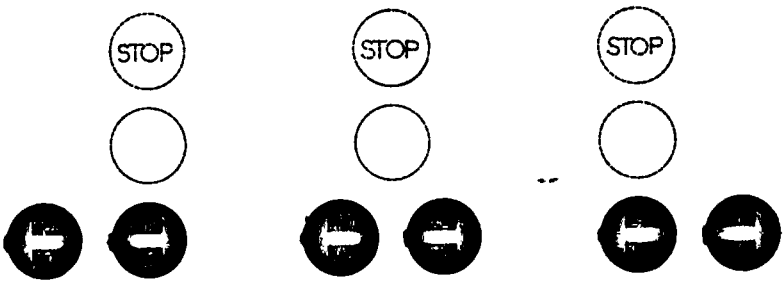
THIRD SCHEDULE—Incorporation of arrow in light signals for vehicular traffic
(See Regulation 28)



Details of lens showing green arrow
(See Direction 21)
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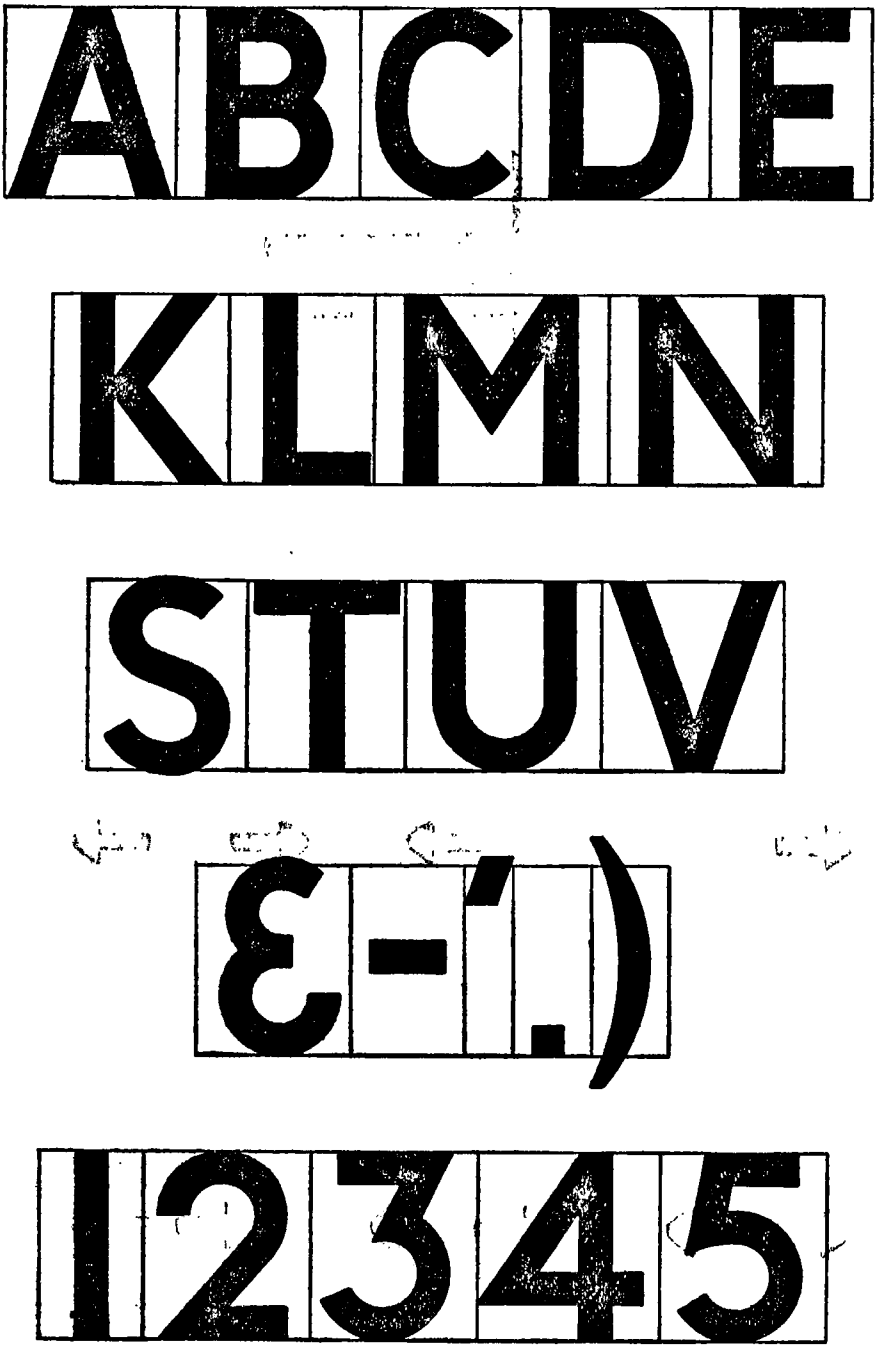
Methods of fitting green arrow to traffic light signals
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Methods of fitting green arrows to traffic light signals
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FOURTH SCHEDULE. Prop
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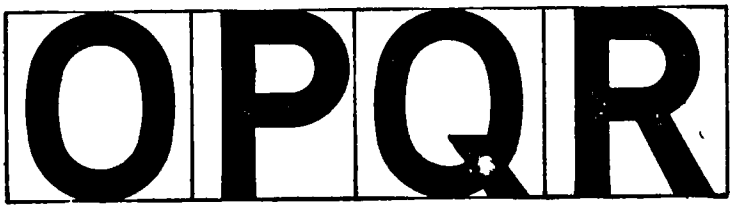
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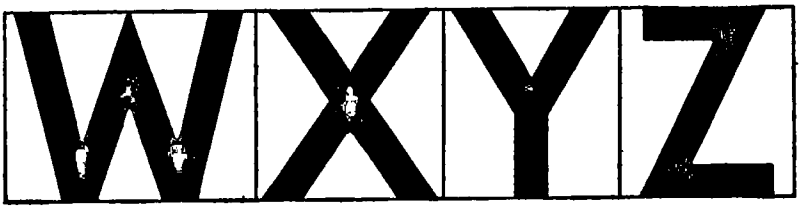


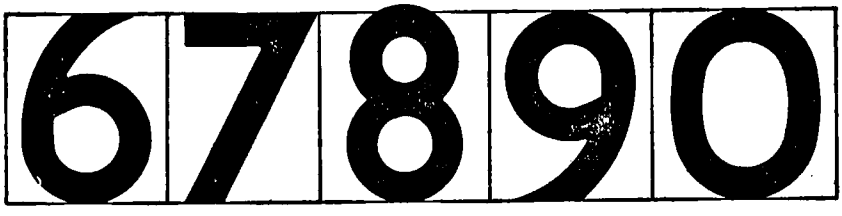
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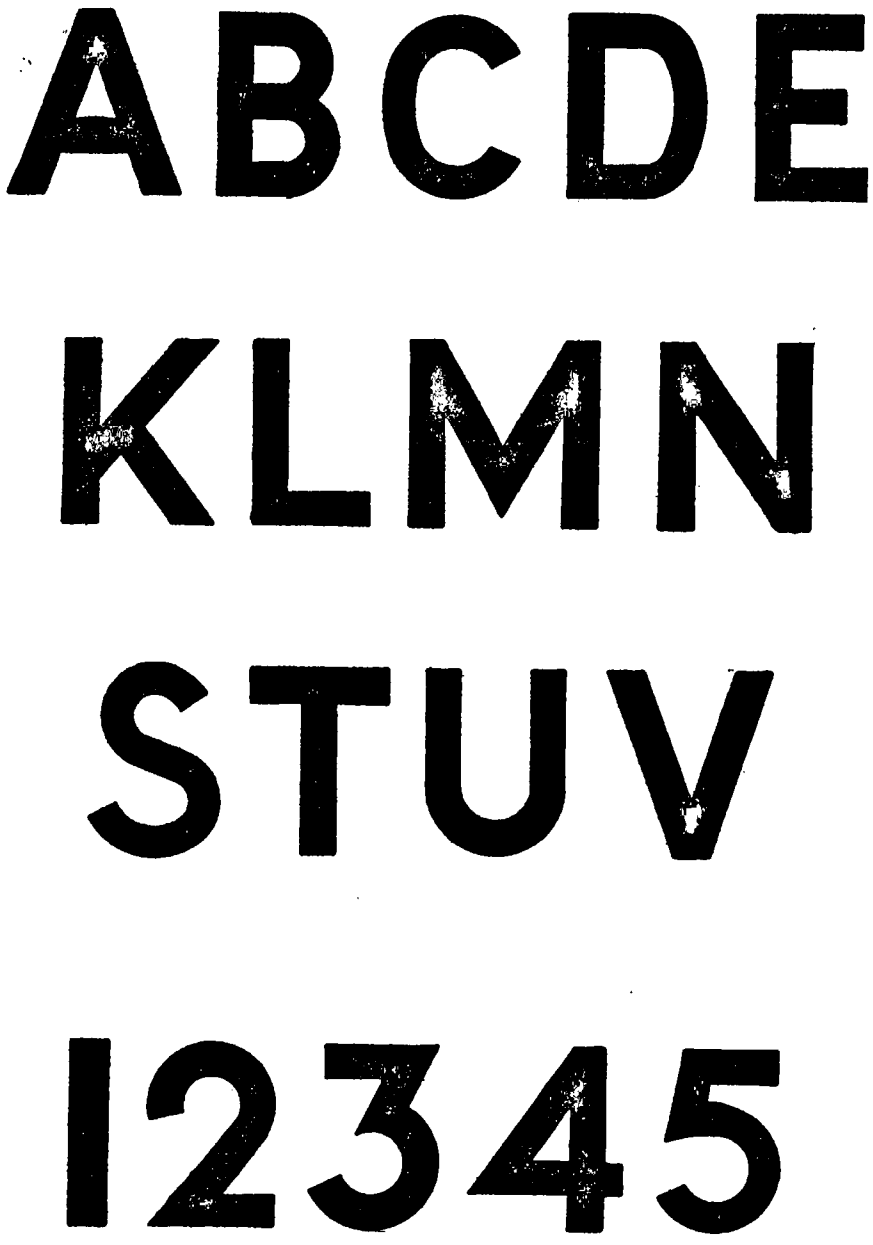






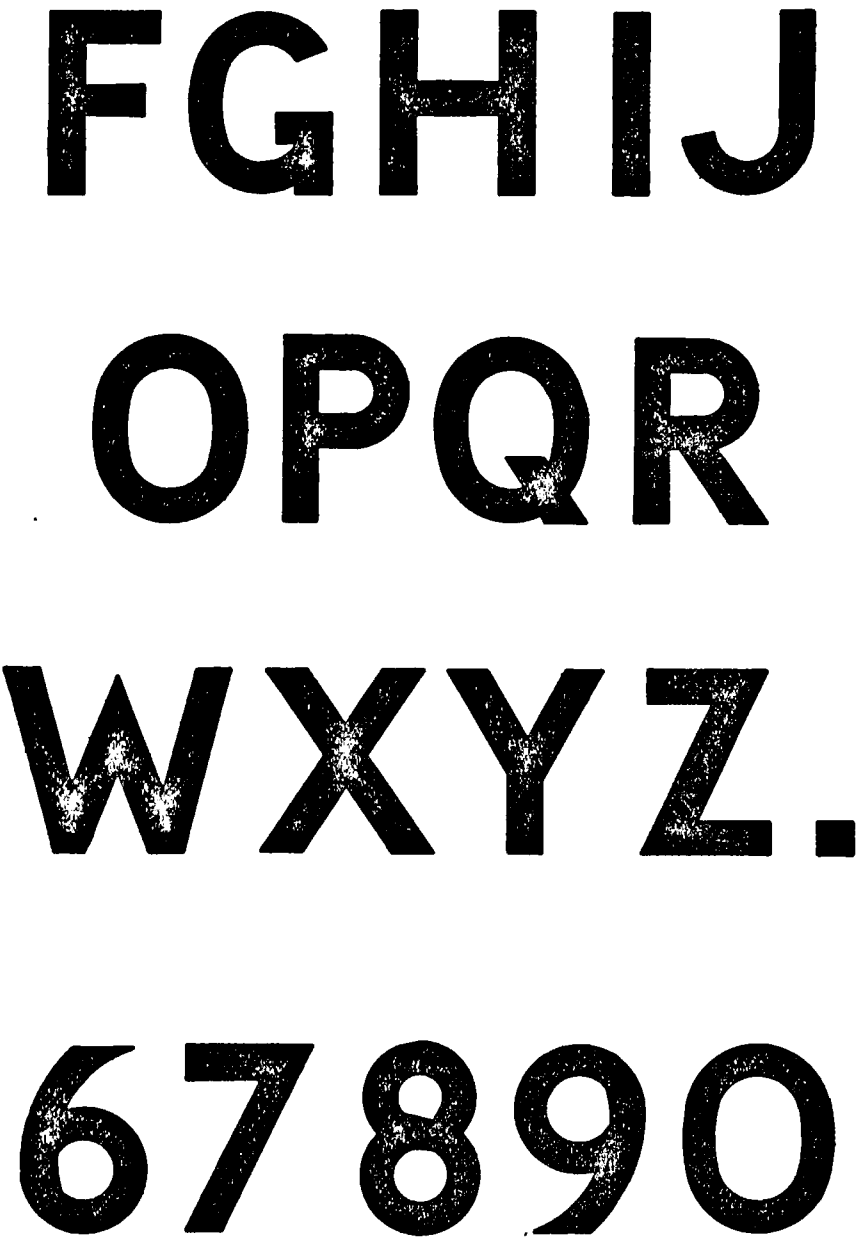
FOURTH SCHEDULE

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Proportion and form of letters and numerals

RAM 2



PART II

GENERAL DIRECTIONS

1. These Directions may be cited as "The Traffic Signs General Directions, 1957".

2.—(1) The Traffic Signs (General) Directions, 1950(**a**), and the Traffic Signs Directions, 1951(**b**), are hereby revoked.

(2) Any reference in these Directions to a diagram number shall, except where otherwise expressly provided, be construed as a reference to that diagram number in the First Schedule to the Traffic Signs Regulations, 1957 (hereinafter in these Directions referred to as "the Regulations") and any reference to any sign shall be construed as including any variation thereof permitted by the Regulations.

(3) These Directions shall apply in relation to traffic signs situate on or near any road immediately before the coming into operation of these Directions, as they apply in relation to traffic signs erected after the coming into operation of these Directions.

(4) Any reference in these Directions to any enactment shall be construed as a reference to that enactment as amended by any subsequent enactment.

(5) The Interpretation Act, 1889, shall apply to the interpretation of these Directions as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

3. Signs shown in the following diagrams:—

(*a*) Nos. 113, 114, 115, 144, 148, 150, 151, 152, 153, 204, 209, 210, 211, 214, 215, 304 to 324 inclusive, 326, 327, and 405;

(*b*) Nos. 429 to 448 inclusive and 450 if more than five route panels are included in a sign;

(*c*) Nos. 452 and 479 if more than three place names are included in any one panel, or if more than ten place names are included in a sign; and

(*d*) No. 217 if erected elsewhere than on the central island of a roundabout;

may be placed only at sites approved in writing by or on behalf of the Minister or the Secretary of State, as the case may be, whether before or after the date of these Directions.

4. Signs shown in diagrams Nos. 209, 210, 211, 214, 215, 304 to 321 inclusive, 325, 327, 401, 406, 411, 412, 413 and 434 may be placed on or near, and carriageway markings shown in diagrams Nos. RM14, RM15 and RM16 in the Second Schedule to the Regulations may be placed on a road only to indicate the effect of an Order, Regulation or Byelaw which prohibits or restricts the use of a road by vehicular traffic.

5. Warning signs shown in diagrams Nos. 105 to 112 inclusive, 118 to 121 inclusive, 124 to 127 inclusive, 130, 131, 133, 135 to 139 inclusive, 141, 145, 146, 154 and 156 may be fixed to a common post surmounted by one warning triangle at any site where the dangers to which the signs relate are adjacent to that site.

6. Signs shown in diagrams Nos. 105, 106, 107 and 108 may be placed only at the approach to a road junction, and only if no direction sign indicating the layout of the junction has been placed on that approach.

(a) S.I. 1950/954 (1950 II, p. 771). (b) S.I. 1951/1970 (1951 II, p. 613).

7. Signs shown in diagrams Nos. 107 and 435 may be used only to indicate road junctions where the distance between the junctions does not exceed 70 yards.

8. The sign shown in diagram No. 112 may be used only to indicate a succession of bends in a road occurring over a distance not exceeding 2 miles.

9. The sign shown in diagram No. 118 may be used only to indicate a gradient exceeding 1 in 13 and such gradient shall be shown on the sign to the nearest integer below.

10. The signs shown in diagrams Nos. 122 and 123 may be used only in conjunction with a sign shown in either of the diagrams Nos. 119 and 120.

11. Signs shown in diagrams Nos. 125 to 128 inclusive may be used only to indicate a bridge where the headroom is less than 16 feet 6 inches and the measurement of the headroom on any such sign shall be shown in multiples of 3 inches and shall be between 2 inches and 5 inches less than the headroom available over at least 10 feet of the carriageway.

12. The sign shown in diagram No. 127 may be placed only on or near a minor road at its approach to a more important road.

13. The sign shown in diagram No. 131 may be used only for the purpose of giving advance warning of a level crossing not provided with gates and the sign shown in diagram No. 132 may be used only in conjunction with the sign shown in diagram No. 131 and at the site of such level crossing.

14. Signs shown in diagrams Nos. 139 and 141 may respectively be used only to indicate the presence of a ford where the depth of water is normally 8 inches or less and the presence of a ford where the depth of water is normally over 8 inches, and the sign shown in diagram No. 140 may be used only beyond a ford in conjunction with either of the first-mentioned signs.

15. The sign shown in diagram No. 147 may be used only to indicate the likely presence on a road of children going to or from school.

16. The sign shown in diagram No. 149 may be used only on a road on which no speed limit is in force and the legend on the sign shall be visible to approaching drivers only at such times as a school crossing patrol within the meaning of the School Crossing Patrols Act, 1953(a), is on duty in the vicinity of, but not nearer than 100 yards to, the site of the sign.

17. The sign shown in diagram No. 154 may be used only on an unfenced road.

18.—(1) The sign shown in diagram No. 158 shall be so placed that the top of the sign is not less than 2 feet 6 inches nor more than 4 feet 6 inches above the adjacent surface of the carriageway.

(2) Where a post is specially provided for mounting such a sign such a post shall be not less than 6 inches in width and shall be painted in alternate black and white horizontal bands each band being not less than 9 inches nor more than 13 inches in depth.

19. No sign shown in any of the diagrams Nos. 159 to 165 inclusive may be retained after the completion of the road works of which it gave warning except with the approval in writing given by or on behalf of the Minister or the Secretary of State, as the case may be.

(a) 1 & 2 Eliz. 2. c. 45.

20. The sign shown in diagram No. 209 may be placed only on or near a road if vehicular traffic complying with the sign would turn into a road, not being a one-way street, and the sign shown in diagram No. 210 shall be placed only on or near a road if vehicular traffic complying with the sign would turn into a road, being a one-way street.

21.—(1) Light signals (other than such portable light signals as are referred to in Regulation 29 of the Regulations) for the control of vehicular traffic may be placed only at sites approved in writing by or on behalf of the Minister or the Secretary of State, as the case may be, after consideration of such plans for the sites, particulars of the apparatus to be used and information as to the volume and character of the traffic affected as he may require, provided that such approval in writing shall not be required to be obtained in respect of any installation to the cost of which the Minister or the Secretary of State has agreed to contribute either wholly or in part.

(2) Light signals (other than as aforesaid) may be used only in conjunction with a carriageway marking shown in diagram No. RM1 in the Second Schedule to the Regulations and any lens of the size and colour shown in diagram 1 in the Third Schedule may only be fitted to such signals in any of the methods shown in diagrams Nos. 4 to 8 inclusive in that Schedule where vehicular traffic controlled by the signals is restricted by virtue of an Order, Regulation or Byelaw to proceeding in the direction indicated by the arrow shown in such lens or the directions indicated by the arrows where two such lens are fitted.

22. The sign shown in either of the diagrams Nos. 215 and 307 may be used only in combination with light signals prescribed by Regulation 27 of the Regulations and subject to the following provisions:—

(*a*) the sign shall be so fixed that its lower edge is level with the bottom of the signal head;

(*b*) where the word "left" appears on the sign it shall be fitted on the left-hand side of the signals, and where the word "right" appears on the sign it shall be fitted on the right-hand side of the signals; and

(*c*) where there are any other light signals supplementary to the signals on which the sign is fixed, then a similar sign may be affixed to the supplementary signals in accordance with the foregoing provisions of this paragraph.

23. The sign shown in diagram No. 218 shall be used only by a person duly authorised by a highway authority for the purposes of section 27 of the Road Traffic Act, 1930, and may not be used during the hours of darkness as defined by the Road Transport Lighting Act, 1927.

24. Signs shown in diagrams Nos. 219 and 220 may be used only where one-way traffic working is necessary owing to a temporary closure to vehicular traffic of a width of the carriageway.

25. The sign shown in diagram No. 304 may be used only where the entry of vehicular traffic to a road is prohibited and only if two such signs are used one on each side of the road.

26. The sign shown in diagram No. 305 may be used only on a street refuge and as a supplement to a sign shown in diagram No. 304.

27. The sign shown in diagram No. 410 may be used only on or near a road on which there are more than two lanes for vehicular traffic.

28. Signs shown in diagrams Nos. 419, 420 and 421 may be used only—

(*a*) in connection with a traffic census the taking of which on a road has been approved by the highway authority for that road, the Chief Officer of Police of the police area in which the road is situate and in writing by or on behalf of the Minister or the Secretary of State, as the case may be; and

(*b*) in the vicinity of the traffic census points appointed in writing by or on behalf of the Minister, or the Secretary of State, as the case may be.

29. Signs shown in diagrams Nos. 429 and 430 shall not be used in any County Borough, Borough or Urban District in England and Wales or in any Burgh in Scotland. Signs shown in diagrams Nos. 448 and 450 may be used only where the space available does not permit the use of signs shown in diagrams Nos. 431 to 433 inclusive, 437, 438 and 440, and only in County Boroughs, Boroughs or Urban Districts in England and Wales and Burghs in Scotland.

30. Signs shown in diagrams Nos. 449, 451, 453, 454 and 480 may be used only at road junctions and signs shown in diagrams Nos. 452 and 479 shall be used only at approaches to road junctions. Signs shown in diagrams Nos. 479 and 480 shall only be used, and the sign shown in diagram No. 452 shall not be used, in County Boroughs, Boroughs or Urban Districts in England and Wales or in Burghs in Scotland.

31. Signs shown in the diagrams Nos. 449 and 456 may respectively be combined in use with signs shown in diagrams Nos. 451 and 457 and in either of such cases the remote route sign shall be placed vertically below the sign bearing the route symbol of the road on or near which the signs are placed.

32. Below the sign shown in either of the diagrams Nos. 487 and 488 there may be attached to the post on which the sign is mounted a notice containing conditions relating to the use of the parking place. The sign of the type shown in diagram No. 488 may be used only to indicate the location of a parking place on a road where the Chief Officer of Police of the police area in which the parking place is situate has consented in writing to the standing of vehicles without lights.

33. The sign shown in diagram No. 481 may be used only to indicate a parking place at a garage:—

(*a*) the entrance to which is not more than a quarter of a mile distant by road from the site at which the sign is erected; and

(*b*) the presence of which is not evident to users of the road in which the sign is erected either directly or by advertisement.

34. Signs of the types shown in diagrams Nos. 489 to 492 inclusive may be used only to regulate the movement of vehicles into and out of premises with more than one access to a road.

35. Carriageway markings as shown in diagram No. RM3 in the Second Schedule to the Regulations (hereinafter referred to as "the Second Schedule") may be placed on a road only where the surface of the road is unsuitable for the placing of a carriageway marking as shown in diagram No. RM2.

36. Studs incorporating reflectors may be placed on a road only if of a type the construction of which has first been approved in writing by or on behalf of the Minister or the Secretary of State, as the case may be.

37. Carriageway markings as shown in diagram No. RM7 in the Second Schedule may be placed on a road only to supplement a sign of the type shown in either of the diagrams Nos. 205 and 206 or in cases where it is necessary to supplement any of the warning signs specified in Part I of the First Schedule to the Regulations.

38. Carriageway markings as shown in either of the diagrams Nos. RM10 and RM11 in the Second Schedule shall be placed on a road only to indicate the limits of a parking place at which there is placed a sign shown in either of the diagrams Nos. 487 and 488.

39. Carriageway markings as shown in either of the diagrams Nos. RM14 and RM15 in the Second Schedule may be placed on a road only to supplement a sign shown in any of the diagrams Nos. 209, 210, 213 and 215.

40. No sign, beacon or portable traffic light signals used in accordance with the provisions of Regulations 23, 24 or 29 respectively of the Regulations may be retained at any place after the expiration of six months from the date on which the sign, beacon or signals were erected at that place or of such longer time as may be approved in writing by or on behalf of the Minister or the Secretary of State, as the case may be, or in any case after the termination of the need for such sign, beacon or signals.

41. Where a traffic sign shown in any of the diagrams in the First Schedule to the Regulations, not being a sign shown in any of the diagrams Nos. 158, 316 to 320 inclusive, 471 and 472 is mounted on or attached to a post specially provided for that purpose, such post shall be painted in alternate black and white bands each band being not less than 11 inches nor more than 13 inches in width.

42. Every sign shown in any of the diagrams Nos. 316 to 321 inclusive shall be mounted on or attached to—

(*a*) a post specially provided for the purpose and every such post shall be painted in alternate black and yellow horizontal bands each band being not less than 11 inches nor more than 13 inches in width; or

(*b*) a lamp post or other standard which in either case may be painted with one or more yellow horizontal bands each band being not less than 11 inches nor more than 13 inches in width.

43. Nothing in these Directions shall be taken to limit the power of the Minister or the Secretary of State, as the case may be, by any special Direction to dispense with, add to or modify any of the requirements of these Directions in their application to any particular case.

PART III

GENERAL CITATION AND COMMENCEMENT

This Instrument may be cited as "The Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions, 1957", and shall come into operation on the first day of March, 1957.

Given under the Seal of the Secretary of State this third day of January, 1957.

(L.S.)

James Stuart,
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

Given under the Official Seal of the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation this seventh day of January, 1957.

(L.S.) *Harold Watkinson,*
The Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Instrument, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

This Instrument in Part I re-enacts with amendments the Traffic Signs (Size, Colour and Type) Regulations, 1950. Apart from the inclusion of a number of signs not previously prescribed for general use, the main changes between the Regulations in Part I and those now revoked are:—

1. Regulation 5 applies section 49 of the Road Traffic Act, 1930 (which makes it an offence to fail to conform to the indication given by certain traffic signs lawfully placed on or near roads) to certain signs.
2. Regulation 18 requires that the sign ("Halt at Major Road Ahead") shown in diagram 204 in the First Schedule shall, after the expiration of one year from the coming into operation of the Regulations, be illuminated by the fitting of a means of lighting unless illuminated by reflectors or reflecting material.
3. Regulations 21 and 22 and the Second Schedule prescribe in greater detail the size, colour and type of signs consisting of lines or marks which may be placed on the carriageway of a road.

Part II of this Instrument re-enacts with amendments the Traffic Signs (General) Directions, 1950, and contains general directions subject to which a highway authority may place on or near any road within its area the signs prescribed in Part I of this Instrument. These directions now apply to certain of the new signs prescribed in Part I.

1957 No. 2149

The Traffic Signs (Amendment) Regulations, 1957

Made - - - -	*9th December,* 1957
Laid before Parliament	*16th December,* 1957
Coming into Operation	*1st January,* 1958

The Secretary of State and the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation acting jointly in exercise of their powers under sections 48 and 59 of the Road Traffic Act, 1930(a), as read with the Transfer of Functions (Roads, Bridges and Ferries) Order, 1955(b), section 35 of the Road Traffic Act, 1956(c), and of all other powers them enabling in that behalf hereby make the following Regulations:—

1.—(1) These Regulations shall come into operation on the first day of January, 1958, and may be cited as "The Traffic Signs (Amendment) Regulations, 1957".

(a) 20 & 21 Geo. 5. c. 43. (b) S.I. 1955/1955 (1955 I, p. 1205). (c) 4 & 5 Eliz. 2. c. 67.