1960 No. 1124

The Traffic Signs (Speed Limits) Regulations, 1960

Made - - - -	30*th June*, 1960
Laid before Parliament	7*th July*, 1960
Coming into Operation	4*th August*, 1960

The Secretary of State and the Minister of Transport (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 1 of the Road Traffic Act, 1934(c), sections 4 and 35 of the Road Traffic Act, 1956(d), and of all other powers them enabling in that behalf, and after consultation with representative organisations in accordance with the provisions of subsection (2) of section 111 of the said Act of 1930, hereby make the following Regulations:—

Commencement and Citation

1. These Regulations shall come into operation on the fourth day of August, 1960, and may be cited as the Traffic Signs (Speed Limits) Regulations, 1960.

Revocation

2.—(1) The Traffic Signs (30 m.p.h. Speed Limit) Regulations, 1957(e), are hereby revoked.

(2) A traffic sign which, immediately before the coming into operation of these Regulations, is situated on or near any road, being a traffic sign shown in any diagram set out in either the First or the Second Schedule to the Traffic Signs (30 m.p.h. Speed Limit) Regulations, 1957, and then complying with the provisions relating thereto by virtue of those Regulations, shall be treated as prescribed by these Regulations until the expiration of five years from the coming into operation of these Regulations.

Interpretation

3.—(1) In these Regulations the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them:—

"classified road" means a road classified by the Minister under the Ministry of Transport Act, 1919(f), in Class I or Class II or in any class declared by him to be not inferior to those classes;

"hours of darkness" means the time between half-an-hour after sunset and half-an-hour before sunrise.

(2) Any reference in these Regulations to a numbered diagram is a reference to the diagram of that number set out in the Schedule to these Regulations.

(a) 20 & 21 Geo. 5. c. 43.
(b) S.I. 1955/1955 (1955 I, p. 1205).
(c) 24 & 25 Geo. 5. c. 50.
(d) 4 & 5 Eliz. 2. c. 67.
(e) S.I. 1957/274 (1957 II, p. 2088).
(f) 9 & 10 Geo. 5. c. 50.

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

(4) The Interpretation Act, 1889(a), shall apply to the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament, and as if for the purposes of section 38 of that Act these Regulations were an Act of Parliament and the Regulations revoked by Regulation 2 of these Regulations were an Act of Parliament thereby repealed.

Signs for Section 1 of the Road Traffic Act, 1934

4. The traffic signs which a local authority shall cause to be erected in accordance with the provisions of subsection (7) of section 1 of the Road Traffic Act, 1934, and directions given by the Secretary of State or the Minister, as the case may be, under that section shall be as follows:—

(*a*) a traffic sign for conveying information to traffic that a length of road is deemed to be a road in a built up area and that there is a speed limit of thirty miles per hour on that length of road;

(*b*) a traffic sign for conveying information to traffic that a length of road is deemed to be a road in a built up area and that there is, by virtue of a direction given under subsection (4) of section 4 of the Road Traffic Act, 1956, a speed limit of forty miles per hour on that length of road;

(*c*) a traffic sign for conveying information to traffic as to the point at which a length of road ceases to be a road which is deemed to be a road in a built up area; and

(*d*) a traffic sign for conveying information to traffic that a length of road is not deemed to be a road in a built up area.

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

5. Every traffic sign mentioned in paragraph (*a*) of the last preceding Regulation shall be of the size, colour and type shown in diagram 1, diagram 2 or diagram 3:

Provided that such a sign may be of the size, colour and type shown in diagram 9, if it was erected before the first day of March, 1957.

6. Every traffic sign mentioned in paragraph (*b*) of Regulation 4 of these Regulations shall be of the size, colour and type shown in diagram 4, diagram 5 or diagram 6.

7. Every traffic sign mentioned in paragraph (*c*) of Regulation 4 of these Regulations shall be of the size, colour and type shown in diagram 7:

Provided that such a sign may be of the size, colour and type shown in diagram 10, if it was erected before the first day of March, 1957.

8. Every traffic sign mentioned in paragraph (*d*) of Regulation 4 of these Regulations shall be of the size, colour and type shown in diagram 8.

Illumination of signs

9.—(1) The following provisions as to illumination shall during the hours of darkness apply to a traffic sign of the size, colour and type shown in diagram 1, diagram 2, diagram 4, diagram 5, diagram 7, diagram 9 and diagram 10.

(2) Where any such sign is erected on a classified road and is so erected within one hundred and fifty yards of a street lamp, the sign shall, subject

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

to the provisions of paragraphs (4) and (5) of this Regulation, be illuminated by a means of lighting which is fitted to the sign unless it has been agreed in writing by or on behalf of the Secretary of State or the Minister, as the case may be, that either—

(*a*) the sign is so illuminated by street lighting during the hours of darkness as to be visible within a reasonable distance to drivers of approaching motor vehicles ; or

(*b*) the sign may be illuminated by the use of reflectors or reflecting material in accordance with the relevant provisions of Regulations 11 and 12 of these Regulations.

(3) Where any such sign is erected on a classified road and is so erected otherwise than within one hundred and fifty yards of a street lamp, or where any such sign is erected on a road not being a classified road, the sign shall be illuminated either—

(*a*) by a means of lighting which is fitted to the sign, or

(*b*) by the use of reflectors or reflecting material in accordance with the relevant provisions of Regulations 11 and 12 of these Regulations:

Provided that it shall not be necessary for any such sign in a particular case to be illuminated in accordance with the foregoing provisions of this paragraph, if it has been agreed in writing by or on behalf of the Secretary of State or the Minister, as the case may be, that the sign need not be so illuminated.

(4) Where—

(*a*) a traffic sign of the size, colour and type shown in diagram 1, diagram 2 or diagram 9 is erected on a road at or near to its junction with a side of a length of road which is deemed to be a road in a built up area on which a speed limit of thirty miles per hour is in force, or

(*b*) a traffic sign of the size, colour and type shown in diagram 5 is erected on a road at or near to its junction with a side of a length of road which is deemed to be a road in a built up area on which a speed limit of forty miles per hour is in force, or

(*c*) a traffic sign of the size, colour and type shown in diagram 7 is erected on a road at or near to its junction with a side of a length of road which is deemed not to be a road in a built up area,

the sign may be illuminated by the use of reflectors or reflecting material in accordance with the relevant provisions of Regulations 11 and 12 of these Regulations, notwithstanding that by virtue of paragraph (2) of this Regulation the sign could, but for this paragraph, only be so illuminated if it had been so agreed in writing by or on behalf of the Secretary of State or, as the case may be, the Minister.

(5) Where any traffic sign mentioned in the last foregoing paragraph is erected on a road as mentioned in that paragraph and another traffic sign, being a sign of the size, colour and type prescribed by Regulations 5, 6 or 7 of these Regulations, is either attached to, or is supported by the same means as, the first mentioned sign, and is so erected as to face in the opposite direction to that sign, the provisions as to illumination contained in the last foregoing paragraph applicable as respects the first mentioned sign shall also apply as respects that other sign.

10. Every traffic sign of the size, colour and type shown in diagram 3 or diagram 6 shall be illuminated during the hours of darkness—

(*a*) by a means of lighting which is fitted to the sign, or

(*b*) by the use of reflectors or reflecting material in accordance with the relevant provisions of Regulation 11 and 12 of these Regulations,

unless the sign is so illuminated by street lighting during the hours of darkness as to be visible within a reasonable distance to drivers of approaching motor vehicles.

11. Where any traffic sign of the size, colour and type shown in any of the diagrams set out in the Schedule to these Regulations is illuminated by the use of reflectors in accordance with the foregoing provisions of these Regulations, the number, size, colour and arrangement of such reflectors shall be as shown in the diagram relating to that sign.

12. Where any traffic sign of the size, colour and type shown in any of the diagrams set out in the Schedule to these Regulations is illuminated by the use of reflecting material in accordance with the foregoing provisions of these Regulations—

(*a*) material reflecting red light shall be used on that part (if any) of the sign which is shown as required to be coloured red in the diagram relating to that sign, and

(*b*) subject to the provisions of the last preceding paragraph, material reflecting white light shall be used either—

(i) on any number, letter or symbol incorporated in the sign but not elsewhere thereon, or

(ii) not on any number, letter or symbol incorporated in the sign but elsewhere thereon,

but so that the colours of the sign as shown in the diagrams relating to that sign are not materially impaired in normal daylight.

Given under the Seal of the Secretary of State this twenty-ninth day of June, 1960.

(L.S.)

John S. Maclay,
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

Given under the Official Seal of the Minister of Transport this thirtieth day of June, 1960.

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Ernest Marples,
The Minister of Transport.

SCHEDULE

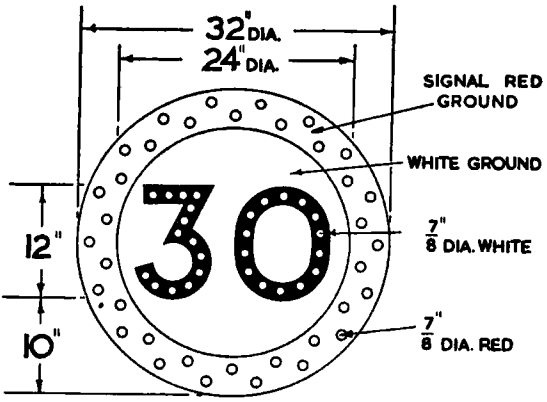


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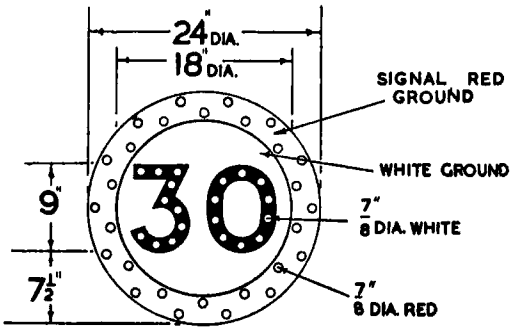


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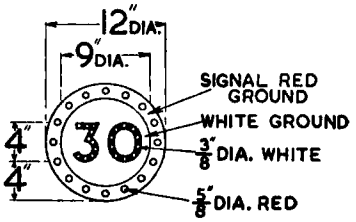


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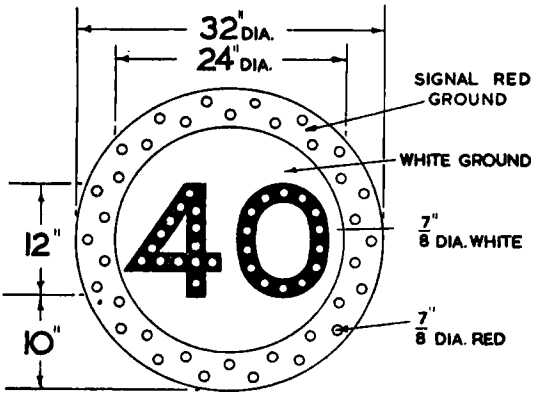


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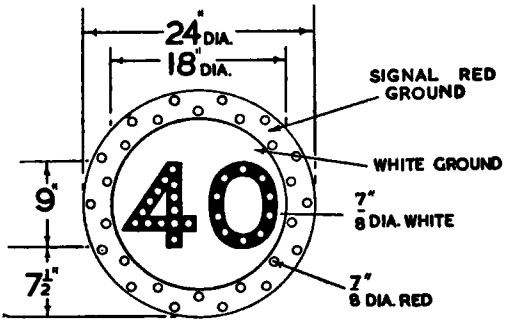


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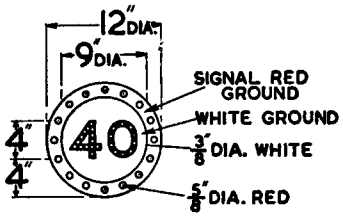


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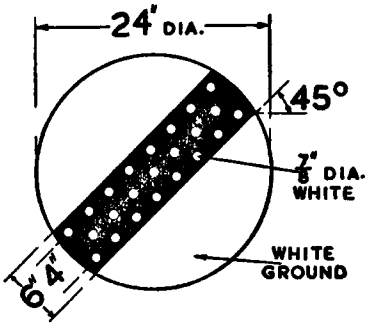


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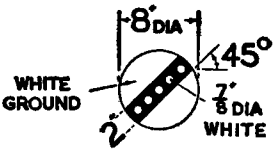


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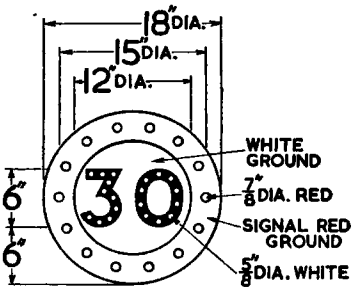


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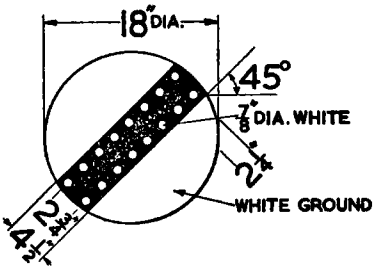


Diagram 10

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations (which revoke the Traffic Signs (30 m.p.h. Speed Limit) Regulations, 1957) make provision as to the traffic signs which a local authority shall cause to be erected for indicating whether or not lengths of road are subject to a 30 m.p.h. speed limit by virtue of section 1 of the Road Traffic Act, 1934 or a 40 m.p.h. speed limit by virtue of that section as extended by section 4 of the Road Traffic Act, 1956. The Regulations also prescribe the size, colour and type of such signs and make provision as to their illumination during the hours of darkness.