

International Road Signs

Leaflet

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*A Comprehensive list
of unusual road signs by country*

Preface

This fifth edition of the *International Road Signs leaflet* includes two new countries (Ghana and Oman) as well as a number of new unusual road signs in several countries.

The publication follows a similar approach as the last edition. We have tried to select the most unusual road signs among the ones which do not conform to those prescribed by international agreements, namely the Protocol on Road Signs and Signals (Geneva, 1949) and the Convention on Road Signs and Signals (Vienna, 1968).

There is certainly **a degree of subjectivity** in our selections and we apologise for missing any signs that would have deserved to be inserted in this leaflet. But be sure we will take your remarks into consideration for future updates.

We would also like to thank all the national automobile clubs for their invaluable help in the making of this publication.

Whether you read it out of curiosity or because you intend to travel abroad, we hope you will enjoy using this leaflet.

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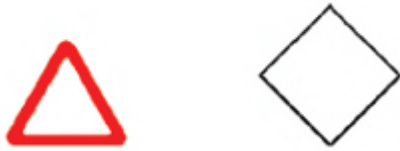
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Things to know

According to international agreements:

- Danger warning signs are either triangles or diamonds depending on the countries



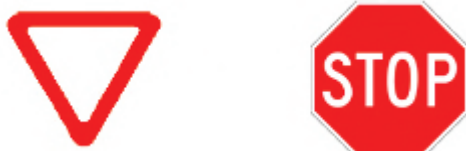
- Restrictive or prohibitory signs are usually circular with red borders. Most signs have white or yellow background. A slash is used in most countries to prohibit something.



- Mandatory signs are usually circular with blue backgrounds.



- Priority signs regulate the right-of-way



Give way

Stop

- Informative signs are rectangular or square with light or blue background



For further examples of road signs in the Convention on Road Signs and Signals (Vienna, 1968) please see <http://www.unece.org/trans/conventn/signalsa2.pdf>

ARGENTINA



HGVs must use
the top right lane

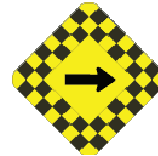
AUSTRALIA



Pedestrian crossing



Pedestrians may
cross diagonally



Sharp turn danger



End clearway



Give way to buses



No stopping area



Crossroad ahead



The road ahead "dips" (a dip is a
sudden slope down then up)

AUSTRIA



No entry for motor vehicles



Pedestrian area



Tram turns at yellow or red



Car against traffic flow
(electronic panel)

BELGIUM



Compulsory parking partly on pavement



No parking on the pavement



Compulsory parking on the pavement



Parking for motorcycles, cars
and minibus only



Use of cruise control
prohibited until next intersection



Overtaking on the left
temporarily allowed for heavy
vehicles

BRAZIL



Parking is allowed



No parking allowed



No parking
or stopping allowed



Customs post
(compulsory stop)



No through road

CANADA



Narrow bridge ahead



Paved surface
ends ahead



Sharp turn, danger



Hidden school bus
stop ahead



Railway crossing



Do not stop in the area
between the signs



Snowmobiles may
use this road



Traffic control
person ahead (temporary sign)



Survey crew
working ahead (temporary sign)



Dangerous goods
prohibited



Tourist information

CHINA



Stop



Keep your distance



Slow down



Winding road



Road leading
to ferry port



Overtaking prohibited

COSTA RICA



Stop



No parking

CZECH REPUBLIC



Winter equipment
necessary

DENMARK



Merging traffic



Pass either side



Tourist Route

FINLAND



Compulsory track
for snowmobiles



Countryside enterprise

FRANCE



Limited duration
parking zone



Fortnightly parking
on alternate sides



Easily inflammable forest



National Park



Green lane - reserved for
pedestrians and non-motorised
vehicles



Take a ticket for toll

GERMANY



One way street



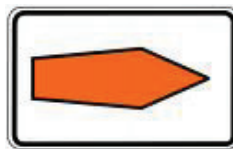
Street lights not on
all night



Tram or bus stop



Environmental zone



Recommended route
on motorways



End of recommended route



No through road
except for cyclists and
pedestrians



Railway crossing
(with or without borders)

GHANA



Overhead bridge



Place of interest

HONG KONG



Irregular road surface



Traffic accident
black spot ahead



No wind-susceptible
vehicles



No learner drivers



Level crossing with barrier

ICELAND



Lay-by or passing place



Place to turn
on the right



Bus terminal



Accident risk area



Hill without visibility



End of paved road



Single-width bridge

INDIA



Overtaking prohibited



Gap in the median strip
(on a divided roadway)



Ferry crossing
(across a river)



Guarded railway crossing



Hairpin bend

ISRAEL



No learner drivers
allowed



Urban area

ITALY



Residential zone



Traffic queues likely ahead



Carabinieri (police)



Garage



Ecopass zone (Milan)

JAPAN



Road closed



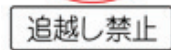
Proceed slowly



Dangerous goods prohibited



Stop



No overtaking



Stopping permitted



Line separating traffic directions (movable)



Safety zone for pedestrians



Stopping line



Sound horn

KUWAIT



Stop - Police



Stop - Customs

MACEDONIA (FYROM)



Number of successive bends forming winding road (984 gives height above sea level)



Recommended speed



Police station ahead



Manual traffic control ahead

MALAYSIA



Keep left



Obstruction ahead



Stop ahead

MEXICO



No stopping



Parking is allowed



Inspection area

NETHERLANDS



Accident ¹



Hard shoulder open
as rush-hour lane ¹



District numbers



Low emission zone
for lorries

¹ These signs are only used on illuminated panels on motorways.

NEW ZEALAND



Loose chippings



Stop for people crossing



Level crossing
with flashing lights

NORWAY



Passing place



Place of interest

OMAN



Sand dunes



Wadi crossing



Camping or caravanning site

POLAND



Customs post



State border



Priority vehicles exit

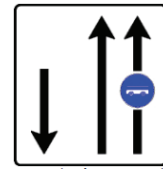
PORTUGAL



End of parking prohibited



Accident ahead



Bus lane



GNR (gendarmerie)



Poor visibility

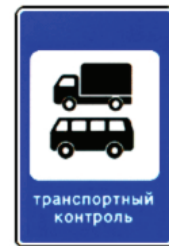
RUSSIA



Caution: Blind pedestrians

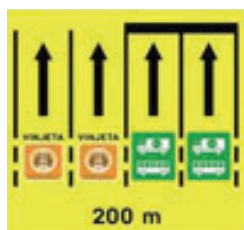


Police check



International transport control

SLOVENIA



Toll station: Vehicle exiting



Toll: Vignette/card or cash



Mountain pass



Accident ahead



School area

SOUTH AFRICA¹



No entry except for
emergency vehicles



No stopping allowed



No hitch hikers



No abnormal vehicles



Toll

SPAIN



Use of passing lights
no longer required



National park

¹ These signs are common to the Southern African Development Community which includes Angola, Botswana, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Lesotho, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Seychelles, South Africa, Swaziland, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

SWEDEN



No off-road vehicles



No vehicles having a weight exceeding...
- tonnes on a tandem axle -



All way stop



Accident ahead



Maximum recommended speed



End of maximum recommended speed



Blind people crossing



Beware animals



Diversion



No vehicles with studded tyres
(except class-II mopeds)



No entry for vehicles

SWITZERLAND



Parking disc compulsory



Gunshot noise



One-way street
with a two-way cycle lane



Passing place



Customs post
(visual check only)

TURKEY



Vahşi Hayvanlar
Geçebilir

Beware animals

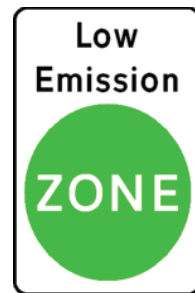
UNITED KINGDOM



Traffic lights not in use



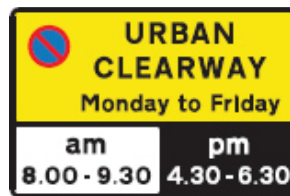
Congestion charge zone (currently only in London)



Low Emission Zone (LEZ)



Speed camera



No stopping during times shown except for as long as necessary to set down or pick up passengers



Advisory route for lorries

USA



Stop ahead



Danger of roll over



No entry for vehicles carrying hazardous materials



Emergency medical services



24 hour pharmacy



Environmental study area



Alternative fuel



Night speed limit

TUNNEL ROAD SIGNS



Italy



Macedonia



New Zealand



Poland



Russia



Slovenia



Spain



Sweden



Switzerland



United Kingdom