International Road Signs
Leaflet

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A Comprehensive list
of unusual road signs by country

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Preface

This third edition of the *International Road Signs leaflet* includes three new countries (Kuwait, Latvia and Slovenia) as well as a number of new unusual road signs in several countries. The publication follows a similar approach as the 2005 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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Tunnel road signs in several countries
Things to know

According to international agreements:

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

  ![Triangle](image1) ![Diamond](image2)

- **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.

  ![Circle with slash](image3)

- **Mandatory signs** are usually circular with blue backgrounds.

  ![Circle](image4)

- **Priority signs** regulate the right-of-way

  ![Triangle](image5) ![Stop sign](image6)

  - **Give way**
  - **Stop**

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

  ![Up arrow](image7)

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](http://www.unece.org/trans/conventn/signalsa2.pdf)
AUSTRALIA

- Pedestrian crossing
- Pedestrians may cross diagonally
- Sharp turn danger
- End clearway
- Give way to buses
- No swimming: crocodiles
- Crossroad ahead
- The road ahead "dips" (a dip is a sudden slope down then up)

AUSTRIA

- No entry for motor vehicles
- Pedestrians area
- Tram turns at yellow or red

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**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**

- Stopping compulsory
- No parking
- No through road

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**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)

**CHINA**

- Stop
- Keep your distance
- Slow down

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CZECH REPUBLIC

Winter equipment necessary

DENMARK

Dual carriage-way ends

Pass either side

Tourist Route

FINLAND

Compulsory track for snowmobiles

Countryside enterprise

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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
- Recommended route
- Environmental zone

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**HONG KONG**

- Irregular road surface
- Traffic accident
- Black spot ahead
- No wind-susceptible vehicles

**ICELAND**

- Passing place
- Place to turn on the right
- Bus terminal

**ISRAEL**

- Stop sign ahead
- Urban area
- Learner (at the back of a car)

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ITALY

Residential zone
Traffic queues likely ahead
Segregated pedal cycle and pedestrian route

JAPAN

Road closed
Proceed slowly
Dangerous goods prohibited

Stop
No overtaking
Stopping permitted

Line separating traffic directions
Safety zone for pedestrians
Stop line

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KUWAIT
Clinic

LATVIA
Parking prohibited on odd days
Parking prohibited on even days

MACEDONIA (FYROM)
Number of curves in succession forming winding line (984 gives height above sea level)
Recommended speed
Police station ahead

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MALAYSIA
- Keep left
- Obstruction ahead
- Stop ahead

MEXICO
- No stopping
- Parking prohibited
- Inspection area

NETHERLANDS
- Accident ahead
- Cycle path
- District number

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NEW ZEALAND

Seal ends
Stop for people crossing

NORWAY

Passing place
Place of interest

POLAND

Customs post
Priority vehicles exit

Limit of state

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PORTUGAL

End of parking prohibited

Accident ahead

Bus lane

RUSSIA

Caution: Blind pedestrians

Traffic control post

SLOVENIA

Toll station: Vehicle exiting

Toll: Vignette/card or cash

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SOUTH AFRICA

- No entry except for emergency vehicles
- No stopping allowed
- No hitch hikers
- No abnormal vehicles

SPAIN

- Use of passing lights no longer required
- National park

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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 -
- Accident ahead
- Maximum recommended speed
- End of maximum recommended speed
- Diversion
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**SWITZERLAND**

- Parking disc compulsory
- Mountain postal road
- Passing place

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**TURKEY**

Beware animals

**UNITED KINGDOM**

Traffic signal 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

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TUNNEL ROAD SIGNS

Italy

Macedonia

Poland

Russia

Slovenia

Spain

Sweden

Switzerland

United Kingdom

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