

# International Road Signs Leaflet

***Edition 2008***



*A Comprehensive list  
of unusual road signs by country*

## 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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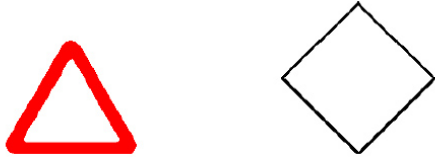
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## Things to know

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>

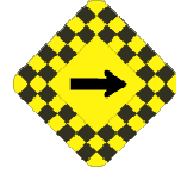
## AUSTRALIA



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

## 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

## 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

## CZECH REPUBLIC



Winter equipment necessary

## DENMARK



Dual carriage-way ends



Pass either side



Tourist Route

## FINLAND



Compulsory track  
for snowmobiles



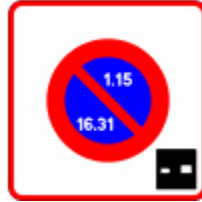
Countryside enterprise



## 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



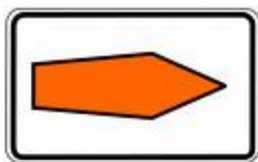
One way street



Street lights not on all night



Tram or bus stop



Recommended route



Environmental zone

## HONG KONG



Irregular road surface



Traffic accident  
black spot ahead



No wind-susceptible  
vehicles

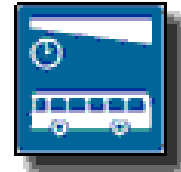
## ICELAND



Passing place



Place to turn  
on the right



Bus terminal

## ISRAEL



Stop sign ahead



Urban area



Learner  
(at the back of a car)

## ITALY



Residential zone



Traffic queues likely ahead



Segregated pedal cycle and pedestrian route

## JAPAN



Road closed



Proceed slowly



Dangerous goods prohibited



Stop



追越し禁止  
No overtaking



Stopping permitted



Line separating traffic directions



Safety zone for pedestrians



Stop line

## KUWAIT



Clinic

## LATVIA



Parking prohibited on odd days



Parking prohibited on even days

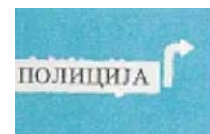
## MACEDONIA (FYROM)



Number of curves in succession forming winding line (984 gives height above sea level)



Recommended speed



Police station ahead

### MALAYSIA



Keep left



Obstruction ahead



Stop ahead

### MEXICO



No stopping



Parking prohibited



Inspection area

### NETHERLANDS



Accident ahead



Cycle path



District number

## NEW ZEALAND



Seal ends



Stop for people crossing

## NORWAY



Passing place



Place of interest

## POLAND



Customs post



Priority vehicles exit



Limit of state

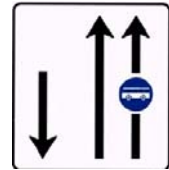
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End of parking prohibited



Accident ahead



Bus lane

## RUSSIA

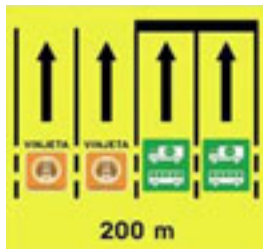


Caution: Blind pedestrians



Traffic control post

## SLOVENIA



Toll station: Vehicle exiting



Toll: Vignette/card or cash

## SOUTH AFRICA<sup>1</sup>



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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<sup>1</sup> 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



Diversion



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## SWITZERLAND



Parking disc compulsory



Mountain postal road



Passing place

## TURKEY



Vahşi Hayvanlar  
Geçebilir

Beware animals

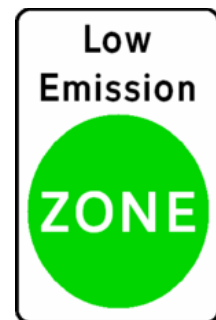
## UNITED KINGDOM



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

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

## TUNNEL ROAD SIGNS



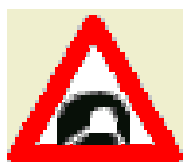
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