

Serial Number 159/1937.



## THE TRAFFIC SIGN REGULATIONS, 1937.

Enacting authority : His Excellency the Governor-General in Council.  
Act pursuant to which the regulations were made : The Motor-vehicles  
Act, 1924.

Date on which the regulations were made : 23rd day of April, 1937.

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### REGULATIONS.

#### REGULATION 1.—PRELIMINARY.

- (1) These regulations may be cited as the Traffic Sign Regulations, 1937.
- (2) These regulations shall come into force on the 1st day of May, 1937.
- (3) In these regulations, unless inconsistent with the context,—
  - “ The Amendment Act ” means the Motor-vehicles Amendment Act, 1936 :
  - “ Closely populated locality ” means a locality declared to be a closely populated locality for the purposes of section 3 of the Amendment Act :
  - “ Erecting authority ” means in respect of any road or place the local authority as hereinafter defined, and also includes the Minister, the Main Highways Board, and any duly incorporated association or union of motorists hereinafter referred to as an “ automobile association ” :
  - “ Local authority ” means in respect of any road or place the local authority in the district of which the road or place is situated, and in the case of a district road, county road, or town district road means respectively the Road Board, County Council, or Town Board under the control of which such road is for the time being placed :
  - “ Local speed-limit ” means a speed-limit for motor-vehicle traffic duly imposed by a local authority :
  - “ Minister ” means the Minister of Transport :

“Parking” means the standing of a motor-vehicle in any public place where such standing may lawfully be permissible, but does not include the standing of a motor-vehicle as aforesaid for any period not exceeding five minutes and does not include the standing of a motor-vehicle actually engaged in taking up or setting down persons or goods :

“Road” includes road, street, and other place to which the public have access ; and when used distributively in relation to traffic signs of Class Y and Class Z includes every physically continuous portion of road, whether bearing a separate name or not :

“Traffic sign” means a sign of one of the classes described in these regulations, and unless inconsistent with the context includes the support of the sign : Provided that traffic domes or letters or other indicators placed upon roads by controlling authorities for the direction of traffic shall not be deemed traffic signs for the purpose of these regulations.

(4) The Traffic Sign (Speed-limits) Regulations, 1936,\* are revoked.

(5) All appointments and acts of authority and all traffic signs and generally all other matters, acts, and things which originated under the regulations hereby revoked and are of continuing effect at the time of coming into force of these regulations shall enure as if they had originated under these regulations and shall when necessary be deemed to have so originated.

#### REGULATION 2.—CLASSES AND DESCRIPTION OF TRAFFIC SIGNS.

(1) Traffic signs shall be of the following classes :—

Class A : Signs denoting the proximity of a level railway-crossing.

Class B : Signs indicating the existence of circumstances requiring special watchfulness, caution, and slowness of speed on the part of the driver of a motor-vehicle, such as proximity to a school or hospital but not proximity to a railway-crossing and not arising out of the nature or condition of the roadway.

Class C : Signs indicating the existence of circumstances requiring special watchfulness, caution, and slowness of speed on the part of the driver of a motor-vehicle arising out of the nature or condition of the road, such as a sharp bend or turning, side road or cross-road, narrow bridge, or loose gravel.

Class D : Signs conveying information relating to the parking of vehicles.

Class E : Stop signs.

Class F : Signs conveying any information relating to vehicular traffic not covered by the other classes herein described :

Provided that information as to destination, routes, distances, or names of localities (with the exception that the name of a school may be indicated in a sign of Class B) shall not be deemed information relating to motor-vehicle traffic.

\* Statutory Regulations, 1936-7, Serial number 87/1936, page 343.

Class Y : Signs denoting—

- (a) The speed-limit of thirty miles an hour referred to in section 3 of the Amendment Act ; or
- (b) A local speed-limit.

Class Z : Signs denoting—

- (a) The exclusion by the Minister of any road in a borough or town district from the speed-limit of thirty miles an hour imposed by section 3 of the Amendment Act ; or
- (b) The end of a road subject to a local speed-limit ; or
- (c) The end of a road subject to the speed-limit of thirty miles an hour referred to in section 3 of the Amendment Act.

(2) Signs of Class A shall be in the form of diagram No. 1 in the Schedule hereto—that is to say, in the form of a St. Andrew's Cross of the dimensions shown in the Schedule, coloured white, and bearing in letters coloured black the words " Railway Crossing ".

(3) Signs of Class B shall be in the form of diagram No. 2 in the Schedule—that is to say, in the form of a square with sides set vertically, having sides not less than 2 ft. and not greater than 3 ft. long, coloured lemon-yellow, and bearing in letters coloured black the word " School " or the word " Hospital " or such other word or words as may be required to inform a motor-vehicle driver of the need for caution.

(4) Signs of Class C shall be in the form of diagram No. 3 in the Schedule—that is to say, in the form of a square with one diagonal set vertically, having sides approximately 2 ft. long, coloured lemon-yellow, and bearing in letters coloured black such appropriate words or approved symbols as the local authority thinks fit :

Provided that no symbol or modification thereof shall be used in a traffic sign except such symbols as may from time to time, by notice in the *Gazette*, be approved by the Minister for that purpose :

Provided also that the symbols set out in the notice dated the 29th day of February, 1928, and published in the *Gazette* on the 5th day of March, 1928, shall until superseded by notice under this clause be deemed to be approved symbols for the purposes of these regulations.

(5) Signs for Class D shall be in one of the forms of diagrams No. 4 and No. 5 in the Schedule—that is to say, in the form of an oblong with rounded corners, coloured lemon-yellow, 18 in. in height and 12 in. in width, with a black line dividing the sign 6 in. from and parallel to the bottom of the sign ; bearing in the top portion of the sign the letter " P " approximately  $7\frac{1}{2}$  in. in height, and in the bottom portion of the sign either (a) numerals approximately 4 in. in height, to indicate in minutes the maximum time for which continuous parking is allowed, or (b) the letters " N.P. " approximately 4 in. in height, to represent the words " No Parking " ; each of the said letters and numerals to be coloured black.

(6) Signs of Class E shall be in the form of diagram No. 6 in the Schedule—that is to say, in the form of a regular octagon each side of which is approximately 10 in. long and two sides of which are horizontal, which is coloured lemon-yellow, and which bears the word " Stop " in letters coloured black as indicated in the said diagram No 6.

(7) Signs of Class F shall be in the form of diagram No. 7 in the Schedule—that is to say, in the form of a rectangle 36 in. in length and 24 in. in height (or in the same proportions but of any greater dimensions required to carry the notice), coloured lemon-yellow and bearing characters in black.

(8) Signs of Class Y shall be in the form of diagram No. 8 in the Schedule—that is to say, a disc 18 in. in diameter, coloured red, bearing a roundel 12 in. in diameter, coloured white, charged with arabic numerals coloured black 6 in. high with stems 1 in. wide to represent the speed-limit in miles an hour.

(9) Signs of Class Z shall be in the form of diagram No. 9 in the Schedule—that is to say, a disc 18 in. in diameter, coloured white, charged with a band sinister  $4\frac{1}{2}$  in. wide, coloured black.

(10) Save when otherwise herein provided, all characters shall be in capital letters and figures of the style known as bold-faced sans-serif, and shall be plain and legible and uniform in size and of a minimum height of 3 in.

(11) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in these regulations, any traffic sign may have reflectors or a reflecting surface imposed over the letters or numerals thereon together with any background of a type and colour necessary to make the reflectors or reflecting surface effective.

(12) There shall not be displayed on a traffic sign (apart from the support thereof) any written matter except such as is authorized by this regulation :

Provided that a sign in one of the forms hereinbefore prescribed and bearing thereon written matter appropriate to a sign in that form shall for the purposes of the Motor-vehicles Act, 1924, and regulations thereunder be deemed to be a traffic sign notwithstanding that there is displayed thereon or on the support thereof any matter not authorized by this regulation.

(13) On a traffic sign (other than a sign of Class Z) erected by an automobile association there may be placed, whether on the sign proper or the support or both, a monogram of the association :

Provided that in the case of a sign erected or repainted after the coming into force of these regulations the monogram shall consist of the letters "A.A." only and shall be containable within a circle of 2 in. diameter in the case of a sign of Class Y and 5 in. diameter in any other case.

(14) In the case of any support erected principally for the display of a traffic sign—

(a) The support shall be coloured white :

(b) Apart from the traffic sign, no written matter shall appear on the support or on any board or plate affixed thereto with the following exceptions :—

(i) In the case of any sign erected by an automobile association, other than a sign of Class Z, the monogram of the association, as provided by the last preceding clause hereof ; or

(ii) In the case of any sign erected by a local authority, a public notice by that authority.

**REGULATION 3.—ERECTION AND MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC SIGNS.**

(1) (i) Every local authority shall upon every road crossed on the level by a railway or tramway, whether public or private, which crosses a road immediately after crossing land that is not a road, and on each side of such crossing, erect a traffic sign of Class A.

(ii) The local authority may upon a road in the proximity of any such railway or tramway crossing but not itself crossed by a railway or tramway erect a traffic sign of Class A in conjunction with a sign of Class C, the latter being affixed below the former sign, and worded "Caution, Railway-crossing on Cross-road".

(2) Every local authority shall, at or near to any entrance leading from a road to a school for children (whether public or private, including premises in use as Sunday-schools), or to a public hospital, or at or near to any other place which in the opinion of the local authority requires special watchfulness, caution, or slowness of speed on the part of a motor-driver, erect such one or more traffic signs of Class B as it shall deem necessary.

(3) Every local authority shall erect a traffic sign of Class C at every place where, in its opinion, the nature or condition of the road requires special watchfulness, caution, or slowness of speed on the part of the driver of a motor-vehicle; and to signify the proximity of a bridge which is not normally under control of a traffic officer and which is too narrow to enable two motor-vehicles conveniently to pass each other thereon two traffic signs of Class C may be erected, one reading "Narrow Bridge" and the other reading "Narrow Bridge, Please Give Way":

Provided that it shall not be necessary in the case of a level railway-crossing to erect any traffic sign other than the traffic sign of Class A required by clause (1) hereof.

(4) (i) Subject to erection being permitted of any suitable signs already used or in stock, or on order, the local authority shall erect the appropriate sign of Class D so as to give reasonable notice of any place where restrictions as to the parking of vehicles have been duly imposed.

(ii) Subject to the following provisions of this clause, a sign in the form of diagram No. 4 shall signify that the continuous time of parking of any motor-vehicle is limited to the number of minutes indicated by the number on that sign; and a sign in the form of diagram No. 5 shall signify that parking of motor-vehicles is prohibited.

(iii) Supplementary notices in explanation or extension of those given by the signs of Class D may be placed directly under the sign and on its support; and unless such a supplementary notice contains a direction to the contrary, the restrictions indicated by the sign shall be deemed not to apply during the hours between 6 p.m. and 8 a.m.

(iv) Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, notice that a vehicle may be parked only at an angle to the kerb may be indicated by the marking of clear parallel lines on the road surface so as to indicate the angle of parking.

(5) With the prior consent in writing of the Minister, every local authority may erect a traffic sign of Class E at any place at which, in its opinion, it is desirable that every driver of a motor-vehicle should stop his vehicle.

With the application for the consent of the Minister to the erection of a traffic sign of Class E the local authority shall send to the Minister a sketch plan or map of the road or locality affected showing the position of the proposed traffic sign, and shall also supply its reasons for desiring the erection of the sign.

(6) A sign of Class F may be erected to give information relating to vehicular traffic not covered by the foregoing classes, and especially may be erected to indicate the presence of road works likely to be of more than brief duration, in which case the sign shall bear the words "Caution. Road Works Ahead".

(7) Subject to the provisions of clause (11) hereof, the local authority shall erect a sign of Class Y—

- (a) At every approach to a borough or town district by a main highway and by such other road as may be determined by the Minister :
- (b) At every approach fit and reasonably suitable for motor-traffic to a closely populated locality :
- (c) At each end of every road affected by any local speed-limit, and also at or near every such road in such a way that the driver of a motor-vehicle turning into such road from any other road that is fit and reasonably suitable for motor-traffic in general may have a reasonable opportunity of being aware of the existence of such speed-limit :
- (d) At each end of any road excluded by the Minister from the speed-limit of thirty miles an hour imposed by section 3 of the Amendment Act, and so as to face persons leaving such road :

Provided that if one end of such road is at the boundary of a borough, town district, or closely populated locality, then the sign shall not be erected at such end.

(8) A sign of Class Y may in the discretion of the local authority be erected—

- (a) At any other part of a road at the end of which a sign of Class Y is by the last preceding clause required to be erected :
- (b) In boroughs and town districts and closely populated localities on any part of a road affected by the speed-limit fixed by section 3 of the Amendment Act.

(9) Subject to the provisions of clause (11) hereof, the local authority shall erect a sign of Class Z—

- (a) At the point of departure from a borough or town district by any main highway and by such other road as may be determined by the Minister :
- (b) At each end of any road excluded by the Minister from the speed-limit of thirty miles an hour imposed by section 3 of the Amendment Act, and so as to face persons approaching such road :
- (c) At each end of a road subject to a local speed-limit, and so as to face persons leaving the road :

Provided that if an end of such road is contiguous with a road subject to a speed-limit of thirty miles an hour, then the sign at that end shall be one of Class Y to indicate such last-mentioned speed-limit.

(10) A sign of Class Z may in the discretion of the local authority be erected at the end of a road in a borough, town district, or closely populated locality subject to the speed-limit imposed by section 3 of the Amendment Act if the substantially direct continuation of such road is not subject to a speed-limit and if the sign is erected so as to face persons leaving such road.

(11) Where under the provisions of the preceding clauses of this regulation a sign is required to be erected in a specified place, it shall be deemed a sufficient compliance with such requirement if the sign is erected at some other place approved by the Commissioner of Transport.

(12) Every sign the erection of which is required by these regulations shall be erected by the local authority :

Provided that it shall be sufficient compliance with this regulation if a sign is erected by an erecting authority on behalf of the local authority.

(13) Save with the prior written permission of the Minister, no local authority shall erect or maintain any traffic sign relating (whether exclusively or not) to the traffic of motor-vehicles otherwise than in accordance with the requirements of this regulation :

Provided that in case of temporary danger such as slips, wash-outs, blasting operations, or when workmen are engaged on a road, warning of the existence of the danger may be given as a temporary measure by the use of a bright-red rectangular cloth or board not less than four square feet in area displayed prominently at right angles to the direction of the road, and in other respects as nearly as may be in accordance with the requirements of this regulation.

(14) The local authority liable for the erection of a traffic sign shall at all times while any sign erected pursuant to these regulations or any sign heretofore erected that conforms with these regulations remains in position maintain the same in reasonable repair, undefaced and undamaged, and so as to be in legible condition and with the prescribed colour thereof clearly displayed.

(15) Every erecting authority erecting a traffic sign shall erect the same at such a site, at such a height above the level of the road, and generally in such a position and manner that, subject to any provisions herein to the contrary, it shall—

- (a) Not be a source of danger to pedestrian or other traffic :
- (b) Where practicable, be illuminated by the headlights of approaching motor-vehicles :
- (c) Where practicable, appear on the near or left-hand side of the road to a person approaching the locality to which it is intended to refer :

Provided, however, that a sign of Class Z may be placed on the reverse of a sign of Class Y notwithstanding that it may thereby appear on the right-hand side :

- (d) Give persons approaching it sufficient time for its warning or information to have full value.

#### REGULATION 4.—GENERAL.

(1) No local authority shall erect or maintain, or cause or permit to be erected or maintained, or to be on any road or in any place visible from a road, any sign in or similar to the forms hereinbefore

described which is not used solely for denoting the respective matters set out in these regulations.

(2) No person shall, except as an employee of the erecting authority, erect or maintain, or cause or permit to be erected or maintained, or to be on any road in any place visible from a road, any traffic sign unless authorized thereto in writing by the erecting authority.

(3) In the case of any traffic sign erected by an automobile association the local authority or other body having control of the respective road, or the Minister, may direct the association to remove the sign or alter its position.

(4) Save as authorized by these regulations, no person shall erect or maintain, or cause or permit to be erected or maintained, or to be on any road or in any place visible from a road, any sign, device, or object liable to be mistaken for a traffic sign.

(5) No person shall cause or permit his name, or the name of any business carried on by him, or the name of any wares dealt with by him, to be displayed on a sign which is so erected or maintained that its erection or maintenance constitutes a breach of any provision of these regulations :

Provided that it shall be a defence to any person charged with an offence against this clause if such person proves that the sign was erected and maintained without his knowledge, or that before the date of the offence he gave notice in writing to the occupier of the land on which the sign is erected requiring such occupier forthwith to remove the sign.

(6) No person shall remove, mutilate, obscure, or in any manner damage or interfere with any traffic sign.

(7) It shall be a defence to any person charged with driving a motor-vehicle at a speed in excess of a speed-limit if such person proves that at the time and place of the alleged offence the duly required traffic signs were not duly erected and maintained.

(8) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in these regulations, traffic signs of the type described as Lighthouse Signs in Regulation 16 of the Motor-vehicle Regulations, 1933,\* may, if duly erected by permission of the Minister of Public Works or Minister of Transport, continue to be used as prescribed by the said regulations in addition to the traffic sign of Class A or in substitution for the traffic signs of Classes B and C.

(9) The Traffic Regulations, 1936,† are hereby amended by revoking the diagram comprising the Second Schedule thereto and substituting the diagram No. 10 in the Schedule to these regulations.

#### REGULATION 5.—OFFENCES.

(1) Every person who—

(a) Fails to comply with any condition, duty, or obligation imposed by these regulations ; or

(b) Offends against or fails to comply with any of these regulations,—shall be deemed to have committed an offence and shall be liable to a fine of £50.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of the last preceding clause, a local authority shall not be deemed to have committed an offence by reason of its failure to erect or maintain any traffic sign.

\* *Gazette*, 2nd March, 1933, Vol. I, page 351.

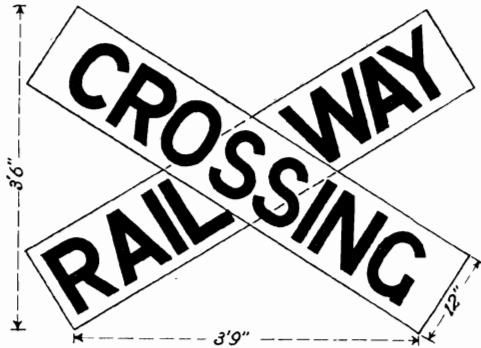
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SCHEDULE.

CLASS A.

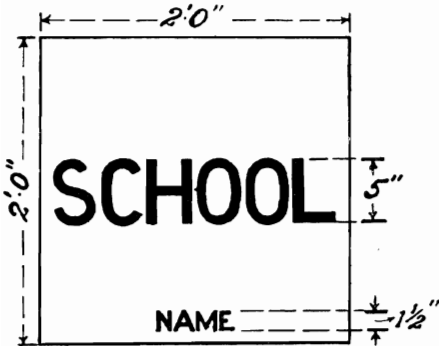
DIAGRAM No. 1.



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CLASS B.

DIAGRAM No. 2.



Minimum dimensions.  
(Maximum 3'x3')

CLASS C.

DIAGRAM No. 3.

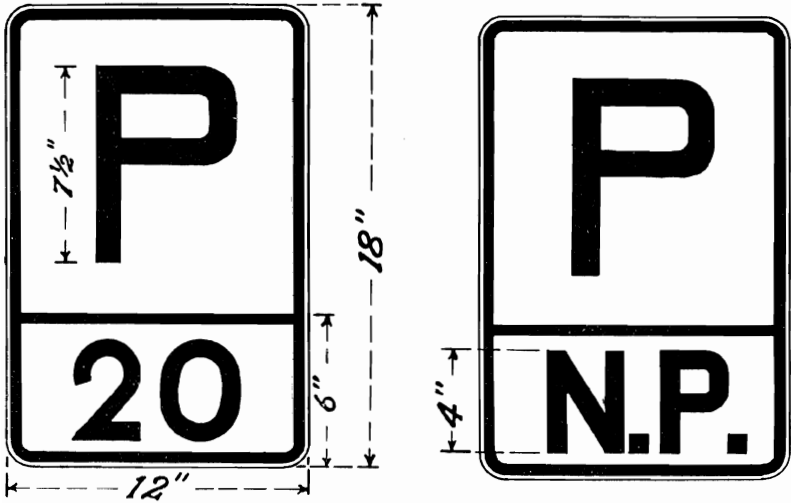


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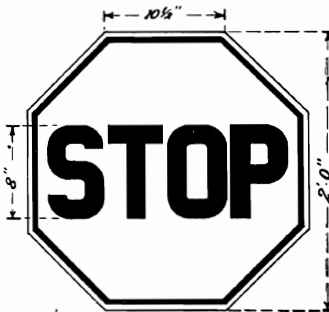
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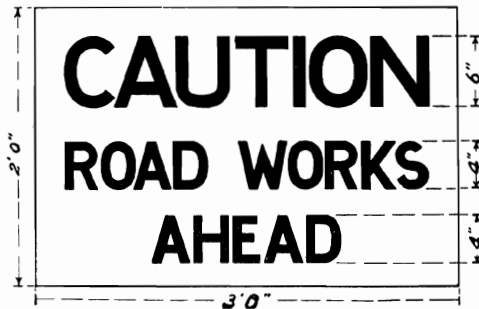
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CLASS E.  
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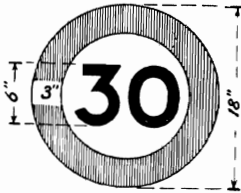
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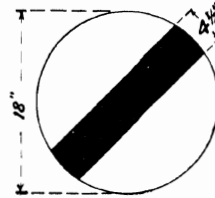
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CLASS Y.  
DIAGRAM No. 8.



Red outer circle. Black figures on white ground.

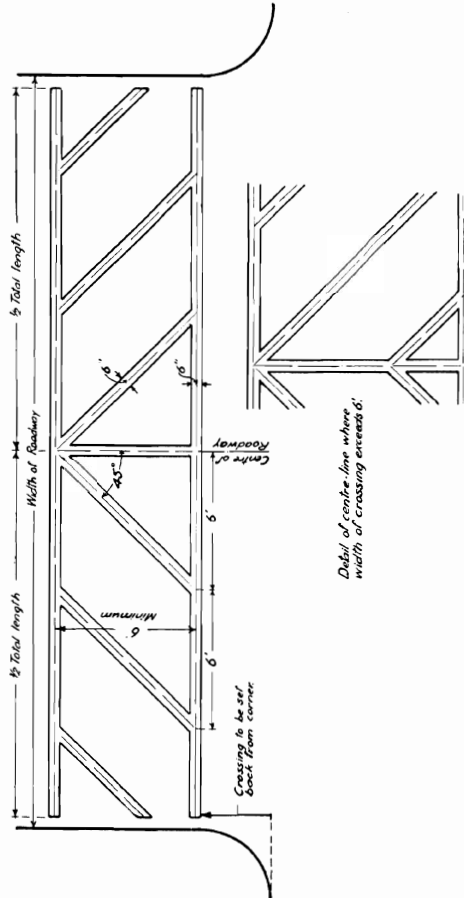
CLASS Z.  
DIAGRAM No. 9.



Black bar on white ground.

DIAGRAM No. 10.

Design and Dimension of Authorized Pedestrian-crossing.



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