

Signs giving orders

Signs with red circles are mostly prohibitive.
Plates below signs qualify their messages



Entry to 20 mph zone



End of 20 mph zone



Maximum speed



National speed limit applies



School crossing patrol



Stop and give way



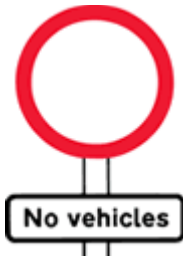
Give way to traffic on major road



Manually operated temporary STOP and GO signs



No entry for vehicular traffic



No vehicles except bicycles being pushed



No cycling



No motor vehicles



No buses (over 8 passenger seats)



No overtaking



No towed caravans



No vehicles carrying explosives



No vehicle or combination of vehicles over length shown



No vehicles over height shown



No vehicles over width shown



Give way to oncoming vehicles

Give priority to vehicles from opposite direction



No right turn



No left turn



No U-turns



Except for loading

No goods vehicles over maximum gross weight shown (in tonnes) except for loading and unloading



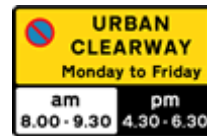
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Parking restricted to permit holders



No stopping during period indicated except for buses



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



No waiting



No stopping (Clearway)

Signs with blue circles & no red border mostly give positive instruction.



Ahead only



Turn left ahead (right if symbol reversed)



Turn left (right if symbol reversed)



Keep left (right if symbol reversed)



Vehicles may pass either side to reach same destination



Mini-roundabout (roundabout circulation - give way to vehicles from the



Route to be used by pedal cycles only



Segregated pedal cycle and pedestrian route



Minimum speed



End of minimum speed

immediate right)



Buses and cycles only



Trams only



Pedestrian crossing point over tramway



One-way traffic



With-flow bus and cycle lane



Contra-flow bus lane



With-flow pedal cycle lane

Warning Signs

Mostly triangular



Distance to 'STOP' line ahead



Dual carriage-way ends



Road narrows on right (left if symbol reversed)



Road narrows on both sides



Distance to 'Give Way' line ahead



Crossroads



Junction on bend ahead



T-junction with priority over vehicles from the right



Staggered junction



Traffic merging from left ahead



Mini Roundabout

The priority is indicated by the broader line



Double bend first to left (symbol may be reversed)



Bend to right (or left if symbol reversed)



Roundabout



Uneven road



Plate below some signs



Two-way traffic crosses one-way road



Two-way traffic straight ahead



Opening or swing bridge ahead



Low-flying aircraft or sudden aircraft noise



Falling or fallen rocks



Traffic signals not in use



Traffic signals



Slippery road



Steep hill downwards



Steep hill upwards



Tunnel ahead



Trams crossing ahead



Level crossing with barrier or gate ahead



Level crossing without barrier or gate ahead



Level crossing without barrier



School crossing patrol ahead (some signs have amber lights which flash when children are crossing)



Frail (or blind or disabled) pedestrians likely to cross road ahead



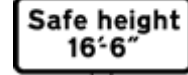
No footway for 400 yds
Pedestrians in road ahead



Zebra crossing



Overhead electric cable; plate indicates maximum height of vehicles which can pass safely



Available width of headroom indicated



Sharp deviation of route to left (or right if chevrons reversed)



Light signals ahead at level crossing, airfield crossings or bridge



Miniature warning lights at level crossing



Cattle



Wild animals



Wild horses or ponies



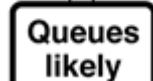
Accompanied horses or ponies



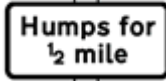
Cycle route ahead



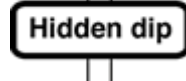
Risk of ice



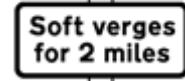
Traffic queues likely ahead



Distance over which road humps extend



Other danger; plate indicates nature of danger



Soft verges



Side winds



Hump bridge



Worded warning sign



Quayside or river bank



Risk of grounding

Direction signs

Mostly rectangular

Signs on motorways – blue backgrounds



At a junction leading directly into a motorway (junction number may be shown on a black background)



On approaches to junctions (junction number on black background)



Route confirmatory sign after junction

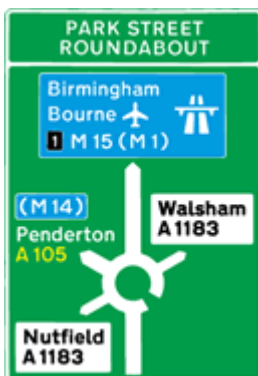


Downward pointing arrows mean 'Get in lane'. The left-hand lane leads to a different destination from the other lanes.



The panel with the inclined arrow indicates the destinations which can be reached by leaving the motorway at the next junction

Signs on primary routes – green backgrounds



On approaches to junctions



At the junction



Route confirmatory sign after junction



On approaches to junctions



On approach to a junction in Wales (bilingual)



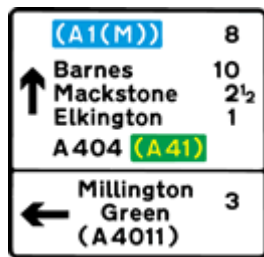
Primary route forming part of a ring road



Signs on non-primary and local routes – black borders



On approaches to junctions



At the junction



Direction to toilets with access for the disabled

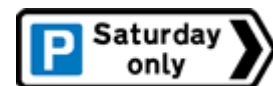
Other direction signs



Picnic site



Ancient monument in the care of English Heritage



Direction to a car park



Tourist attraction



Direction to camping and caravan site



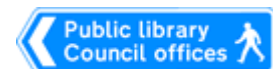
Advisory route for lorries



Route for pedal cycles forming part of a network



Recommended route for pedal cycles to place shown



Route for pedestrians



Symbols showing emergency diversion route for motorway and other main road traffic



Diversion route

Information Signs

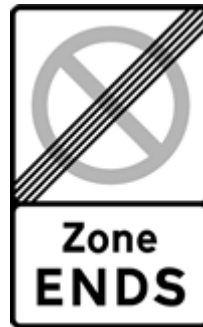
All rectangular



Entrance to controlled parking zone



Entrance to congestion charging zone



End of controlled parking zone



Advance warning of restriction or prohibition ahead



Parking place for solo motorcycles



With-flow bus lane ahead which pedal cycles and taxis may also use



Lane designated for use by high occupancy vehicles (HOV) - see rule 142



Vehicles permitted to use an HOV lane ahead



End of motorway



Start of motorway and point from which motorway regulations apply



Appropriate traffic lanes at junction ahead



Traffic on the main carriageway coming from right has priority over joining traffic



Additional traffic joining from left ahead. Traffic on main carriageway has priority over joining traffic from right hand lane of slip road.



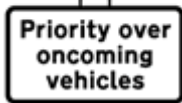
Traffic in right hand lane of slip road joining the main carriageway has priority over left hand lane.



'Countdown' markers at exit from motorway



Motorway service area sign showing the operator's name



Traffic has priority over oncoming vehicles



Hospital ahead with Accident and Emergency facilities



Tourist information point



No through road for vehicles



Recommended route for pedal cycles



Home Zone Entry



Area in which cameras are used to enforce traffic regulations



Bus lane on road at junction ahead

Road works signs



Road works



Loose chippings



Temporary hazard at road works



Temporary lane closure (the number and position of arrows and red bars may be varied according to lanes open and closed)



Slow moving or stationary works vehicle blocking traffic lane. Pass in the direction shown by the arrow



Mandatory speed limit ahead



Road works 1 mile ahead



End of road works and any temporary restrictions



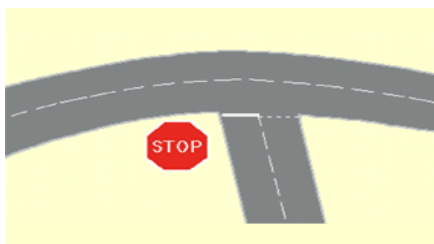
Signs used on the back of slow-moving or stationary vehicles warning of a lane closed ahead by a works vehicle. There are no cones on the road



Lane restrictions at road works ahead



One lane crossover at contraflow road works



Visibility along the major road is restricted



Crawler lane (steep gradient)





Snow warning sign.

Follow the diverted traffic.



Motorway slip road sign



On motorway temporary maximum speed



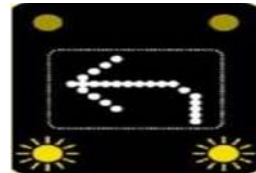
End of restriction sign



Give way sign.



Ring Road sign.



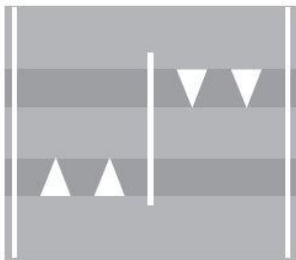
Leave the motorway on next



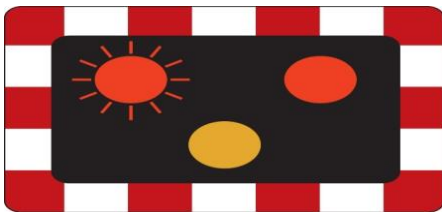
On motorway move to the left.



Vehicle may park fully on the verge or footway

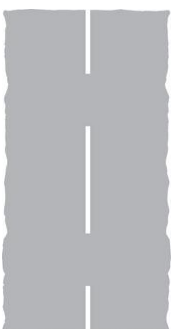


On road humps.



Fire station / Level crossing / Lifting bridges.

Warning Lines on the road and their meanings.

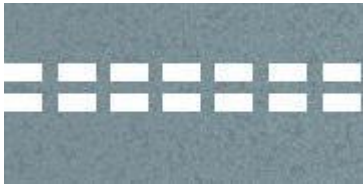


Hazard warning line on road.

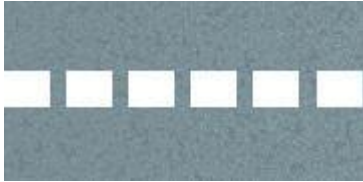


End of restriction

UK Road Lane Markings



Give way to traffic on a major road - can also be used at a mini roundabout



Give way to traffic from the right at a mini roundabout



Give way to traffic from the right at a roundabout



Stop line at signals or police control



Stop line for pedestrians at a level crossing



Stop line at a Stop sign



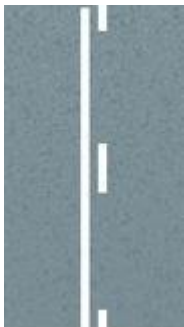
A broken white line marks the centre of the road.



Longer broken white lines in the centre of the road indicate a hazard ahead. Never cross a hazard warning line unless you are certain it is safe.



A double solid white lines in the centre of the road. This means you **MUST NOT** cross or straddle it unless it is safe and you need to enter adjoining premises or a side road. You may cross the line if necessary, provided the road is clear, to pass a stationary vehicle, or overtake a pedal cycle, horse or road maintenance vehicle, if they are travelling at 10mph or less.



If traveling in the left-hand lane the same rules apply as for the double solid white line, see above.



If traveling in the left-hand lane then you may overtake if safe to do so.



Diagonal hatching - this is used to separate lanes of traffic and to protect vehicles waiting to turn off the road. If the area is bordered by a broken white line you can enter it, but only if it is necessary and safe to do so: if it is bordered by a solid white line then you must not enter it except in an emergency.



An edge line. This marks the left-hand side of the carriageway.



A single yellow indicates no waiting or parking during times shown. The times shown will be on a sign near-by.



A double yellow line indicates no waiting or parking at anytime.



Waiting or parking is limited to the duration specified during the days and times shown.



Loading bay - keep clear.



Opening for a swing bridge ahead



Keep clear - do not block this part of the road.



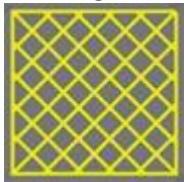
Bus lane. You must not drive in a bus lane during its period of operation unless otherwise indicated by a sign. You may enter a bus lane to stop, to load or unload where this is not prohibited.



Bus stop. You must not park or stop at a bus stop.



Warning of a Give way ahead.



[Box Junction](#). You must not enter a box junction unless your exit is clear. The exception to this rule is: you can enter a box junction when you want to turn right and your exit road is clear but you are prevented from proceeding by oncoming traffic or right turning vehicles in front of you.



Lane arrows indicating which lane you need to get into at a roundabout. These are often accompanied by road numbers and place names.



No parking or waiting