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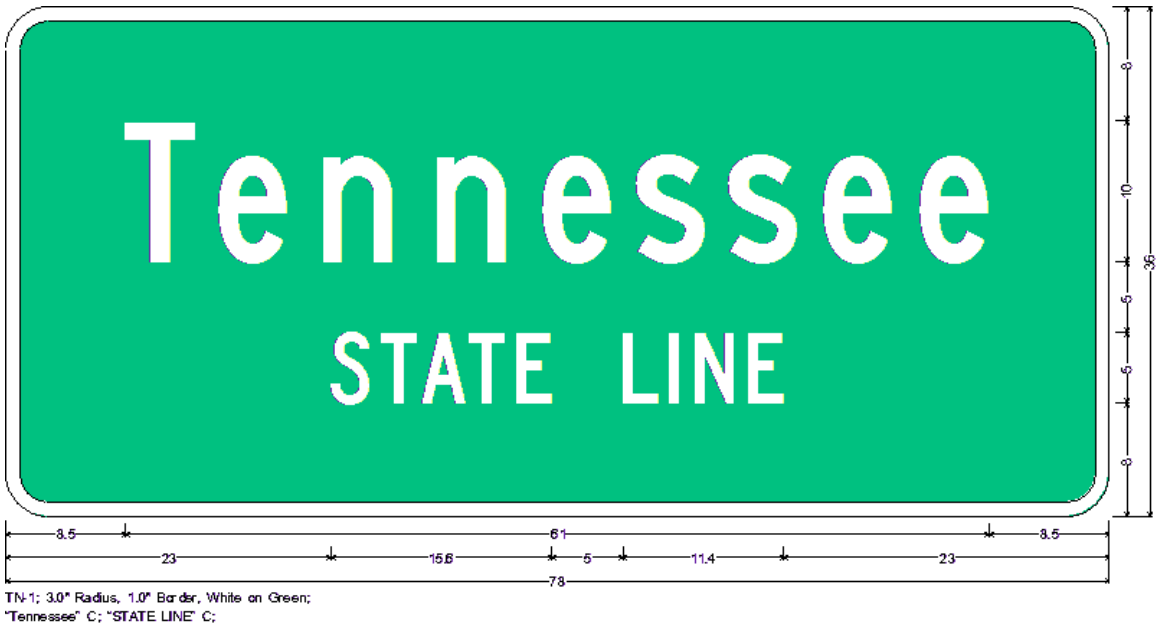
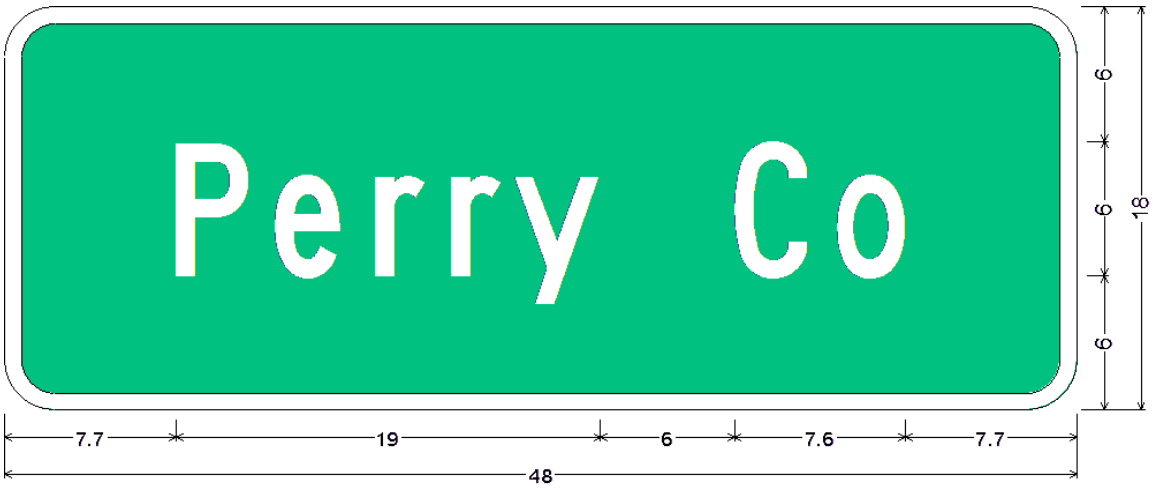


TN-1
78” x 36”
Typical

Specifications
Color: Legend and Border ……..White (Retroreflectorized)
Background……..Green (Retroreflectorized)

County Line Sign (TN-2)

The COUNTY LINE sign is intended for use at the County boundary line on conventional highways entering the county.



TN-2; 2.3" Radius, 0.8" Border, White on Green;
"Perry Co" C;

TN-2
Variable x 18"

Specifications
Color: Legend and Border ……..White (Retroreflectorized)
Background……..Green (Retroreflectorized)

City Limit Sign (TN-3)

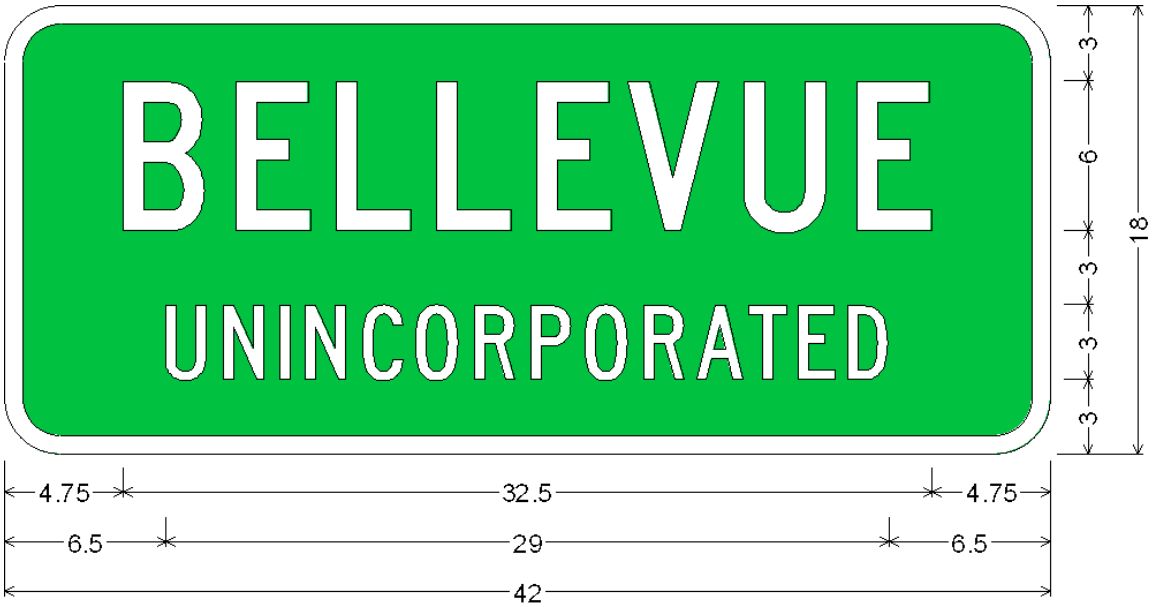
The CITY LIMIT sign may be erected at the corporate boundary line on conventional highways entering cities or towns.

TN-3
Variable x 24"

Specifications
Color: Legend and Border ……..White (Retroreflectorized)
Background……..Green (Retroreflectorized)

Unincorporated Community Sign (TN-4)

The UNINCORPORTATED COMMUNITY sign may be erected on conventional highways at the beginning of the unincorporated community. In order to qualify, the community must be shown on an official TDOT Departmental county map. The request for this sign type must be made by, or endorsed by, the subject community's state representative, state senator, or county mayor.



2.250" Radius. 0.750" Border. White on Green;
"BELLEVUE" C; "UNINCORPORATED" C;

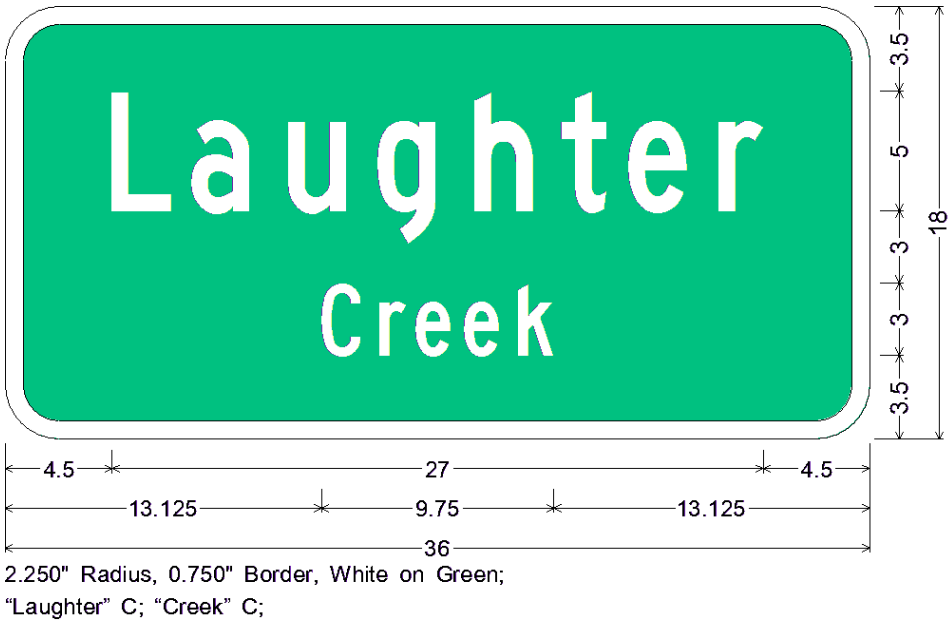
TN-4
Variable x 18"

Specifications

Color: Legend and Border ……..White (Retroreflectorized)
Background…….……..Green (Retroreflectorized)

Stream Name Sign (TN-5)

The STREAM NAME sign may be erected at major stream crossings on conventional highways.

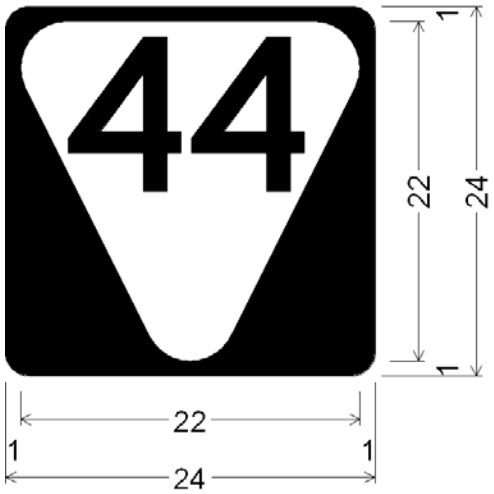


TN-5
Variable x 18"

Specifications
Color: Legend and Border ……..White (Retroreflectorized)
Background……..Green (Retroreflectorized)

State Route Markers (TN–6a, 6b, 6c, and 6d)

The STATE ROUTE MARKERS shall be used to identify and mark all numbered state highways.



TN-6A;
1.5" Radius, No border, Black;

TN-6a shown above

(1 & 2 -digit, secondary route)
24” x 24”

Note: For one digit routes use 12” series D numerals
For two and three digit routes use 10” series D numerals

TN-6b
(3-digit, secondary route)

30” x 24”

Specifications

Color: Legend and Background ……..Black (non-Retroreflectorized)
Shield ……White (Retroreflectorized)
Triangle Radii ..……3” top – 4” bottom
Panel Radii……1 ½”

State Route Markers (TN –6a, 6b, 6c, and 6d)

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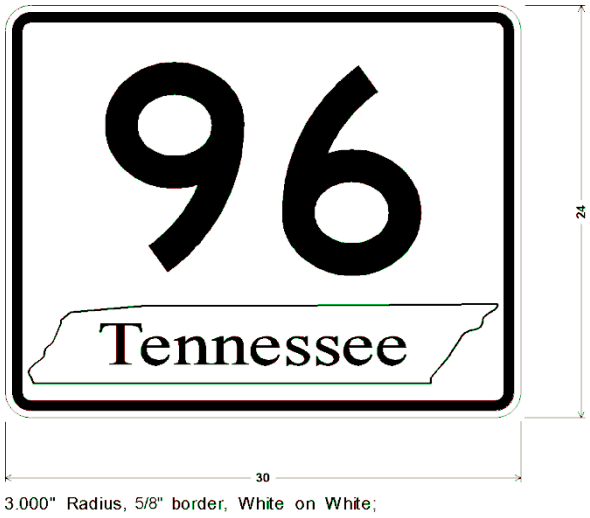


TN-6c
(2 -digit, primary route)
30” x 24”

Note: For all routes use 12” series D numerals

TN-6d
(3-digit, primary route)
30” x 24”

Specifications
Color: Legend and Background ……..Black (non-Retroreflectorized)
Background ……..…White (Retroreflectorized)

Statutory Speed Limit Sign (TN-7a)

This STATUTORY SPEED LIMIT sign is the standard regulatory speed limit sign for freeways in Tennessee and is identical to the MUTCD standard sign designation R2-1 for freeways.

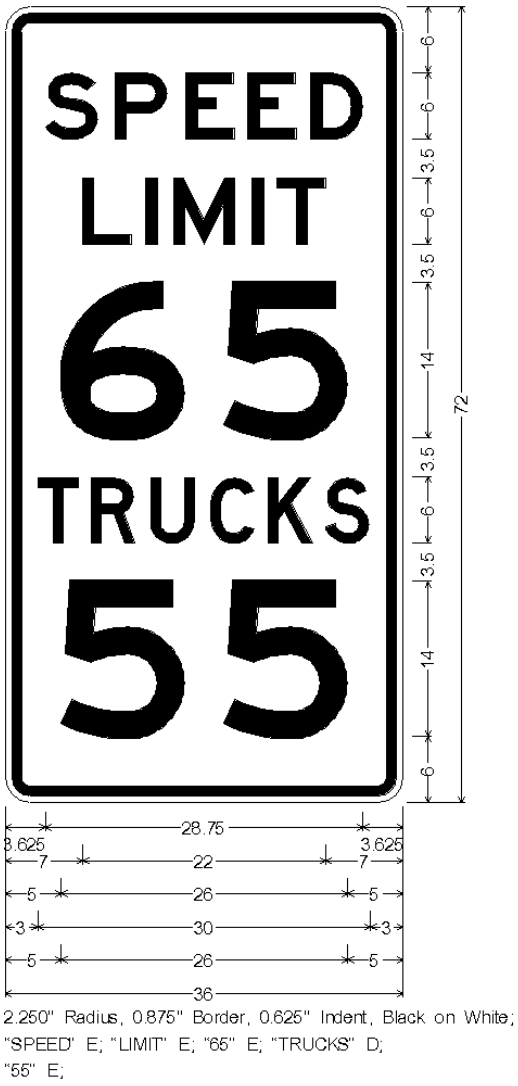
TN-7a
48" x 60"

Specifications

Color: Legend and Border ……..Black (Non-Retroreflectorized)
Background……..White (Retroreflectorized)

Statutory Speed Limit Sign (TN-7b)

This STATUTORY SPEED LIMIT sign is intended for use on conventional highways and expressways in Tennessee where special truck speeds are warranted due to site specific conditions.



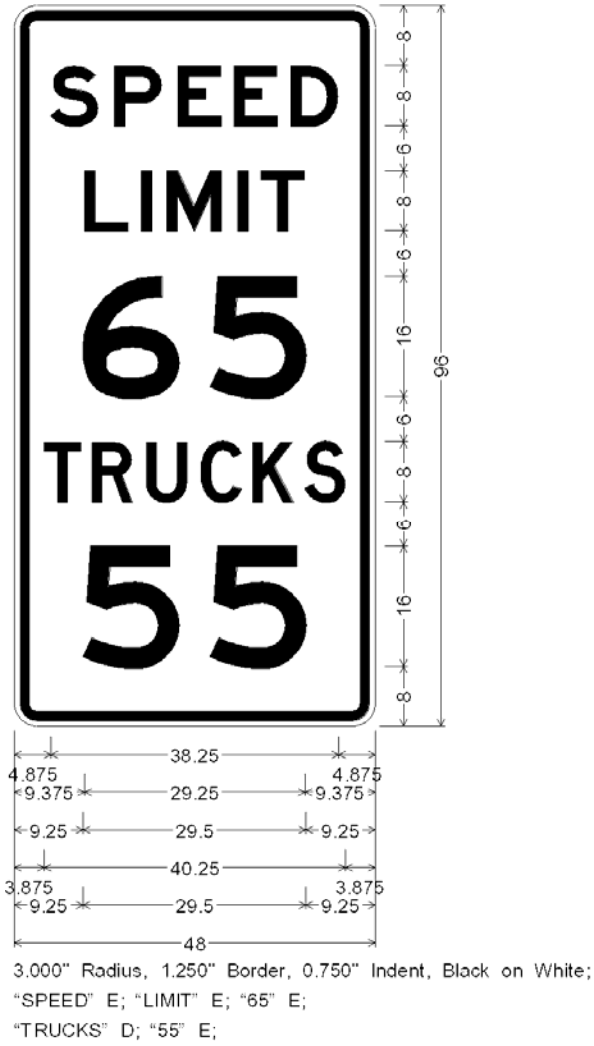
TN-7b
36” x 72”

Specifications

Color: Legend and Border ……..Black (Non-Retroreflectorized)
Background……..White (Retroreflectorized)

Statutory Speed Limit Sign (TN-7c)

This STATUTORY SPEED LIMIT sign is intended for freeways in Tennessee where special truck speeds are warranted due to site specific conditions.



TN-7c
48” x 96”

Specifications

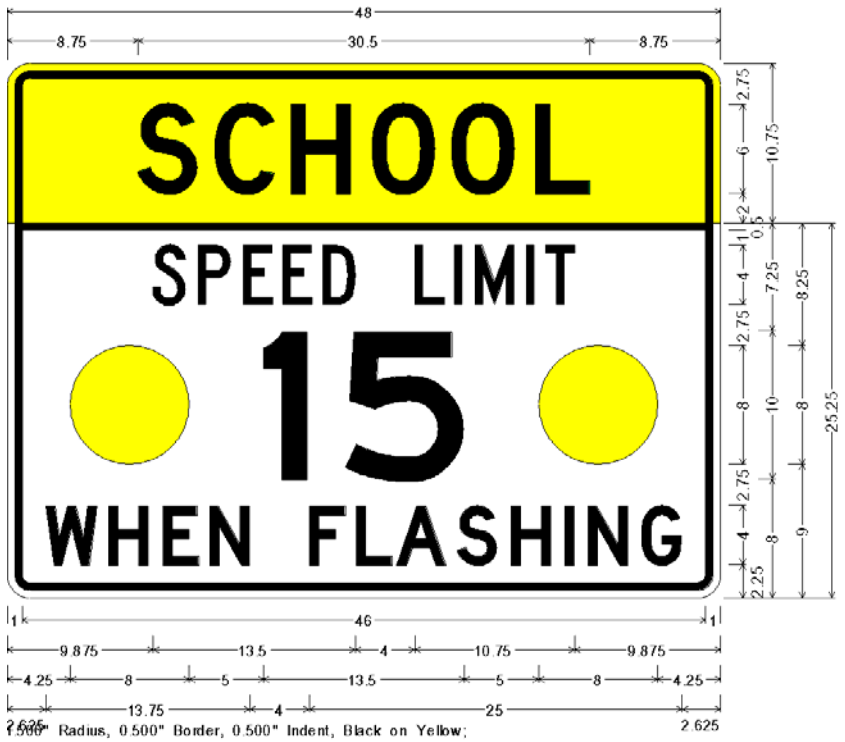
Color: Legend and Border ……..Black (Non-Retroreflectorized)
Background…….White (Retroreflectorized)

School Speed Limit Sign (TN-8-OH and TN-8-S)

The SCHOOL SPEED LIMIT sign is intended for use at the beginning of a reduced school area. The speed limit shall be based on the findings of an engineering investigation and may not be less than 15 MPH.

Section A →

Section B →



TN-8-OH
(Overhead Mounted)
48" x 36"

Specifications
(Overhead Installation)

Section A
Color: Legend and Border ……..Black (non-Retroreflectorized)
Background……fluorescent Yellow-green (Retroreflectorized)

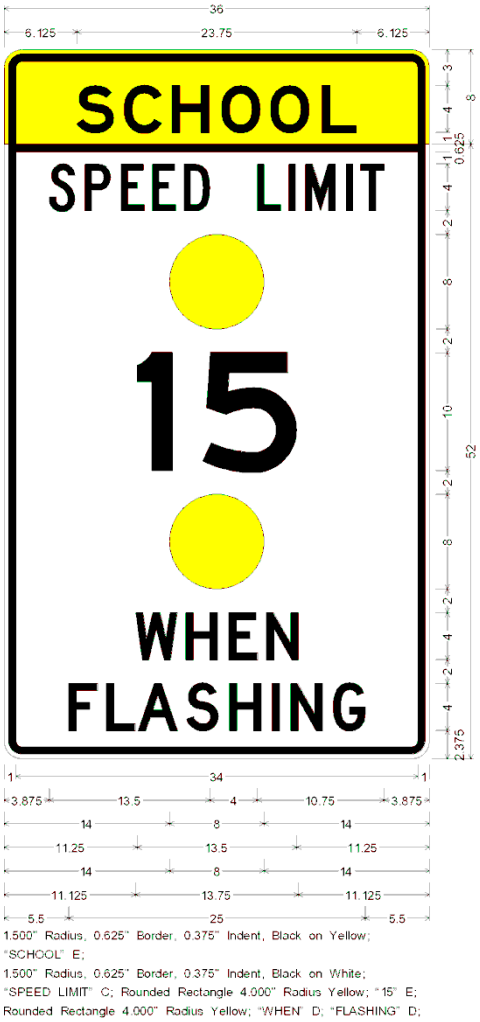
Section B
Color: Legend and Border ……..Black (non-Retroreflectorized)
Background…… White (Retroreflectorized)

Note: An internally illuminated blank-out speed indication is an approved alternate to the non-relectorized fixed message speed indication.

School Speed Limit cont.

Section A →

Section B →



TN-8-S
(Side Mounted)
36" x 60"

Specifications
(Overhead Installation)

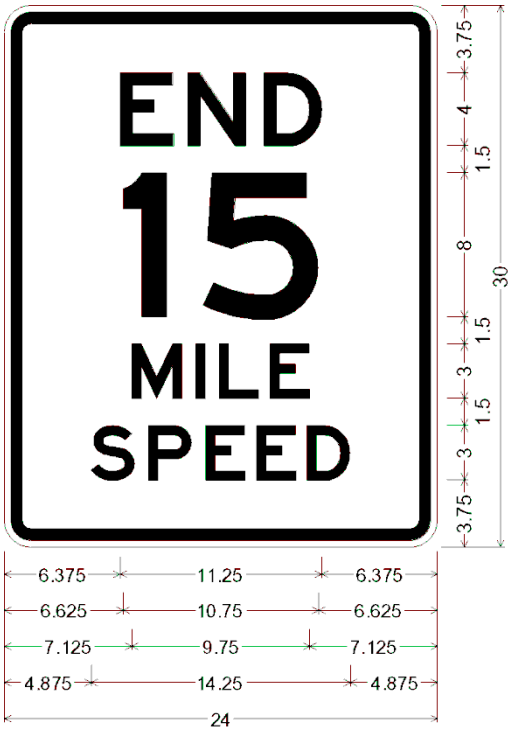
Section A
Color: Legend and Border ……..Black (non-Retroreflectorized)
Background…… Fluorescent Yellow-green (Retroreflectorized)

Section B
Color: Legend and Border ……..Black (non-Retroreflectorized)
Background…… White (Retroreflectorized)

Note: An internally illuminated blank-out speed indication is an approved alternate to the non-relectorized fixed message speed indication.

End XX Mile Speed Sign (TN-9)

The END XX MILE SPEED sign is intended for use at the end of an authorized school zone speed limit to identify the point where the reduced speed limit for the school area ceases to be applicable.



0.625" Inner border Black, 1.500" Radius, 0.375" Outer border, White on White;
"END" Black E; "15" Black E;
"MILE" Black E; "SPEED" Black E;

TN-9
24" x 30"

Specifications
Color: Legend and Border ……..Black (non-Retroreflectorized)
Background……..White (Retroreflectorized)

Stop for School Bus Sign (TN-10)

The STOP FOR SCHOOL BUS LOADING OR UNLOADING sign may be used to remind motorists that in accordance with section 55-8-151, Tennessee Code Annotated, they are prohibited from passing a school bus when the bus is loading or unloading school children.

Excessive use of this sign should be avoided. It is intended for use in advance of sections of highway where school buses are required to make frequent stops, and a general problem of motorists failing to stop has been identified. The SCHOOL BUS STOP AHEAD (MUTCD S3-1) should be used where similar problems have been identified at an isolated bus stop or where sight distance is a problem.

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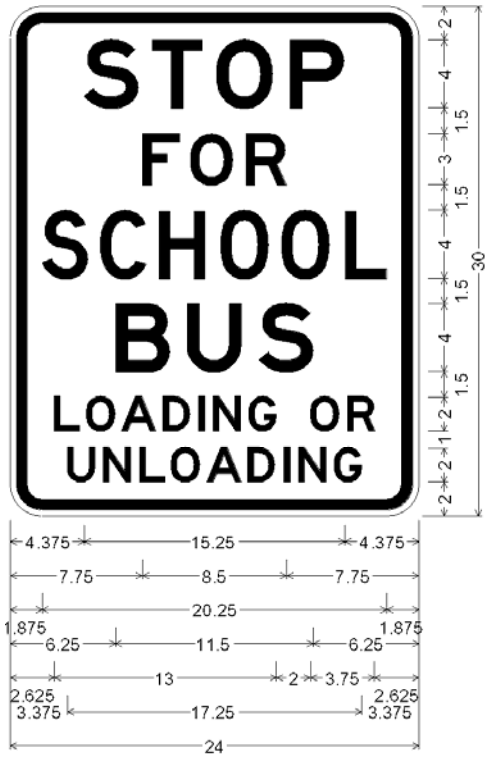


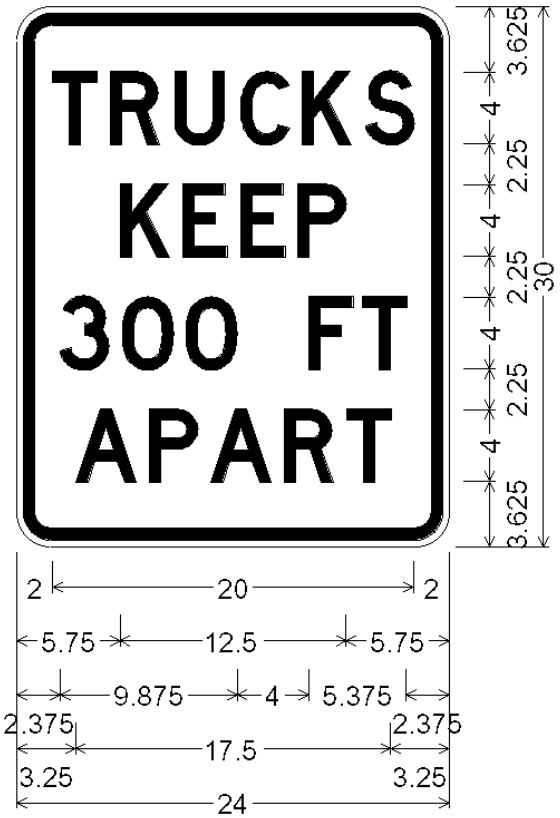
0.625" Inner border Black, 1.875" Radius, 0.375" Outer border, White on White;
"STOP" Black E; "FOR" Black E;
"SCHOOL" Black D; "BUS" Black E;
"LOADING OR" Black E;
"UNLOADING" Black E;

TN-10
24" x 30"

Specifications
Color: Legend and Border ……..Black (non-Retroreflectorized)
Background……..White (Retroreflectorized)

Trucks Keep 300 Feet Apart Sign (TN-11)

The TRUCKS KEEP 300 FEET APART sign is intended to remind truck traffic that Section 55-8-124, Tennessee Code Annotated, requires all trucks to keep 300 feet apart except when overtaking and passing. This sign may be erected on conventional highways where trucks have a tendency to tailgate.



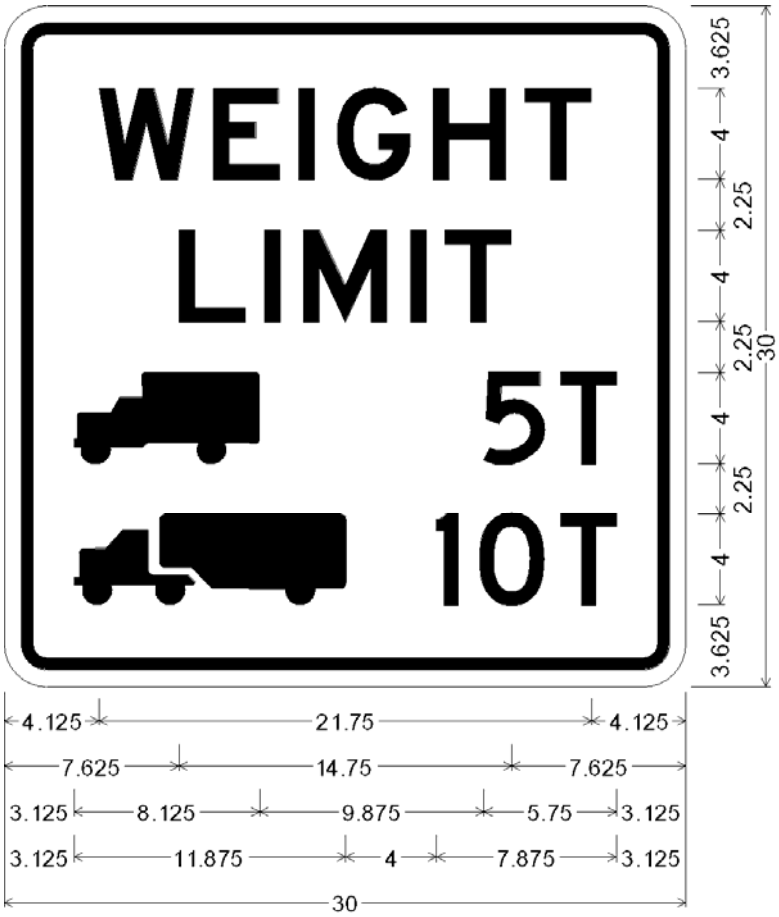
0.625" Inner border Black, 1.875" Radius, 0.375" Outer border, White on White;
"TRUCKS" Black D;
"KEEP" Black D;
"300 FT" Black D;
"APART" Black D;

TN-11
24" x 30"

Specifications
Color: Legend and Border ……..Black (non-Retroreflectorized)
Background……..White (Retroreflectorized)

Weight Limit Sign (TN-12-Standard)

The WEIGHT LIMIT sign is intended for posting the appropriate specific load limits for bridges as determined by the Structures Division of the Tennessee Department of Transportation.



1.875" Radius, 0.500" Border, 0.750" Indent, Black on White;
"WEIGHT" E; "LIMIT" E; Symbol RG190; "5T" D;
Symbol RG193; "10T" D;

TN-12 -Standard
30" x 30"

Specifications
Color: Legend and Border ……..Black (non-Retroreflectorized)
Background……..White (Retroreflectorized)

Weight Limit Sign (TN-12-Expressway)

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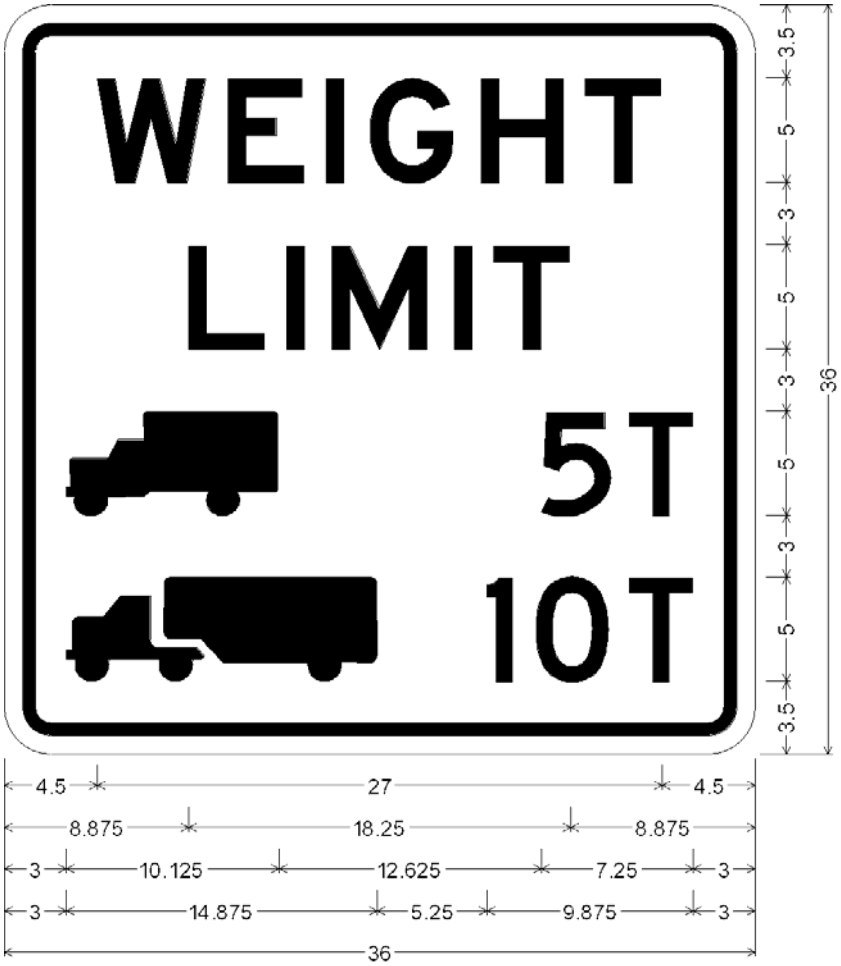

2.250" Radius, 0.625" Border, 0.875" Indent, Black on White;
"WEIGHT" E; "LIMIT" E; Symbol RG 190; "5T" D; Symbol RG 193;
"10T" D;

TN-12 -Expressway
36" x 36"

Specifications
Color: Legend and Border ……..Black (non-Retroreflectorized)
Background……..White (Retroreflectorized)

Weight Limit Sign (TN-12-Freeway)

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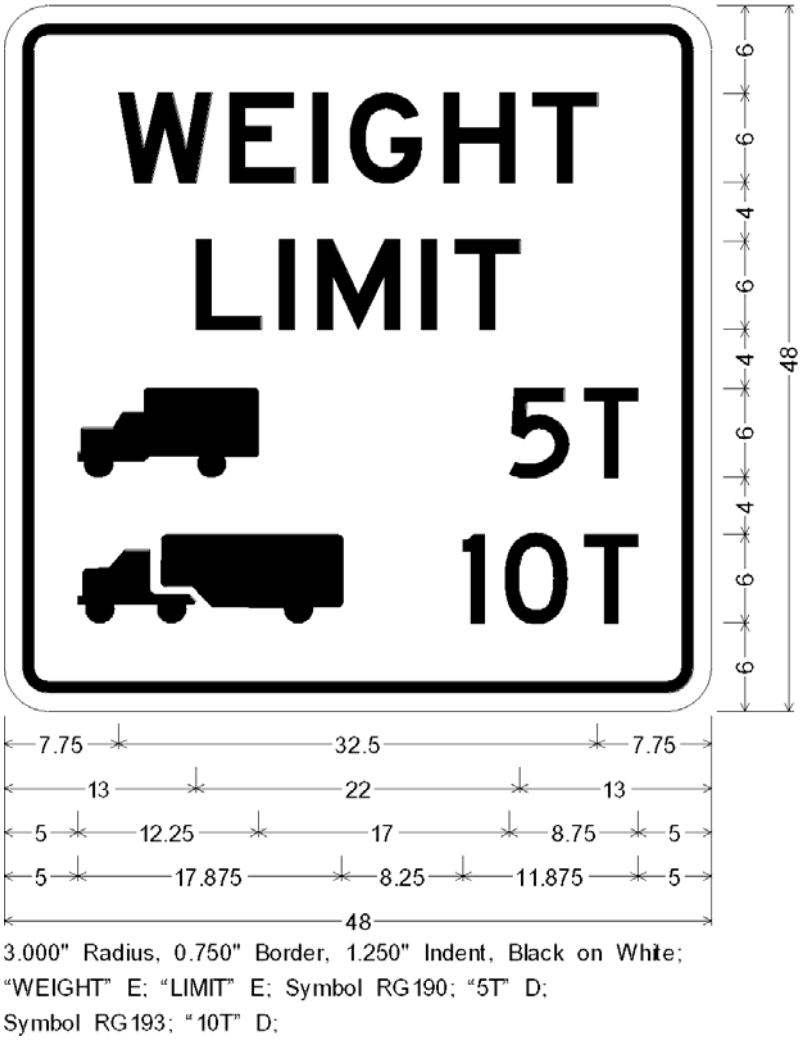


TN-12 -Freeway
48” x 48”

Specifications
Color: Legend and Border ……..Black (non-Retroreflectorized)
Background……..White (Retroreflectorized)

Littering Highway Sign (TN-13)

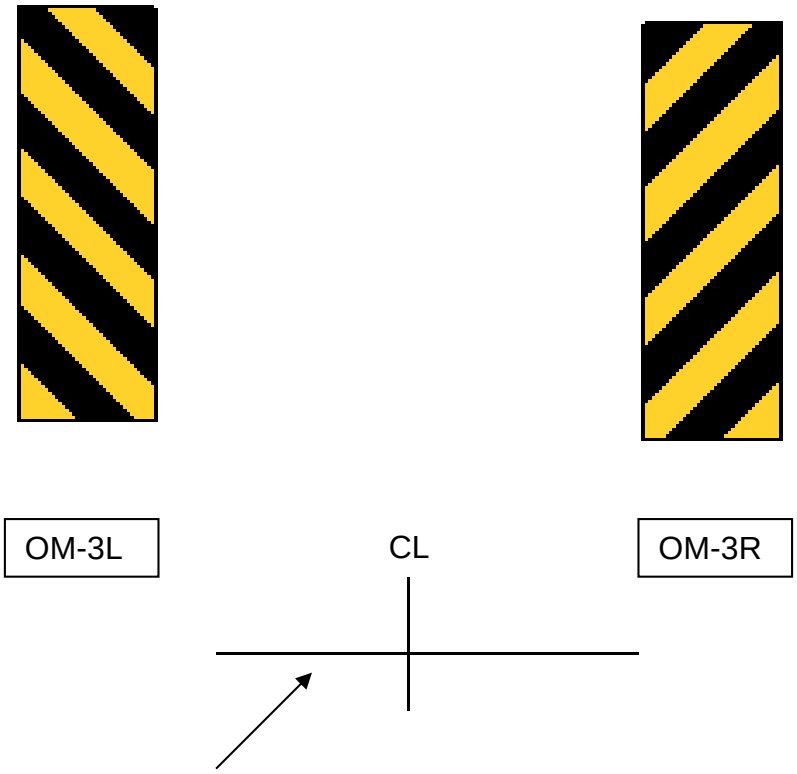
The LITTERING HIGHWAY sign may be erected at locations along a highway where motorists have a tendency to dump or throw trash. The sign shall display the maximum fine specified by law.

TN-13
24” x 30”

Specifications
Color: Legend and Border ……..Black (non-Retroreflectorized)
Background……..White (Retroreflectorized)

Type 3 Object Marker (TN-14)
Now designated as a Standard MUTCD sign OM-3R and OM-3L

The TYPE 3 OBJECT MARKER will be installed under the general provisions of section 2C of the MUTCD. Typical applications include bridge ends, underpass abutments and other obstructions closely adjacent to the edges of the roadway. The inside edge of the marker shall be in line with the inside edge of the obstruction. It should be mounted on or immediately in front of the obstruction with the bottom of the sign at the height of four feet above the pavement.



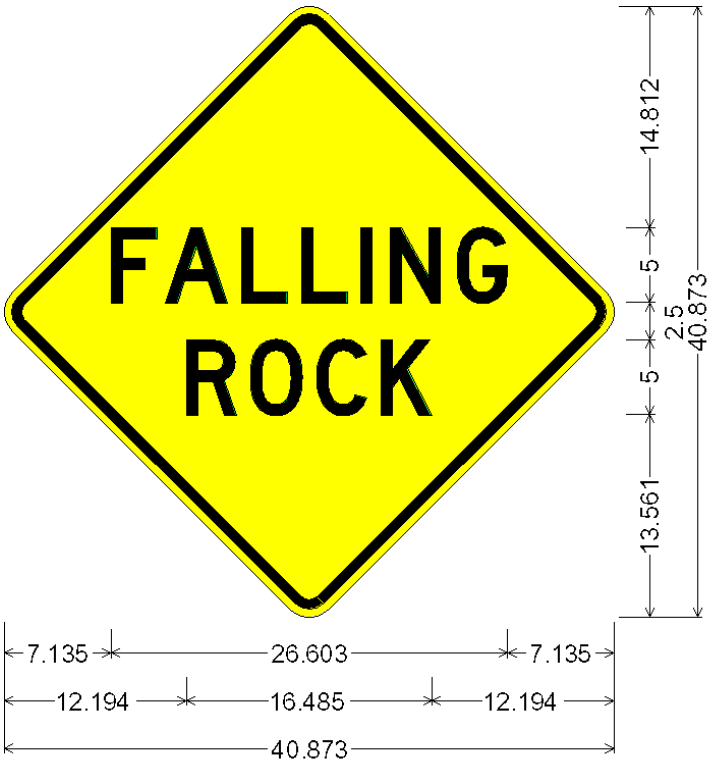
Position signs relative to centerline (CL) of roadway as shown above

OM-3L and OM-3R
12” x 36”

Specifications
Color: Stripes ……..……..Black (non-Retroreflectorized)
Background.……..….……..Yellow (Retroreflectorized)

Falling Rock sign (TN-15 VOID) – Conventional Highways – Sign TN-15 sign will no longer be used and is to be replaced with MUTCD standard sign no. W8-14.

The FALLING ROCK sign may be used in advance of rock cuts which have repeatedly experienced problems of rock falling onto the highway surface.



30.000" across sides 1.875" Radius, 0.675" Border, 0.500" Indent, Black on Yellow; "FALLING" D; "ROCK" D;

TN-15
Standard
30" x 30"

Specifications

Color: Legend and Border ……..Black (non-Retroreflectorized)
Background……..Yellow (Retroreflectorized)

Falling Rock sign (TN-15 VOID) – expressway/freeway – Sign TN-15 sign will no longer be used and is to be replaced with MUTCD standard sign no. W8-14.

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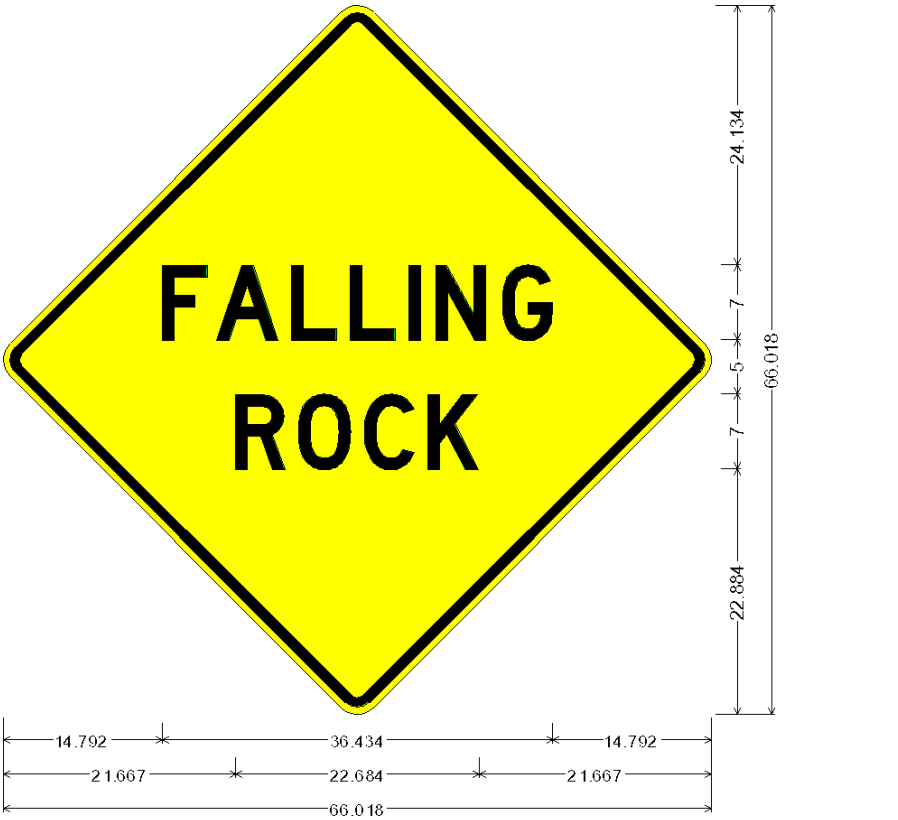


TN-15
Expressway/freeway
48” x 48”

Specifications
Color: Legend and Border ……..Black (non-Retroreflectorized)
Background……..Yellow (Retroreflectorized)

Lights On When Raining Sign (TN-16 same as MUTCD R16-6)

The LIGHTS ON WHEN RAINING sign is intended for use at rest areas, parking areas and welcome centers.

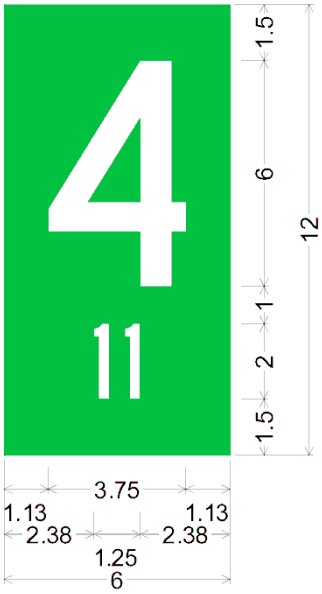
1.500" Radius, 0.625" Border, 0.375" Indent, Black on White;
"LIGHTS" C; "ON" C;
"WHEN" C; "RAINING" C;

TN-16
24" x 30"

Specifications
Color: Legend and Border ……..Black (non-Retroreflectorized)
Background……..White (Retroreflectorized)

Log Mile Reference Marker (TN-17a and 17b)

The LOG MILE REFERENCE MARKER will be installed on all state routes. Markers will display log mile and State route number. On two lane roads, markers will be installed back to back. On four lane roads, markers will be mounted on each side of the highway facing traffic. Large number indicates mile point and small number indicates route.

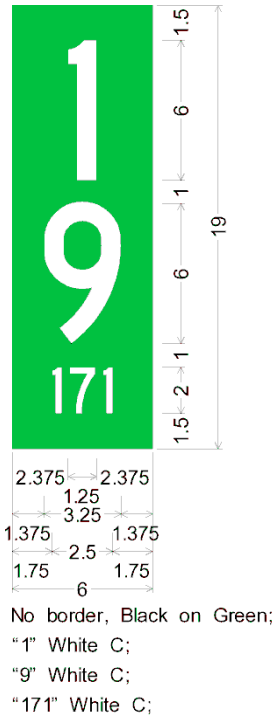


No border, Black on Green;
"4" White C;
"11" White C;

TN-17a
(1 digit)
6" x 12"

Specifications
Color: Legend and Border ……..White (Retroreflectorized)
Background……..Green (Retroreflectorized)

Log Mile Reference Marker cont. (17b)

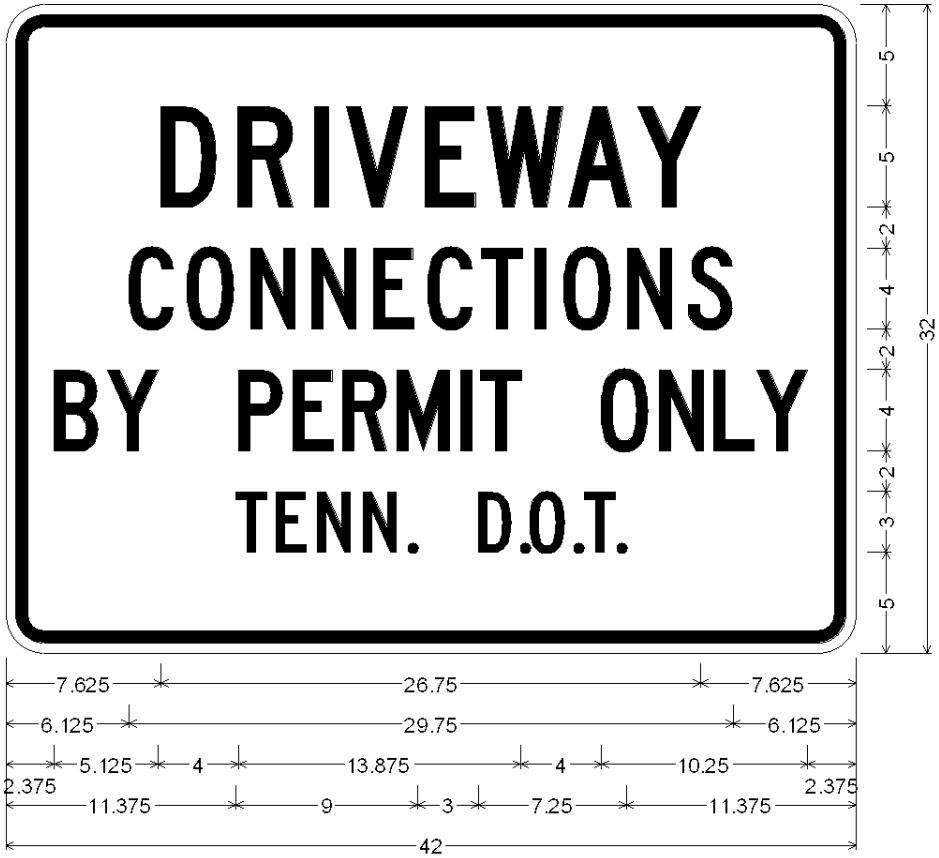


TN-17b
(2 digit)
6" x 19"

Specifications
Color: Legend and Border ……..White (Retroreflectorized)
Background……..Green (Retroreflectorized)

Driveway Connections Sign (TN-18)

The DRIVEWAY CONNECTIONS sign may be erected on conventional state highways in areas where commercial driveway connections are likely to occur to remind the public that such entrances are allowed by permit only in accordance with Section 54-5-301, Tennessee Code Annotated.



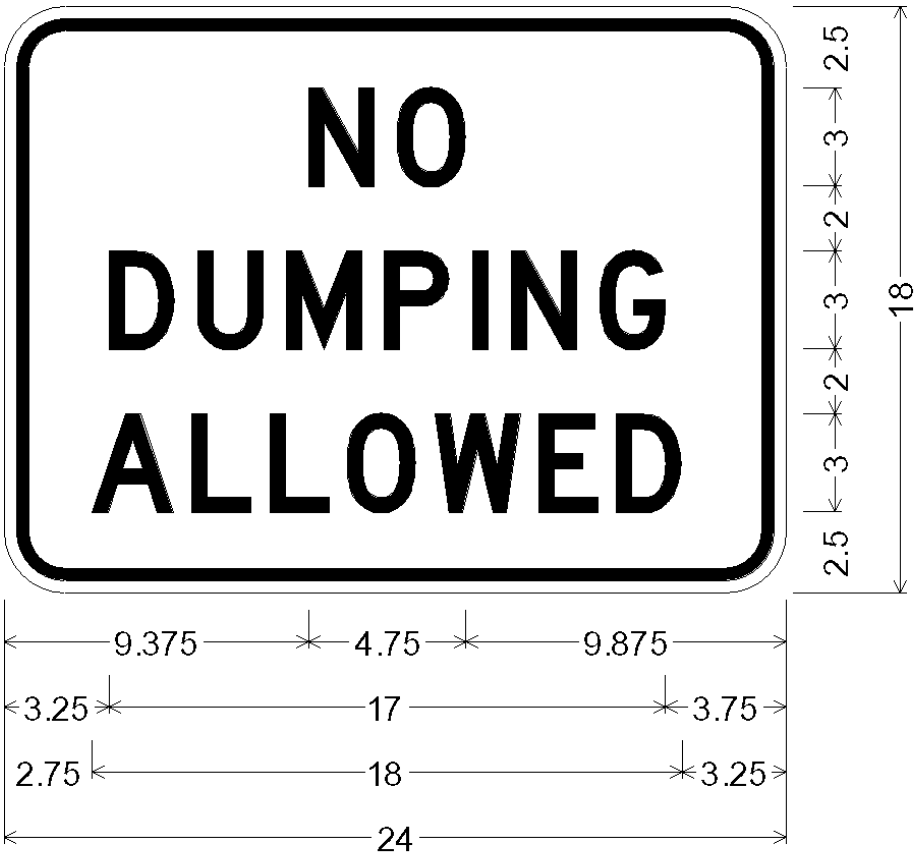
1.875" Radius. 0.625" Border. 0.500" Indent. Black on White;
"DRIVEWAY" C; "CONNECTIONS" C;
"BY" C " " White C "PERMIT" C " " White C "ONLY" C 62% spacing;
"TENN. D.O.T." C;

TN-18
42" x 32"

Specifications
Color: Legend and Border ……..Black (non-Retroreflectorized)
Background……..White (Retroreflectorized)

No Dumping Allowed Sign (TN-19)

The NO DUMPING ALLOWED sign may be erected on the outer edge of the shoulder parallel with the roadway at all locations where the highway right-of-way or other publicly owned property is being used as a dumping ground for trash or garbage.



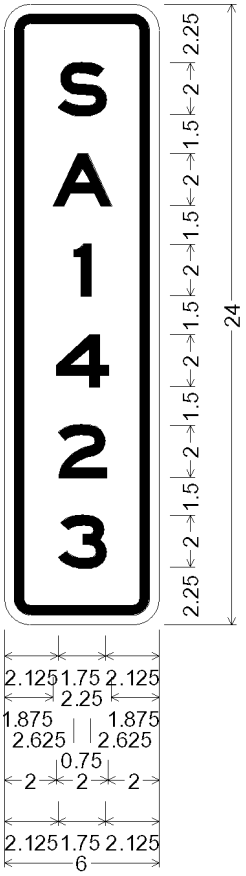
1.875" Radius, 0.375" Border, 0.375" Indent, Black on White;
"NO" D; "DUMPING" D; "ALLOWED" D;

TN-19
24" x 18"

Specifications
Color: Legend and Border ……..Black (non-Retroreflectorized)
Background……..White (Retroreflectorized)

State Aid Project Marker (TN-20)

The STATE AID PROJECT MARKER is intended for use on State Aid projects to identify the beginning of the project. This sign is obsolete and is no longer used.



1.000" Radius, 0.375" Border, 0.375" Indent, Black on White;
"S" F; "A" F;
"1" F; "4" F;
"2" F; "3" F;

TN-20
6" x 24"

Specifications
Color: Legend and Border ……..Black (non-Retroreflectorized)
Background……..White (Retroreflectorized)

Pedestrians Prohibited Sign (TN-21)

The PEDESTRIANS PROHIBITED sign is intended for use on controlled-access highways in accordance with Section 55-8-127, Tennessee Code Annotated, and the general provisions of Section 2B-34 of the MUTCD.

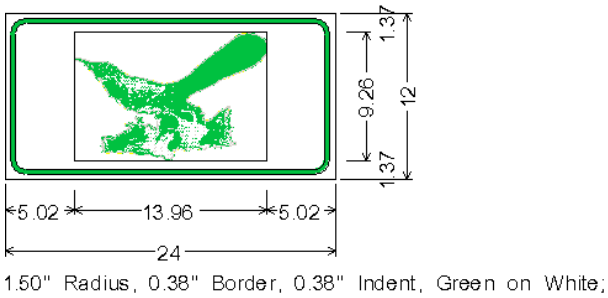
1.875" Radius, 0.750" Border, 0.500" Indent, Black on White;
"PEDESTRIANS" C; "NON-MOTORIZED TRAFFIC" B specified length;
"MOTOR DRIVEN CYCLES" B specified length; "PROHIBITED" C;

TN-21
36” x 30”

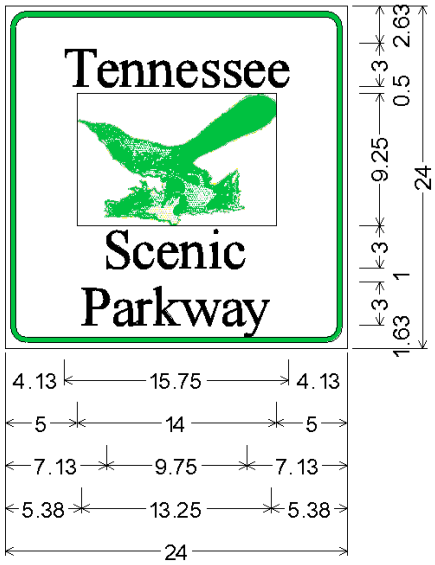
Specifications
Color: Legend and Border ……..Black (non-Retroreflectorized)
Background……..White (Retroreflectorized)

Tennessee Scenic Parkway Signs (TN-22a and 22b)

The TENNESSEE SCENIC PARKWAY signs are intended to identify and mark routes designated as part of the Tennessee Parkway System, in accordance with Section 54-17-201 et. seq., Tennessee Code Annotated.
The Mockingbird without the legend sign (TN-22a) shall be installed above the applicable confirmation route marker assemblies along each Scenic Parkway route.
The Mockingbird with the legend sign (TN-22b) shall be installed above the applicable Advance turn and directional marker assemblies along each Scenic Parkway route. This sign shall also be installed on the applicable guide signs located on interstate highways or other Scenic Parkway routes which intersect the Scenic Parkway.



TN-22a
24” x 12”



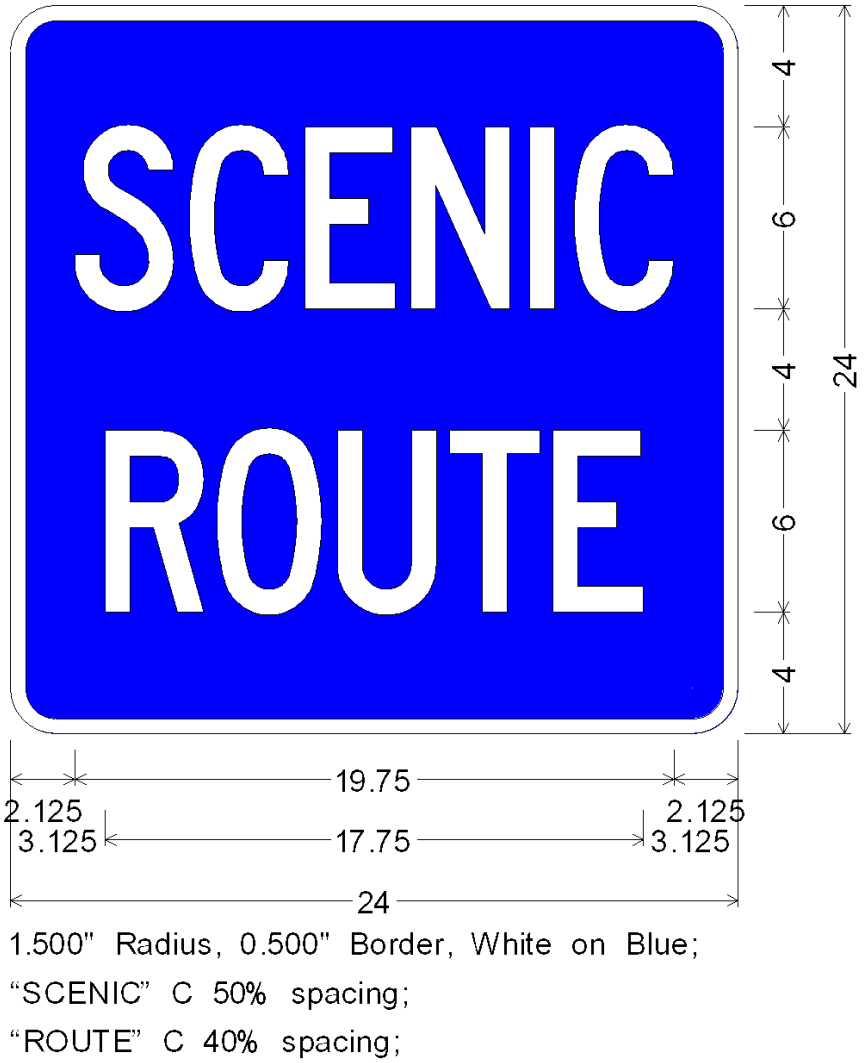
TN-22b
24” x 24”

Note: TDOT sign shops can order this sign as a decal though statewide contract no. 126.

Specifications
Color: Legend and Border ……..Green (Retroreflectorized)
Background……..…White (Retroreflectorized)

Scenic Highway Sign (TN-23)

The SCENIC HIGHWAY sign is intended to identify sections of highway designated as part of the Scenic Highway System in accordance with Sections 54-17-101 et seq., Tennessee Code Annotated.

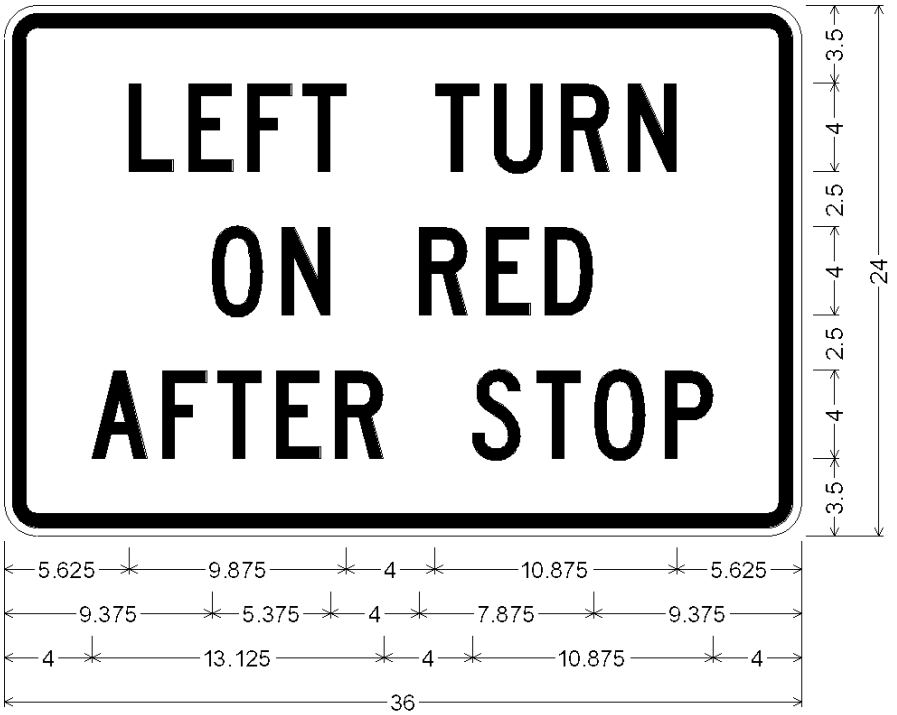


TN-23
24" x 24"

Specifications
Color: Legend and Border ……..White (Retroreflectorized)
Background……..…..Blue (Retroreflectorized)

Left Turn on Red Sign (TN-24)

The LEFT TURN ON RED sign is intended for use at signalized intersections of one way streets for vehicles turning left after stopping on red from the left lane of a one way street onto a one way street whose traffic travels from right to left. This sign is no longer required by TCA (see section 55-8-11) for the action described above to be considered a legal maneuver.



0.625" Inner border Black, 1.500" Radius, 0.375" Outer border, White on White;
"LEFT TURN" Black C; "ON RED" Black C; "AFTER STOP" Black C;

TN-24
36" x 24"

Specifications
Color: Legend and Border ……..Black (non-Retroreflectorized)
Background……..White (Retroreflectorized)

Hill Restricts View Sign (TN-25)

The HILL RESTRICTS VIEW sign is intended for use at locations where a vertical curve restricts stopping sight distance due to a design exception on Federal-aid projects or where an engineering investigation warrants its installation.

30.000" across sides 0.750" Inner border Black, 1.875" Radius, 0.500" Outer border, Yellow on Yellow; "HILL" Black D; "RESTRICTS" Black D; "VIEW" Black D;

TN-25
30” x 30”

Specifications
Color: Legend and Border ……..Black (non-Retroreflectorized)
Background……..Yellow (Retroreflectorized)

Commemorative Bridge or Highway Sign (TN-26)

The COMMEMORATIVE BRIDGE OR HIGHWAY sign is intended for use at locations commemorated by the Legislature. One sign will be installed at each of the location's specified limits. To commemorate bridges on expressways/freeways, plaques attached to bridges will be utilized in lieu of signs. The use of additional descriptive or explanatory language is prohibited.

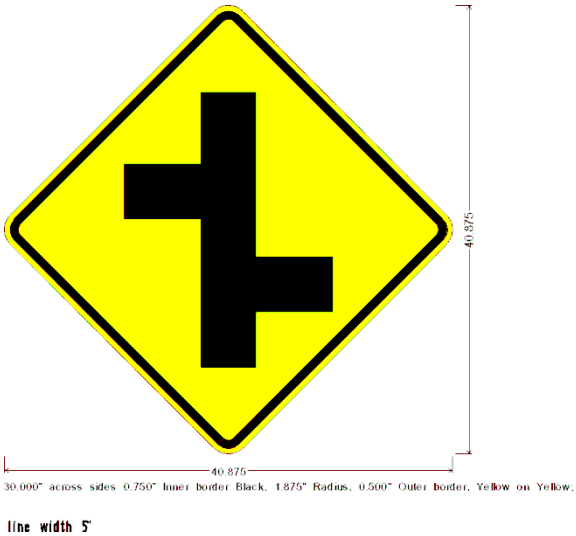
TN-26; 2.3" Radius, 0.8" Border, White on Green;
"Samuel L Clemens" C 120% spacing; "HIGHWAY" C;

TN-26
Variable based on legend x 18"

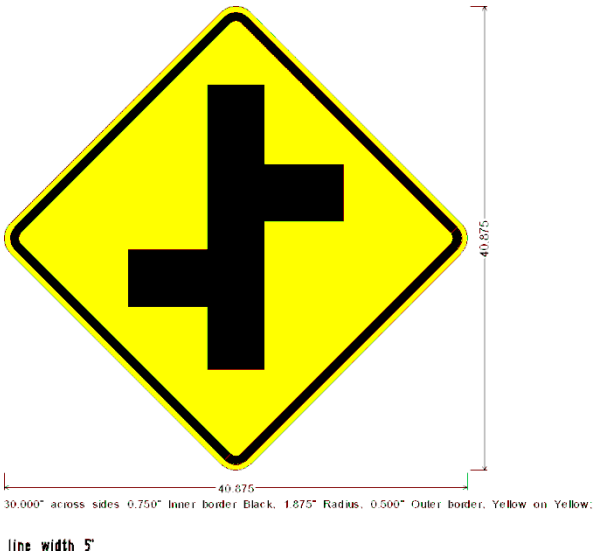
Specifications
Color: Legend and Border ……..White (Retroreflectorized)
Background……..Green (Retroreflectorized)

Offset Crossroad Sign (TN-27a and 27b same as MUTCD W2-7)

The OFFSET CROSSROAD sign is intended for use at obscured offset crossroad intersection configurations where the legs of the crossroad are between 50 and 400 feet apart. For distances less than 50 feet the standard crossroad sign (W2-1) shall be used and for distances greater than 400 feet road sign (W2-2) shall be used as needed.



TN-27 a
30” x 30”



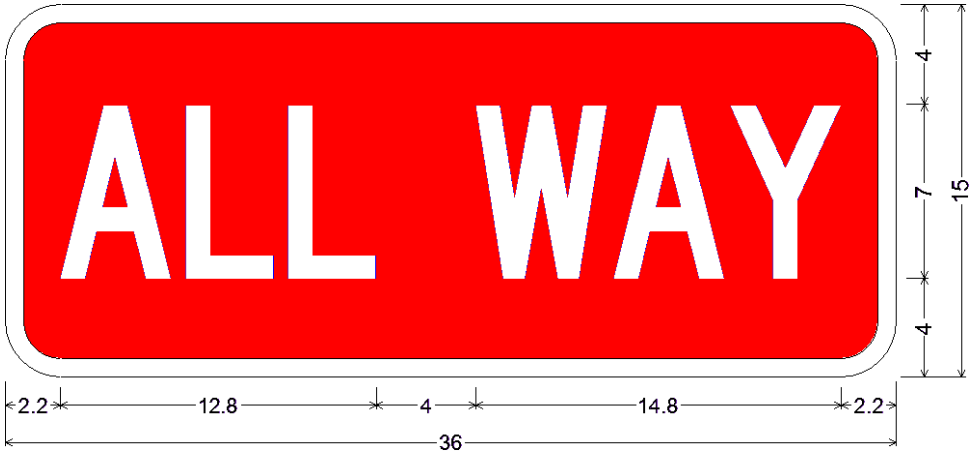
TN-27 b
30” x 30”

Specifications

Color: Legend and Border ……..Black (non-Retroreflectorized)
Background…….…..Yellow (Retroreflectorized)

All-Way Plaque (TN-28 same as MUTCD R1-3P)

The All-WAY Plaque sign is intended for use at 4-way stop intersections where 48” x 48” stop signs are utilized.



R1-4_36x15; 2.3" Radius, 0.8" Border, White on Red;
“ALL WAY” C 2K specified length;

TN-28
36” x 12”

Specifications
Color: Legend and Border ……..White (Retroreflectorized)
Background……..Red (Retroreflectorized)

Interstate Crossover Sign (TN-29 same as MUTCD R5-11)

The INTERSTATE CROSSOVER sign is intended for use at crossovers provided for maintenance and law enforcement use. Signs are to be installed at 45 degrees to both traffic for both directions of travel.

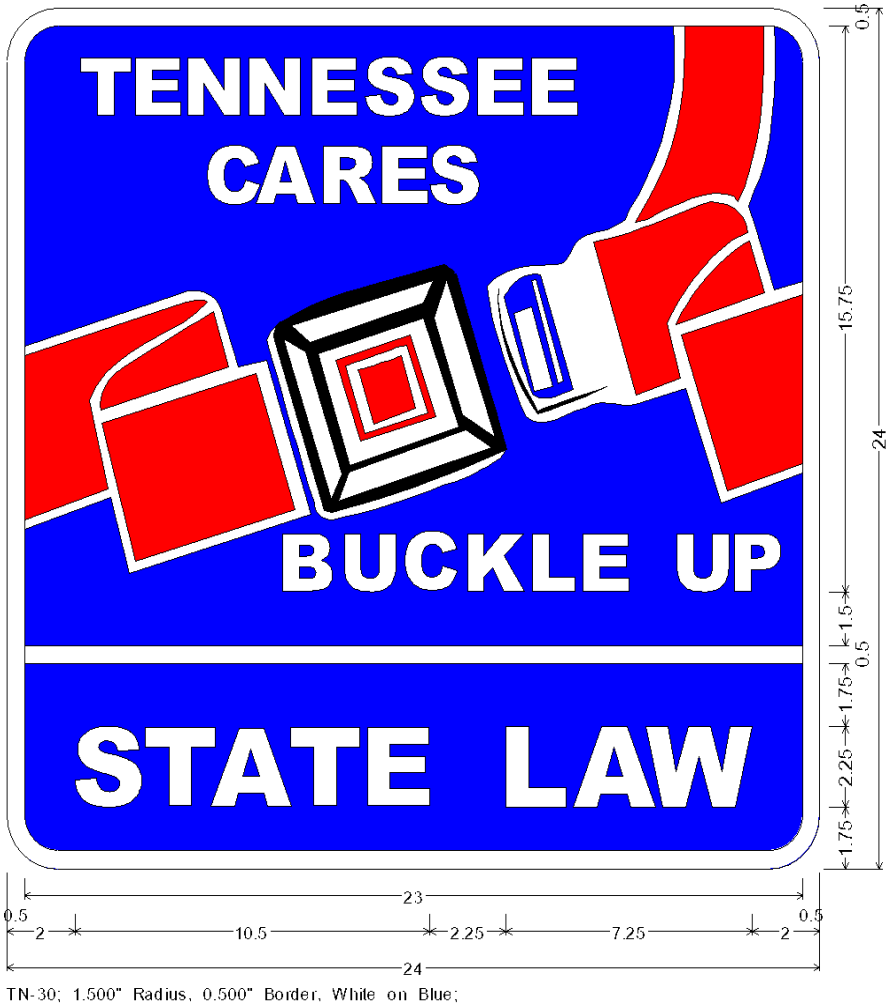
2.3" Radius, 0.9" Border, 0.6" Indent, Black on White;
"AUTHORIZED" C; "VEHICLES" D; "ONLY" D;

TN-29
48" x 36"

Specifications
Color: Legend and Border ……..Black (non-Retroreflectorized)
Background……..White (Retroreflectorized)

Buckle Up Signs (TN-30)

The BUCKLE UP sign is intended for use upon entering the state on Interstates, U.S. and State routes and at rest areas, parking areas and welcome centers.



TN-30
24” x 24”

Note: TDOT sign shops can order this sign as a decal though statewide contract no. 126.

Specifications

Color: Legend and Border ……..White (Retroreflectorized)
Background……..Blue (Retroreflectorized)
Buckle ……..Red (Retroreflectorized)
Buckle ……..Black (non-Retroreflectorized)

Anti-Litter Sign (TN-31)

The ANTI-LITTER sign is intended for use on interstate highways upon entering the state, at rest areas, welcome centers and in the major urban areas.

TN-31; 3.0" Radius, 1.3" Border, 0.8" Indent, Green on White;

TN-31
48” x 60”

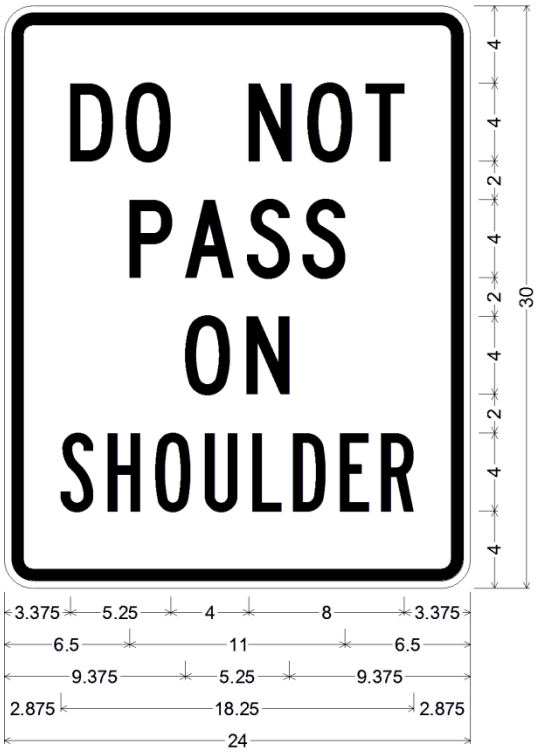
Note: TDOT sign shops can order this sign as a decal though statewide contract no. 126.

Specifications

Color: Tree and Border……..……..Green (Retroreflectorized)
Background……..White (Retroreflectorized)
Man and Can……..Black (non-Retroreflectorized)

Do Not Pass On Shoulder Sign - std (TN-32 same as MUTCD R4-18)

The DO NOT PASS ON SHOULDER sign is intended for use where vehicles are passing to the right on wide-paved shoulders and creating hazardous situations.



1.500" Radius, 0.625" Border, 0.375" Indent, Black on White;
"DO NOT" C; "PASS" C; "ON" C; "SHOULDER" B;

TN-32-std

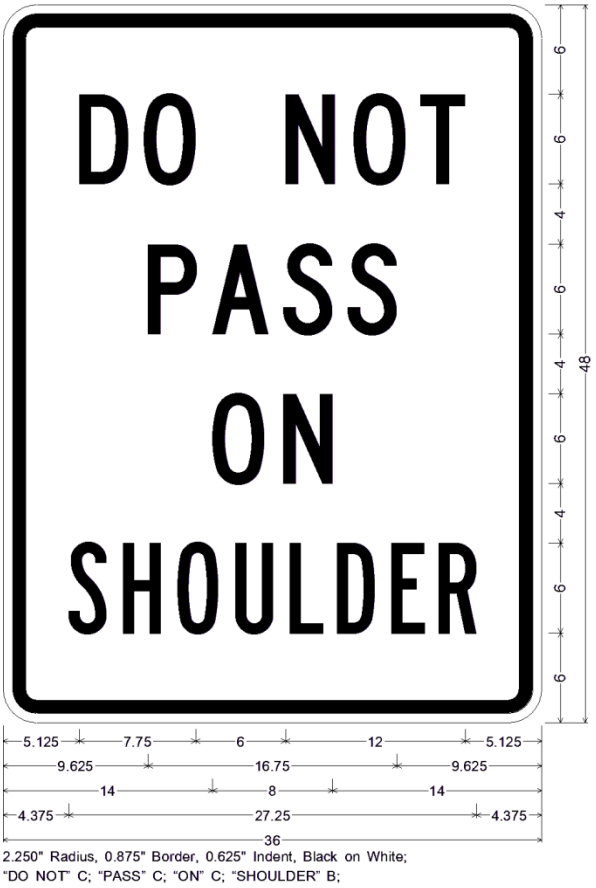
Specifications

Color: Legend and Border ……..Black (non-Retroreflectorized)

Background…….…..White (Retroreflectorized)

Do Not Pass On Shoulder Sign –Freeway (TN-32 same as MUTCD R4-18)

The DO NOT PASS ON SHOULDER sign is intended for use where vehicles are passing to the right on wide-paved shoulders and creating hazardous situations.

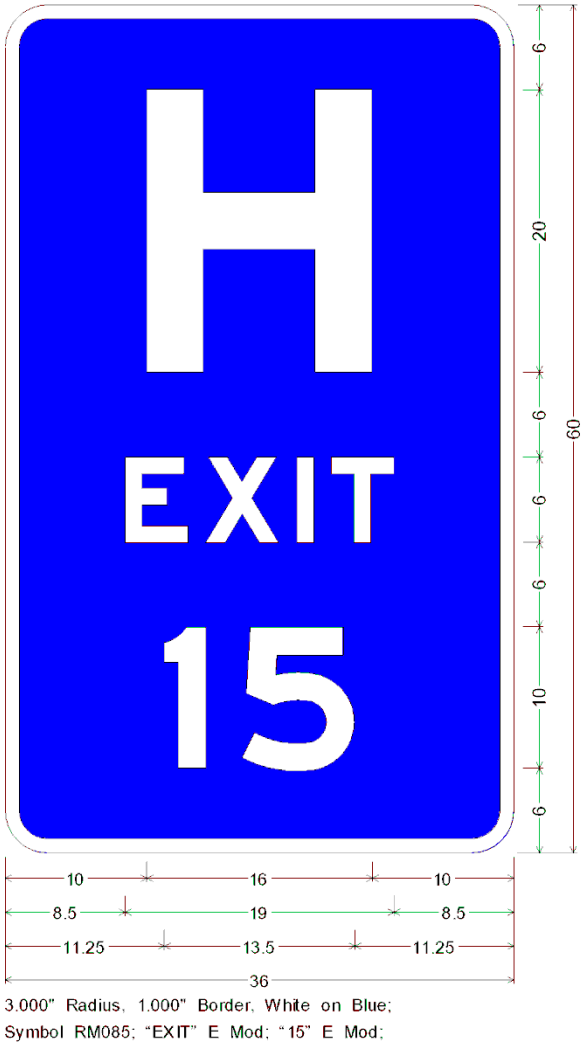


TN-32- Expressway
48” x 36”

Specifications
Color: Legend and Border ……..Black (non-Retroreflectorized)
Background……..White (Retroreflectorized)

Interstate Hospital Service Sign (TN-33)

The INTERSTATE HOSPITAL SERVICE sign is intended for use where eligible hospital service is available and the specific service logo program is in place.



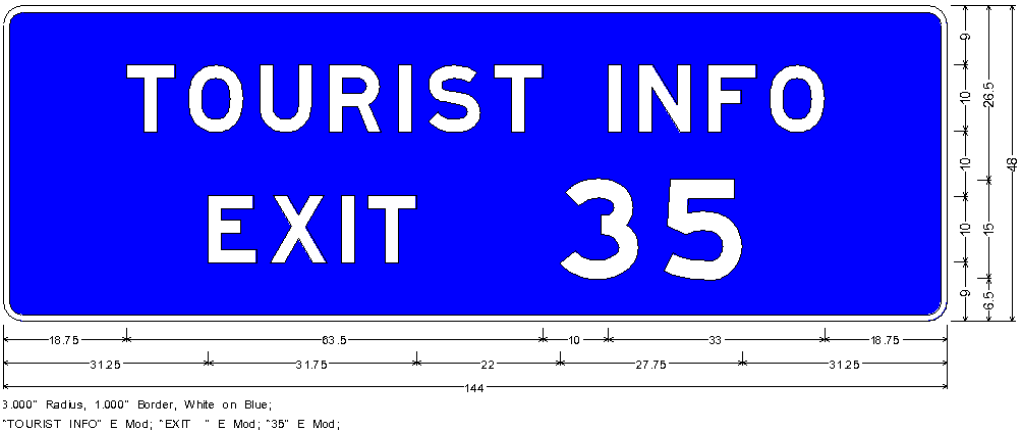
TN-33
36" x 60"

Specifications

Color: Legend and Border ……..Blue (Retroreflectorized)
Background……..White (Retroreflectorized)

Tourist Info Sign (TN-34a, 34b and 34c)

The TOURIST INFO SIGN is intended for use where qualifying tourist information centers are in operation.

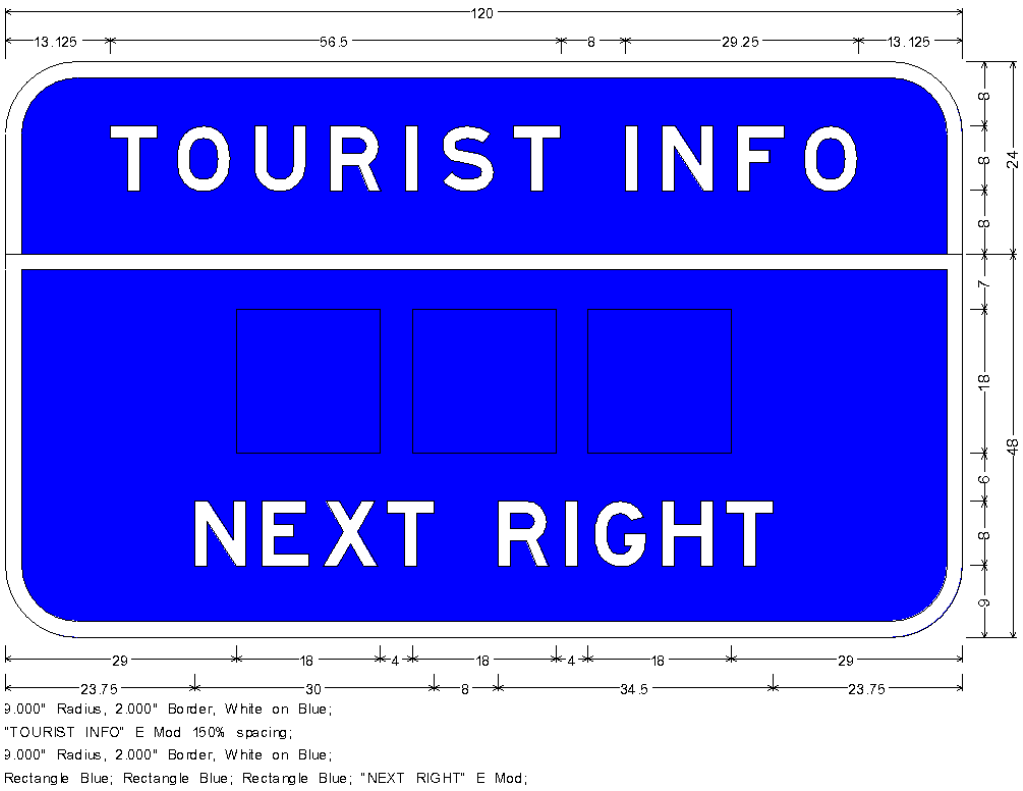


TN-34a
144” x 48”

Specifications
Color: Legend and Border ……..White (Retroreflectorized)
Background……..Blue (Retroreflectorized)

TN-34b
36” x 36”
Ramps and Conventional highways

Tourist Info Sign CONT. (TN-34a, 34b and 34c)



TN-34C

120” x 72”

Interstate with existing motorist service signing

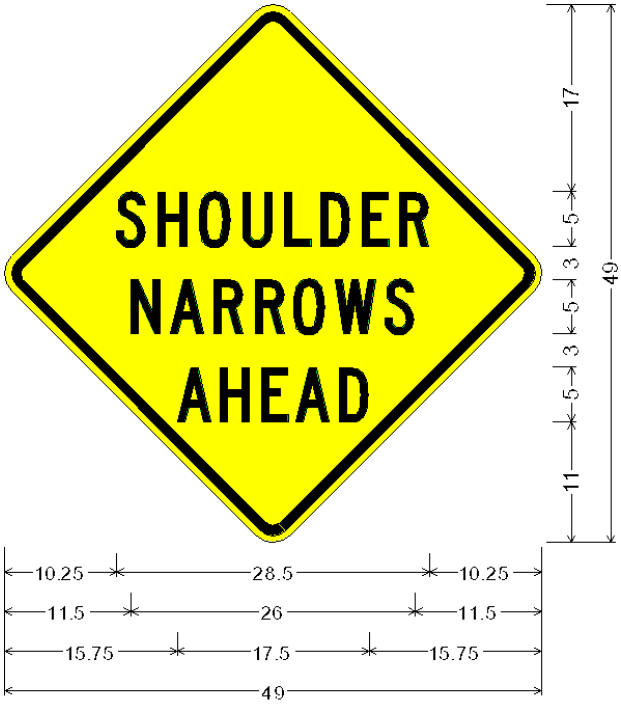
Specifications

Color: Legend and Border ……..White (Retroreflectorized)

Background……...Blue (Retroreflectorized)

Shoulder Narrows Ahead Sign (TN-35)

The SHOULDER NARROWS AHEAD sign is intended for use at locations where upgraded sections of highway with full shoulders junction with existing sections of highway with narrow shoulders.



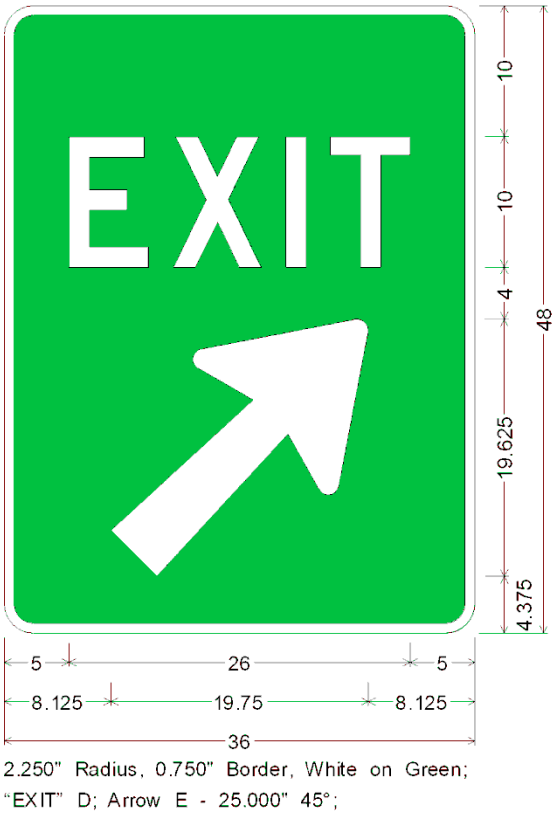
36.000" across sides 0.875" Inner border Black, 2.250" Radius, 0.625" Outer border, Yellow on Yellow;
"SHOULDER" Black C; "NARROWS" Black C;
"AHEAD" Black C;

TN-35
36” x 36”

Specifications
Color: Legend and Border ……..Black (non-Retroreflectorized)
Background……..Yellow (Retroreflectorized)

Exit Gore Sign (TN-36)

The EXIT GORE sign is intended for use in special cases at locations where unnumbered interchanges are present on non-freeway or expressway sections of highway and guide signing is warranted.



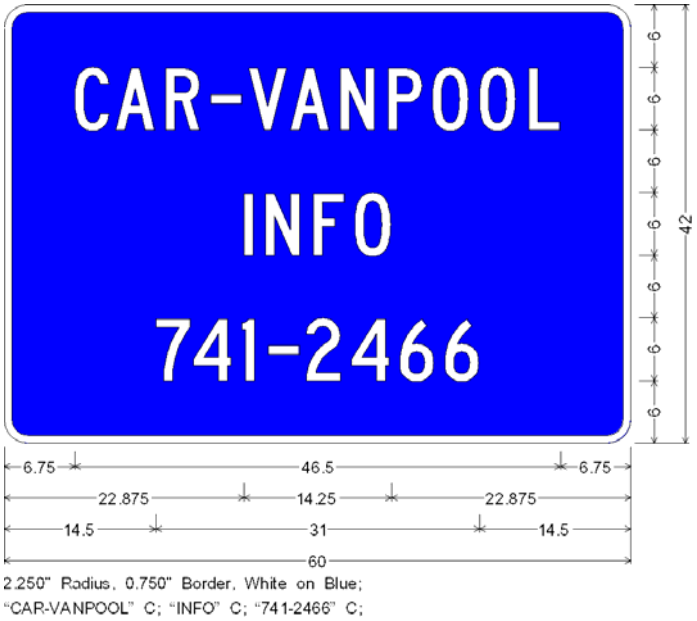
TN-36
36” x 48”

Specifications

Color: Legend and Border ……..White (Retroreflectorized)
Background……..Green (Retroreflectorized)
Arrow Type “E” @ 45 degree.

Car – Vanpool Sign (TN-37)

The CAR VANPOOL sign is intended for use where qualifying rideshare programs are in place. The Department will approve the number of locations and physical placement of any such sign. Phone number should be verified prior to manufacture of sign.



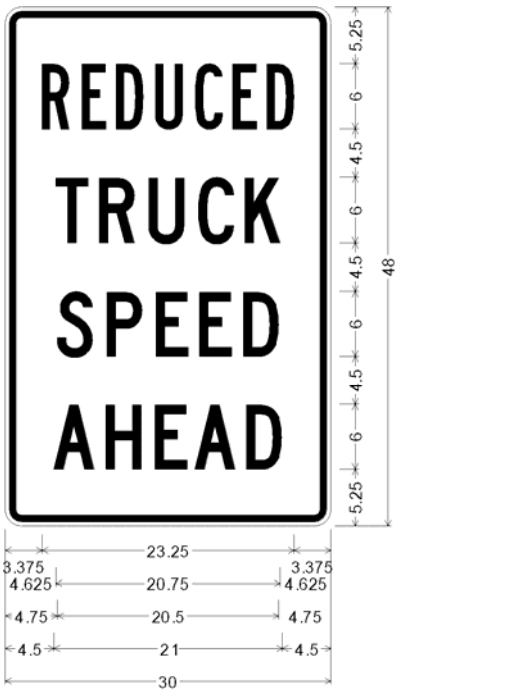
TN-37
Std
60” x 42”

TN-37
Expressway/Freeway
120” x 60”

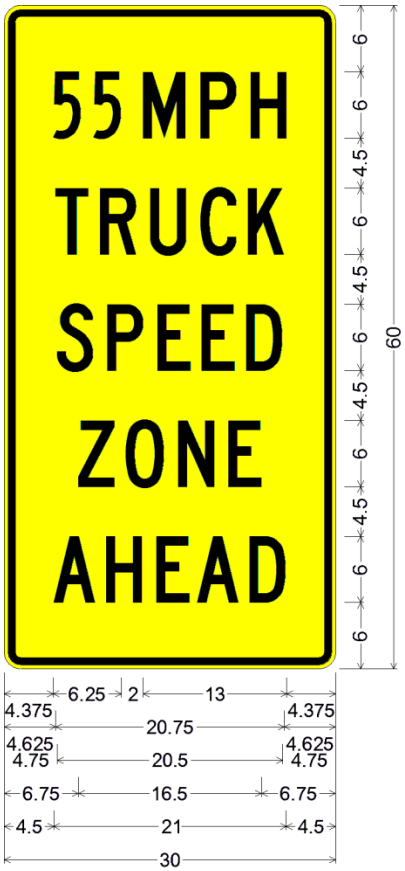
Specifications
Color: Legend and Border ……..White (Retroreflectorized)
Background……..Blue (Retroreflectorized)

Reduced Truck Speed Ahead Sign (TN-38)

This design of the REDUCED TRUCK SPEED AHEAD sign is retained here in this manual for inventory purposes only. At such time as this sign is replaced the designer shall reference the current MUTCD for a standard sign. If no standard sign has been developed for this use then the alternative design shown on the right may be used and should be fabricated using a fluorescent yellow background. The sign is intended to be used in advance of special truck speed zones where automobile speed is not reduced. This note is current as of 3-11-15.



1.500" Radius, 0.625" Border, 0.375" Indent, Black on White;
"REDUCED" B; "TRUCK" C;
"SPEED" C; "AHEAD" C;



1.500" Radius, 0.625" Border, 0.375" Indent, Black on Yellow;
"55" B; "MPH" C; "TRUCK" C;
"SPEED" C; "ZONE" C;
"AHEAD" C;

TN-38
Std
30" x 48"

Specifications
Color: Legend and Border ……..Black (non-Retroreflectorized)
Background……..White (Retroreflectorized)

Reduced Truck Speed Ahead Sign cont. (TN-38)

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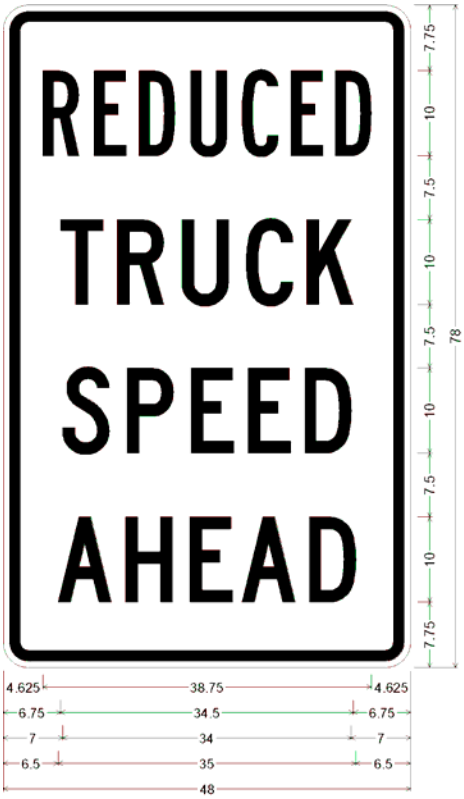
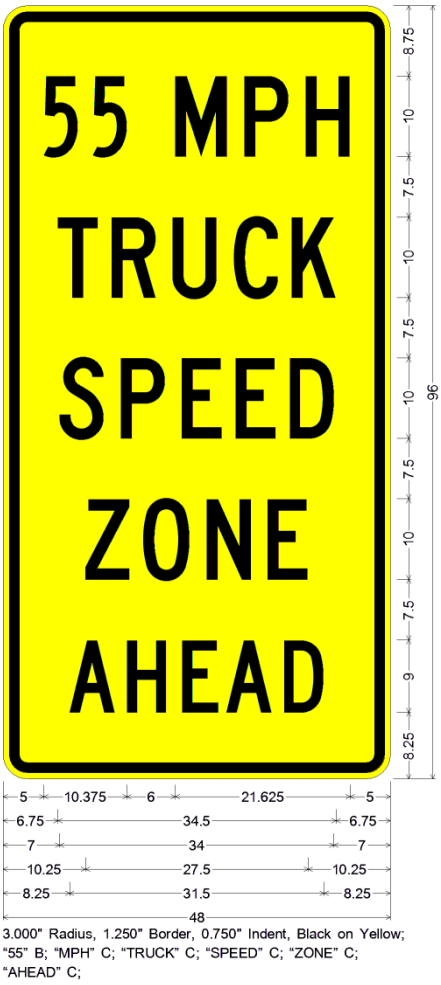


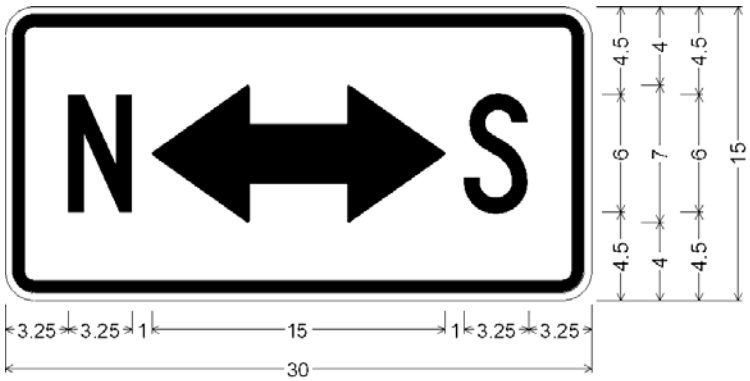


TN-38
Expressway/Freeway
48” x 78”

Specifications
Color: Legend and Border ……..Black (non-Retroreflectorized)
Background……..White (Retroreflectorized)

Cardinal Direction/Arrow Sign (TN-39)

The CARDINAL DIRECTION sign is intended for use in special cases where the use of the normal cardinal direction and arrow sign at an intersecting route is not feasible due to physical restraints (lack of horizontal separation for dual post assemblies, too many signs for post to support, etc.) found in urban areas.



0.625" Inner border Black, 1.500" Radius, 0.375" Outer border, White on White;
"N" Black C;
Double Headed Arrow Custom - 15.000" 0° Black;
"S" Black C;

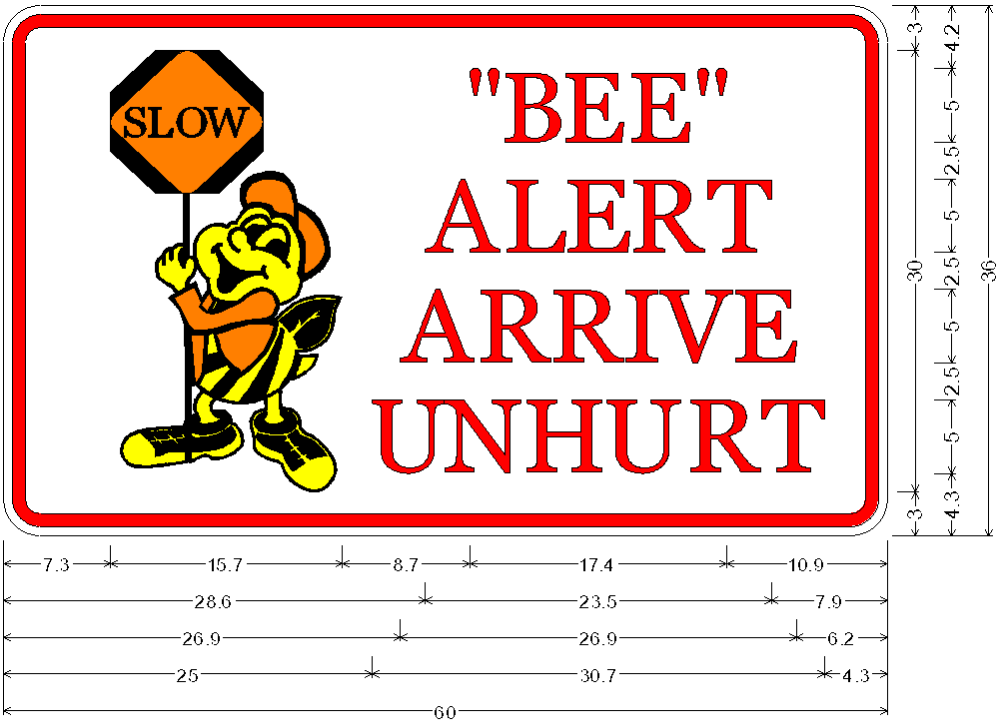
TN-39
30” x 15”

Specifications
Color: Legend and Border ……..Black (non-Retroreflectorized)
Background……..White (Retroreflectorized)

Note: Arrow to be centered horizontally and vertically

“Bee” Alert Sign (TN-40)

The BEE ALERT sign is intended to be used on interstate construction projects. This to be placed 1000’ in advance of the normal construction zone warning sign on the left and right for each mainline Interstate approach. This sign is obsolete and is no longer used.



TN-40; 2.5" Radius, 0.9" Border, 0.6" Indent, Red on White;
""BEE"" Georgia; "ALERT" Georgia; "ARRIVE" Georgia; "UNHURT" Georgia;

TN-40
60” x 36”

Specifications

Color: Legend and Border ……..Red (Retroreflectorized)
Background……..White (Retroreflectorized)
Bee……..Yellow & Orange (Retroreflectorized)
Black (non-Retroreflectorized sign)

Reserved Parking Sign (TN-41)

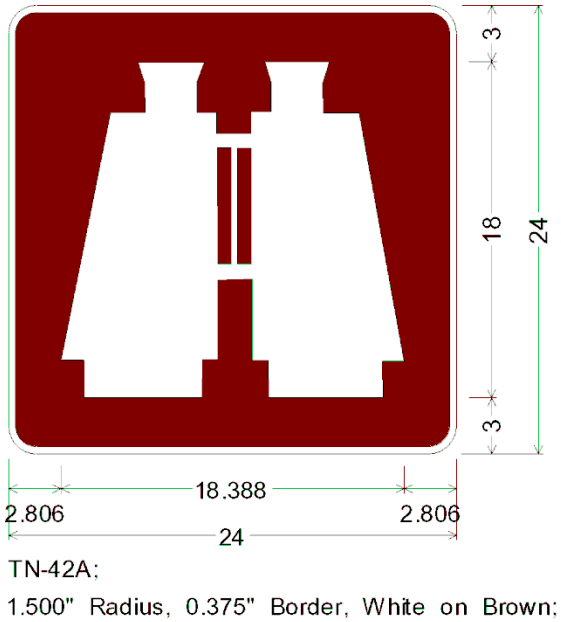
The RESERVED PARKING sign is intended for use where handicap parking places have been provided. The Department will install these signs at rest areas, welcome centers and at other locations where Department maintains handicap parking places.

TN-41
12” x 18”

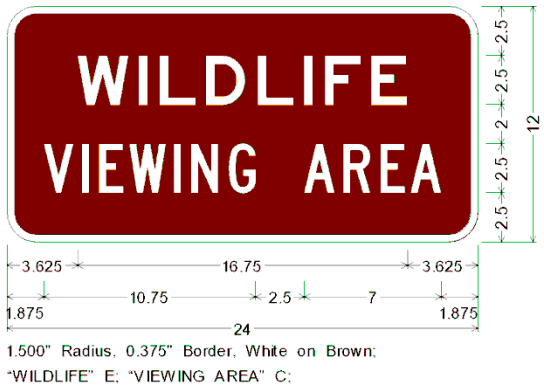
Specifications
Color: Legend and Border ……..Green (Retroreflectorized sign)
Background……..White (Retroreflectorized sign)
Blue Retroreflectorized sign square around handicap symbol

Wildlife Viewing Area Signs (TN-42a VOID and 42b) Sign TN-42a will no longer be used and is to be replaced with MUTCD standard sign no. RS-076)

The WILDLIFE VIEWING AREA signs are intended for use only at those locations approved by the Department in conjunction with the Wildlife Viewing program developed by the U. S. Forest Service.



TN-42a
24” x 24”



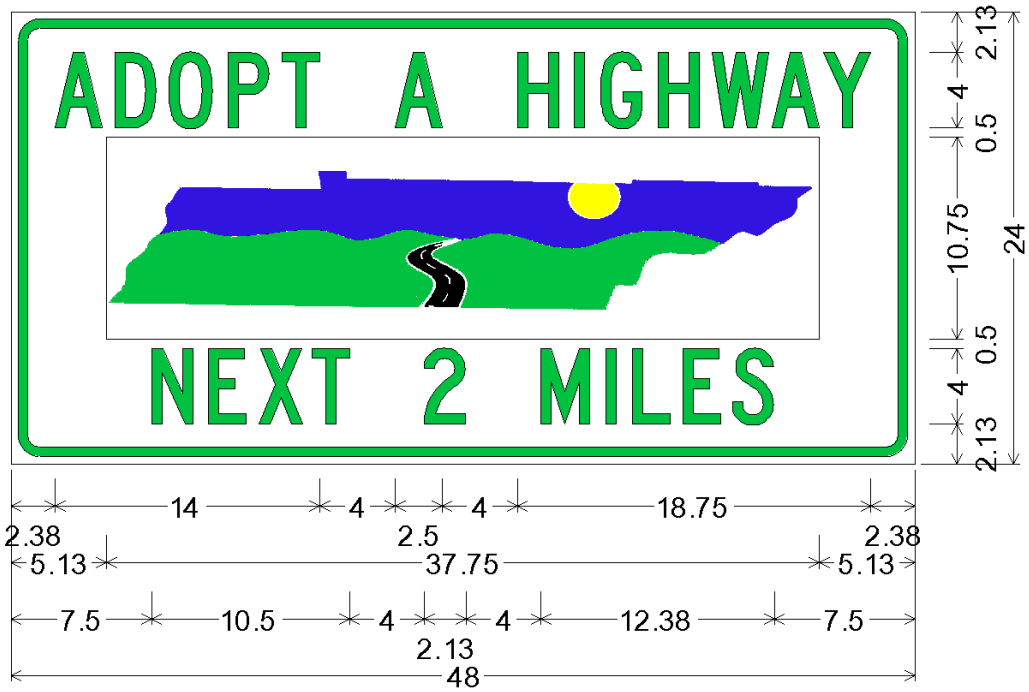
TN-42b
24” x 12”

Specifications

Color: Legend and Border ……..White (Retroreflectorized)
Background……..Brown (Retroreflectorized)

Adopt A Highway Sign (TN-43)

The ADOPT A HIGHWAY sign is to be used on non-interstate routes where a group or organization has entered into an agreement with the Department to provide litter pickup services. The sign shall mark the limits of the litter pickup area for each direction of travel on the route.



TN-43
48” x 24”

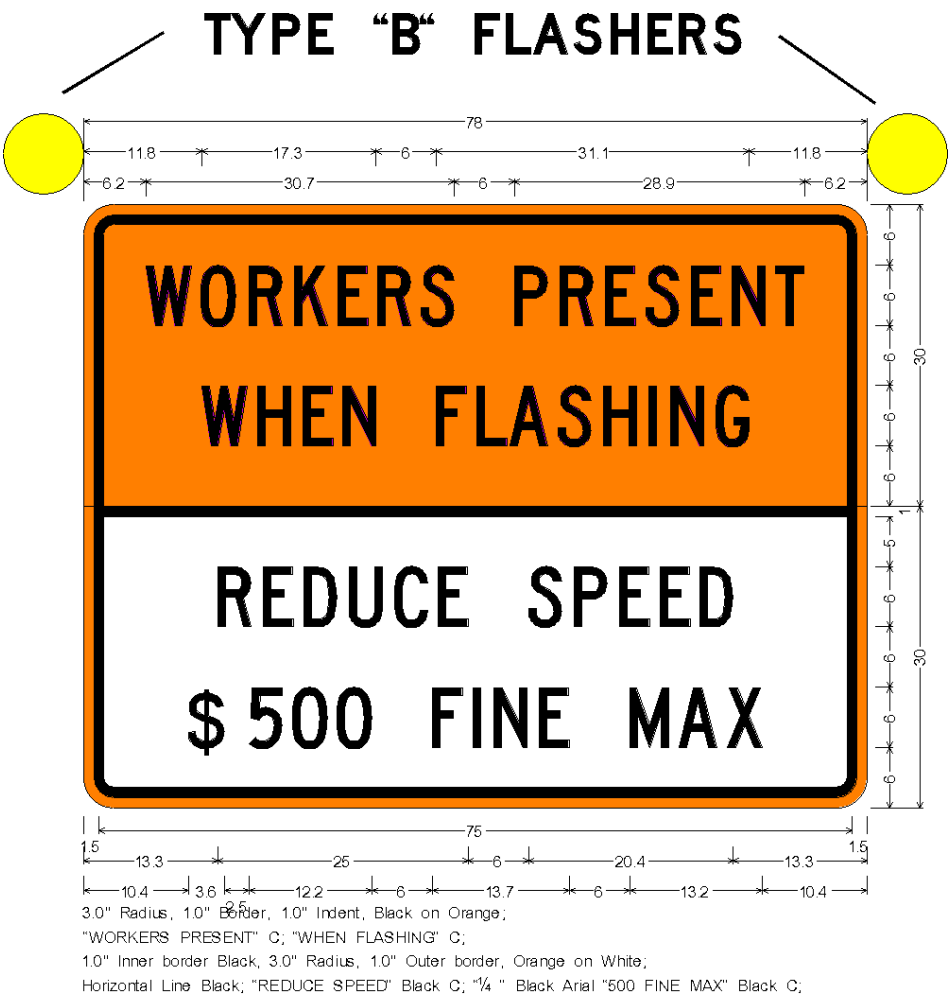
Note: TDOT sign shops can order this sign as a decal though statewide contract no. 126.

Specifications

Color: Legend and Border ……..Green (Retroreflectorized)
Background……..White (Retroreflectorized)
State……..…..Green, Blue & Yellow (Retroreflectorized)
Black (non-Retroreflectorized)

Workers Present Sign (TN-44)

The WORKERS PRESENT sign is to be used on all interstate construction projects in the event that reduced speed limits are requested and established by the contractor. All reductions must be approved by the Department. This sign is to be placed 1000' in advance of the active construction work zone. These signs shall be located on the right side and on the median side of the roadway (except on concrete median barrier wall sections).



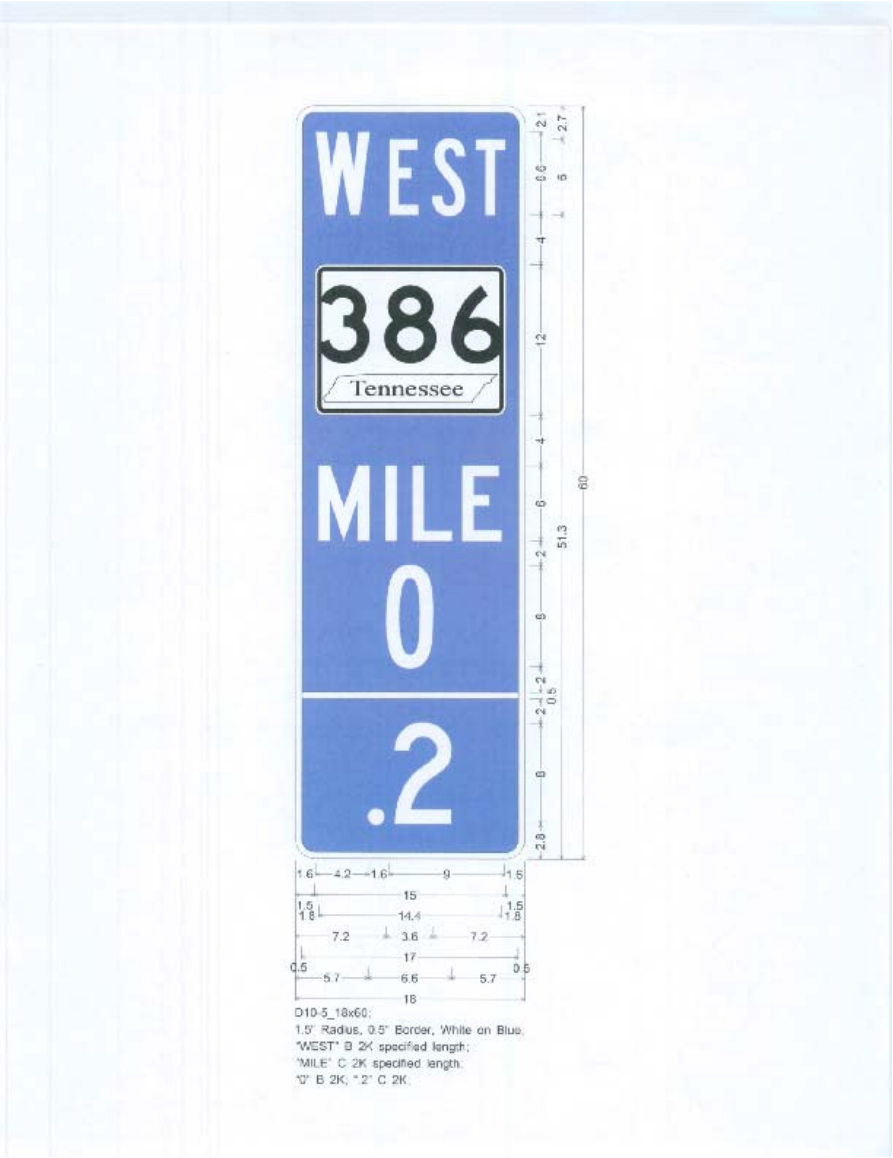
TN-44
78" x 60"

Specifications

Color: Legend and Border ……..Black (non-Retroreflectorized)
Background……..White (Retroreflectorized)
Background……..Orange (Retroreflectorized)

Emergency Reference Markers (TN-45a now D10-5)

The EMERGENCY REFERENCE MARKERS are to be used on all interstate highways in the four major cities in conjunction with TDOT's motor assist program (HELP). These signs shall be located in the median and on the inside of ramps, either ground or barrier mounted.



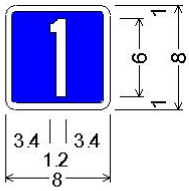
TN-45a for inventory
Main Line Sign
18" x 60"
Specifications

Color: Legend and Border ……...White (Retroreflectorized)
Background……..Blue (Retroreflectorized)
Shield……....White, Blue & Red (Retroreflectorized)

Emergency Reference Markers (TN-45b, TN-45c)

EMERGENCY REFERENCE MARKERS cont.

1.5" Radius, 0.5" Border, White on Blue;
"440W" C; "TO" C; "65N" C;



0.8" Radius, 0.5" Border, White on Blue;
"1" C;

Directional Ramp Sign
TN-45b
24" x 30"

1.5" Radius, 0.5" Border, White on Blue;
"209A" C; "TO" C; "440W" C;

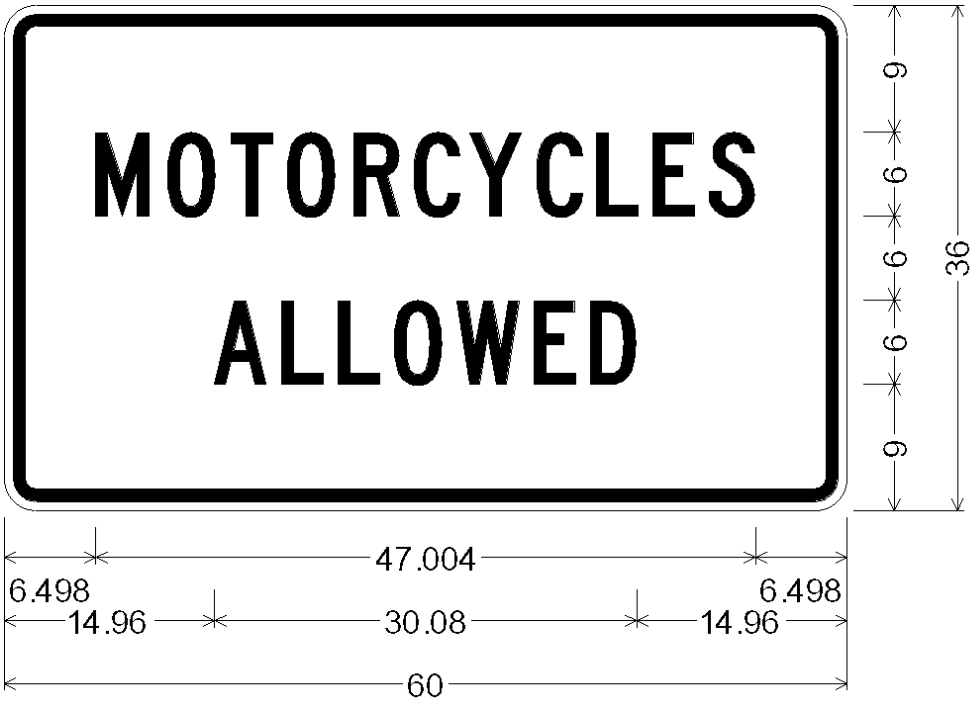
1.5" Radius, 0.5" Border, White on Blue;
"440W" C; "TO" C; "209A" C;

TN-45c
24" x 30"

Specifications
Color: Legend and Border ……...White (Retroreflectorized)
Background……..Blue (Retroreflectorized)

Motorcycles Allowed sign (TN-46)

The MOTORCYCLES ALLOWED sign is intended for use at the beginning of interstate HOV lanes.

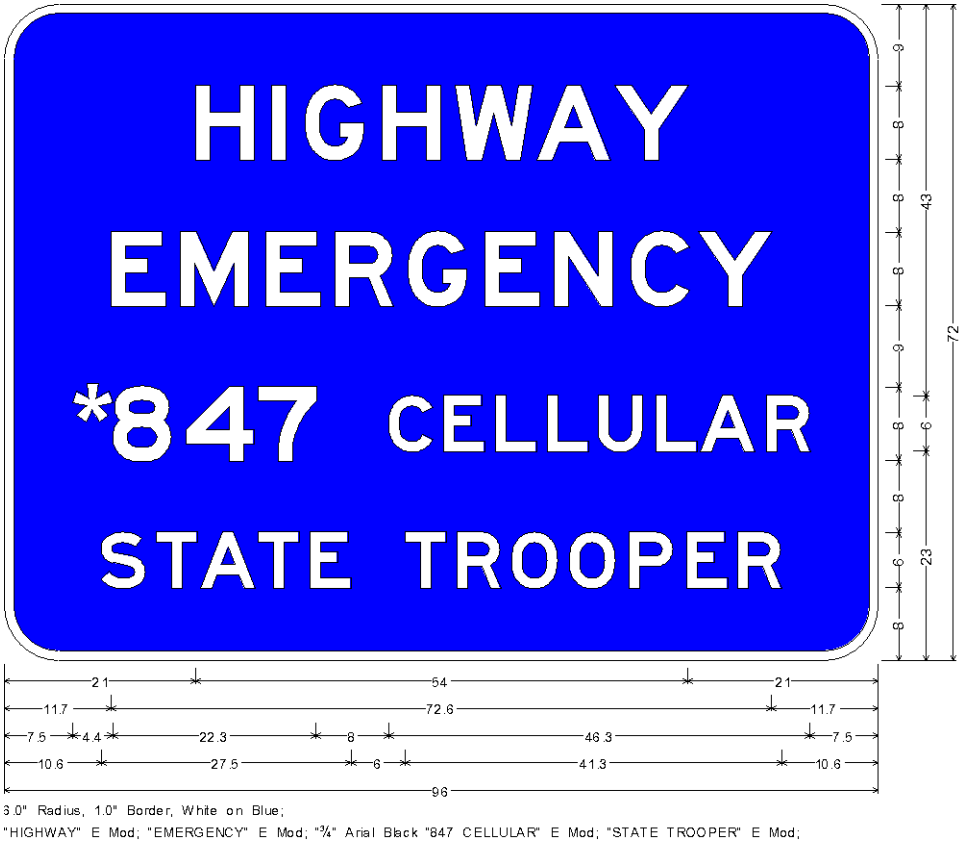


TN-46
60" x 36"
Typical

Specifications
Color: Legend and Border ……...Black (non-Retroreflectorized)
Background……..White (Retroreflectorized)

Highway Emergency *847 state trooper (TN-47)

The HIGHWAY EMERGENCY * 847 is intended to advise cellular phone customers that in the event of an emergency they can reach the highway patrol by dialing *847. They are located along major freeways and at rest areas.

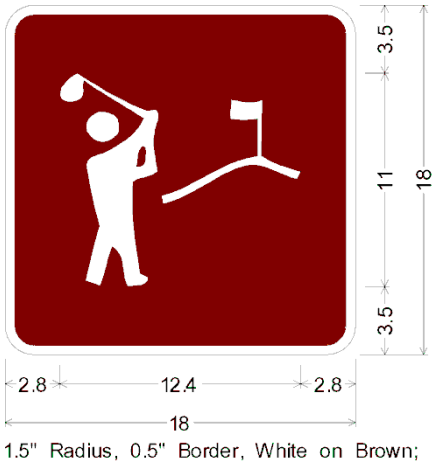


TN-47
96” x 72”
Typical

Specifications
Color: Legend and Border …….White (Retroreflectorized)
Background……..Blue (Retroreflectorized)

Tennessee Golf Icon (TN-48 VOID) will no longer be used and is to be replaced with MUTCD standard sign no. RS-128

The TENNESSEE GOLF ICON sign is intended for use on state park signs where golf is available.

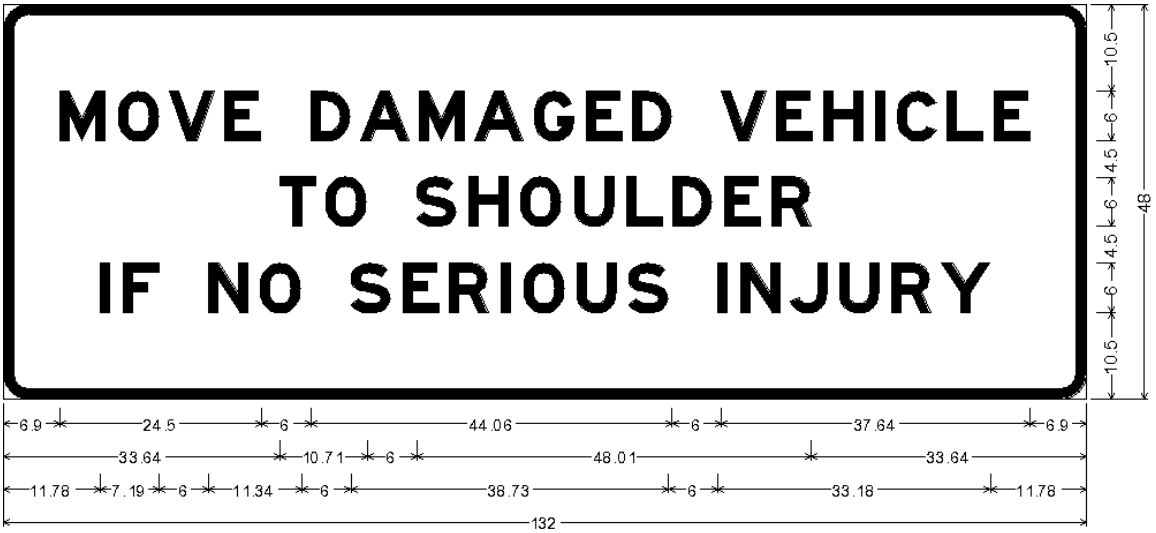


TN-48
18” x 18”
Typical

Specifications
Color: Legend and Border …….. Silver-White (non-Retroreflectorized)
Background……..…..Brown (Retroreflectorized)

Move Damaged Vehicle Sign (TN-49)

The MOVE DAMAGED VEHICLE sign is intended for use on urban freeways to advise motorists they should move their vehicle if no serious injury has occurred.



3.00" Radius, 1.25" Border, Black on White;
"MOVE DAMAGED VEHICLE" E Mod; "TO SHOULDER" E Mod; "IF NO SERIOUS INJURY" E Mod;

TN-49
132” x 48”
Typical

Specifications
Color: Legend and Border ……...Black (non-Retroreflectorized sign)
Background…….. Silver-White (Retroreflectorized sign)

Tennessee Welcomes You Sign (TN-50a and 50b)

The TENNESSEE WELCOMES YOU sign is intended for use on routes entering the state. The (TN-50a) is to be used on Freeways and Expressways. The (TN-50b) is to be used on Conventional highways. Signs are to be placed as practical to the state line as.

TN-50a
28’ x 10’
Freeway/Expressway

TN-50b
15’x 6’
Conventional highways

Specifications

Contact State Traffic Engineers Office for Specific Guidance in Fabricating this Sign

TDOT Facilities (TN-51A or 51B)

The TDOT Facilities Sign is provided here primarily for inventory purposes and is intended for use on conventional highways throughout the state to identify various TDOT facilities.

TN-51
Varies

Specifications
Color: Legend and Border ……...Silver-White (Retroreflectorized sign)
Background……..Green (Retroreflectorized sign)

Drivers Testing (TN-52)

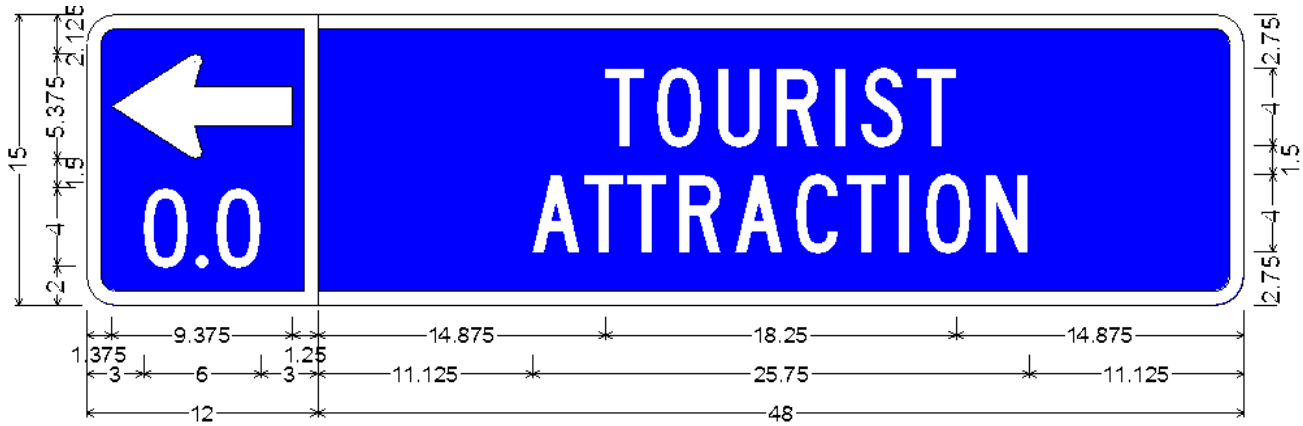
The TDOT Facilities Sign is provided here primarily for inventory purposes and is intended for use on conventional highways throughout the state to identify Tennessee Department of Safety Driver Testing facilities.

TN-52
Varies

Specifications
Color: Legend and Border ……...Silver-White (Retroreflectorized sign)
Background……..Blue (Retroreflectorized sign)

Tourist Oriented Directional Sign (TODS) (TN-53)

The TODS Sign is provided here primarily for inventory purposes and is intended for use on rural conventional highways in the state. See TODS Rules Chapter 1680-3-4 on file with the Secretary of State.



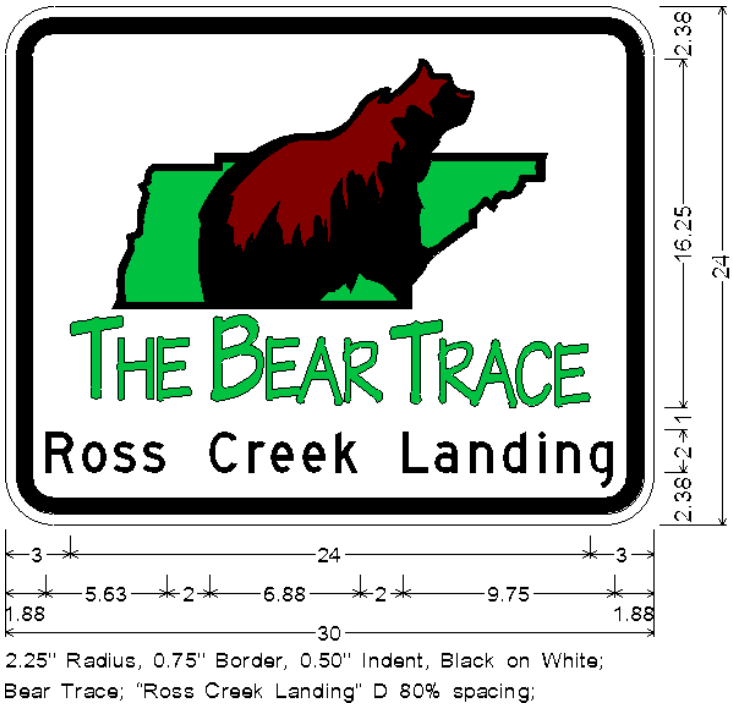
1.500" Radius, 0.750" Border, White on Blue;
Standard Arrow Custom 9.375" X 5.375" 180°; "0.0" C;
1.500" Radius, 0.750" Border, White on Blue;
"TOURIST" C; "ATTRACTION" C;

TN-53

Specifications
Color: Legend and Border ……...Silver-White (Retroreflectorized sign)
Background……..Blue (Retroreflectorized sign)

Bear Trace Golf Course (TN-54)

The BEAR TRACE Golf Course icon is intended for use along conventional highways in conjunction with standard state park directional signs as a trailblazing symbol.

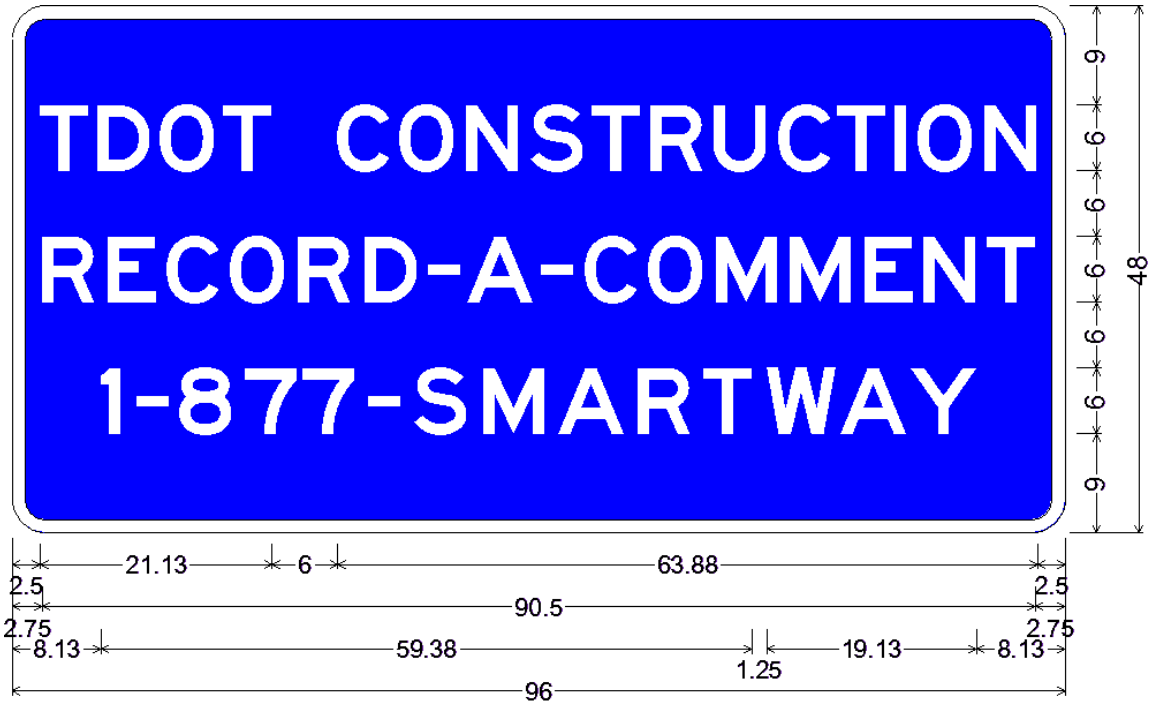


TN-54
72” x 36”
Standard

Specifications
Color: Legend and Border ……...As shown (Retroreflectorized sign)
Background…….. Silver-White (Retroreflectorized sign)

Record-A-Comment Sign (TN-55a)

The RECORD-A-COMMENT sign intended to be used on all interstate construction projects. It should be placed approximately 1000' past the "END ROAD WORK" sign on the right side of the highway.



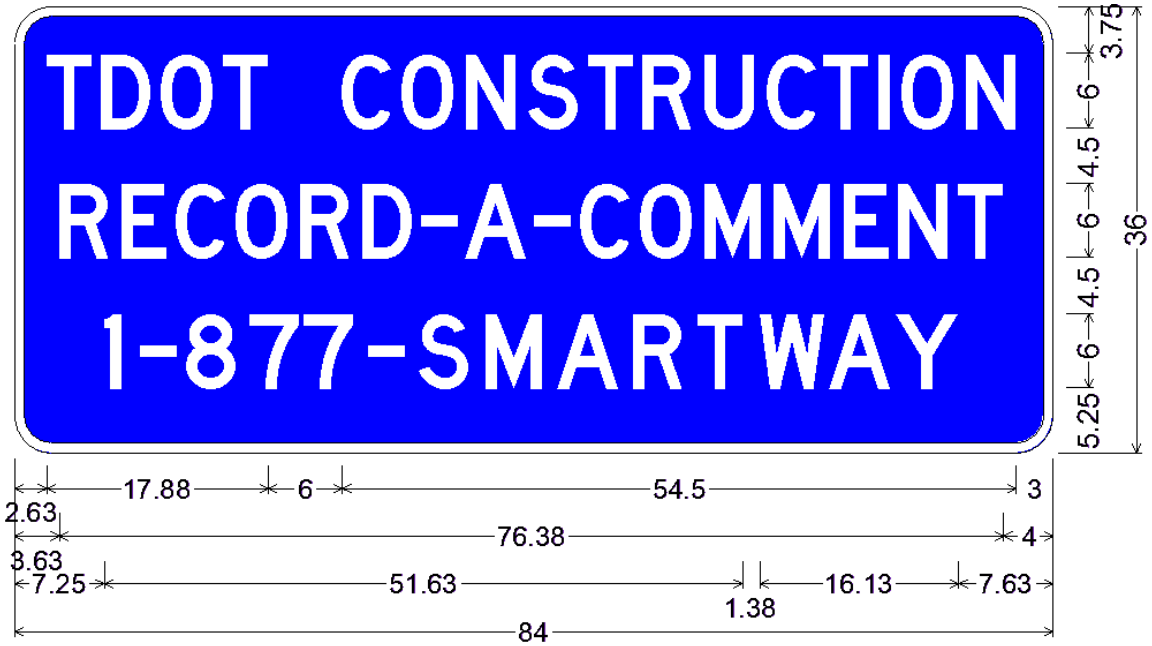
3.00" Radius, 1.25" Border, White on Blue;
"TDOT CONSTRUCTION" E 70% spacing; "RECORD-A-COMMENT" E 80% spacing;
"1-877-SMART" E; "WAY" E;

TN-55a
96" x 48"
Standard

Specifications
Color: Legend and Border ……...Silver-White (Retroreflectorized sign)
Background……..Blue (Retroreflectorized sign)

Record-A-Comment Sign (TN-55b Conventional Highways)

The RECORD-A-COMMENT sign intended to be used on all state route construction projects. It should be placed approximately 500' to 1000' past the "END ROAD WORK" sign on the right side of the highway.



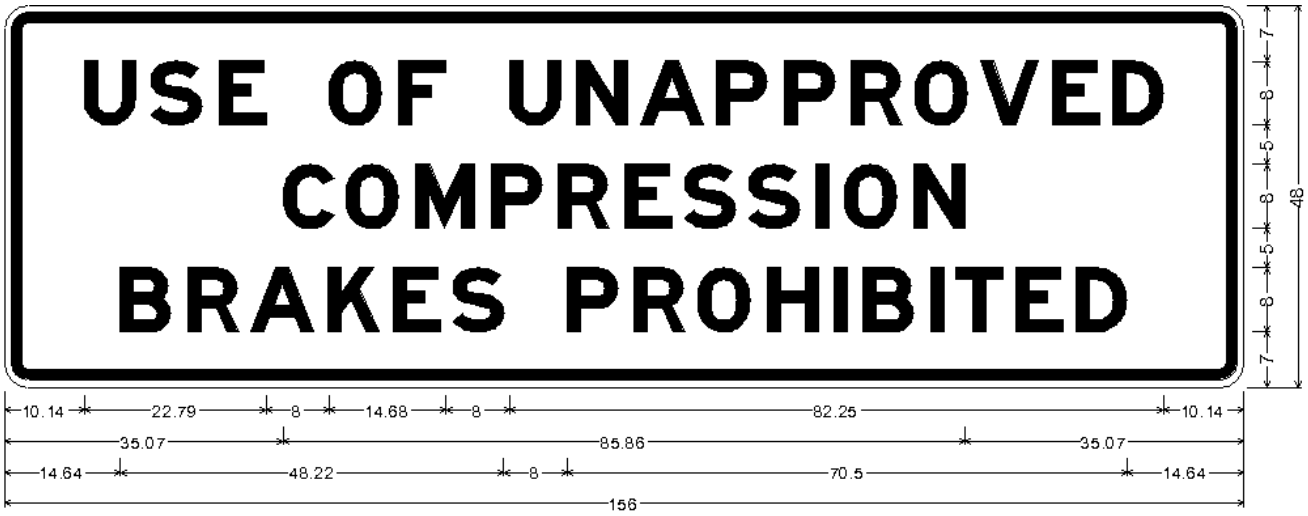
3.00" Radius, 0.75" Border, White on Blue;
"TDOT CONSTRUCTION" D 70% spacing;
"RECORD-A-COMMENT" D 70% spacing; "1-877-SMART" D; "WAY" D;

TN-55b
84" x 36"
Standard

Specifications
Color: Legend and Border ……...Silver-White (Retroreflectorized sign)
Background……..Blue (Retroreflectorized sign)

Compression Brake Prohibited Signs (TN-58A)

The COMPRESSION BRAKE PROHIBITED SIGN is intended to be used along those sections of freeways or expressways highway in compliance with Public Chapter 405 where the department has determined that the use of this sign is appropriate.



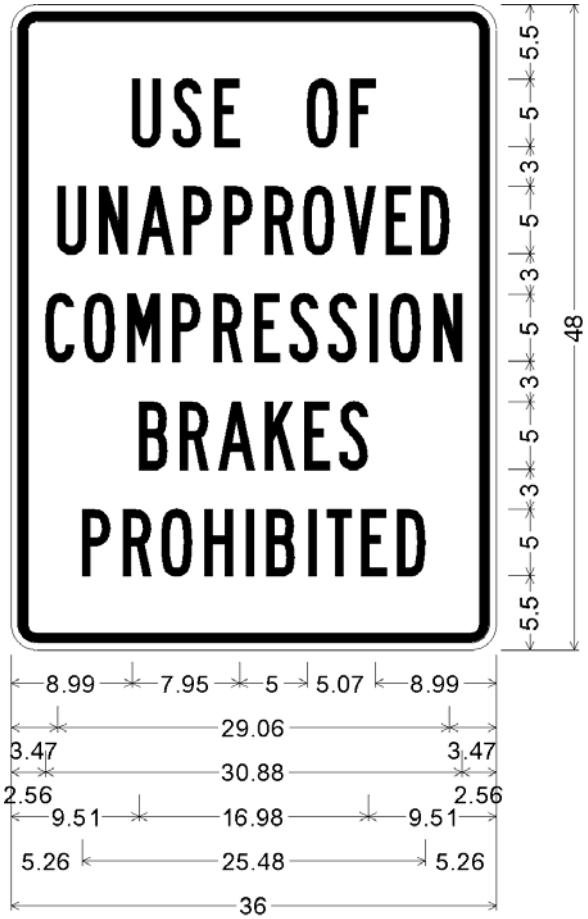
3.00" Radius, 1.30" Border, 0.90" Indent, Black on White;
"USE OF UNAPPROVED" E Mod; "COMPRESSION" E Mod; "BRAKES PROHIBITED" E Mod;

TN-58A
156" x 54"
Standard

Specifications
Color: Legend and Border ……...Black (Retroreflectorized sign)
Background……..White (Retroreflectorized sign)

Compression Brake Prohibited Signs (TN-58B)

The COMPRESSION BRAKE PROHIBITED SIGN is intended to be used along those sections of a conventional highway in compliance with Public Chapter 405 where the department has determined that the use of this sign is appropriate.



1.88" Radius, 0.75" Border, 0.50" Indent, Black on White;
"USE OF" B; "UNAPPROVED" B;
"COMPRESSION" B; "BRAKES" B;
"PROHIBITED" B;

TN-58b
36" x 48"
Standard

Specifications
Color: Legend and Border ……...Black (Retroreflectorized sign)
Background……..White (Retroreflectorized sign)

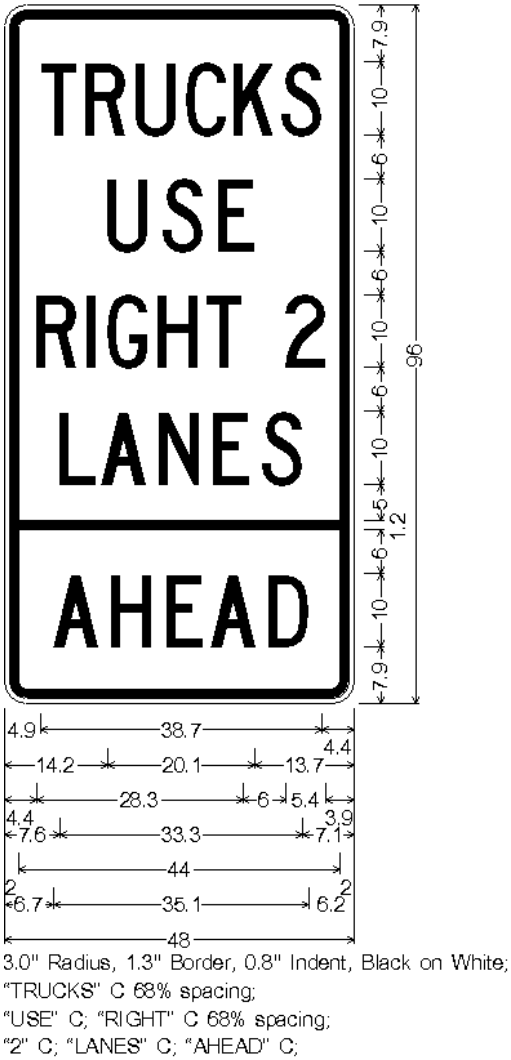
Reserved – (TN-59)

TN-59
Reserved

Specifications N/A

Restricted Truck Lane Signs (TN-60A-F)

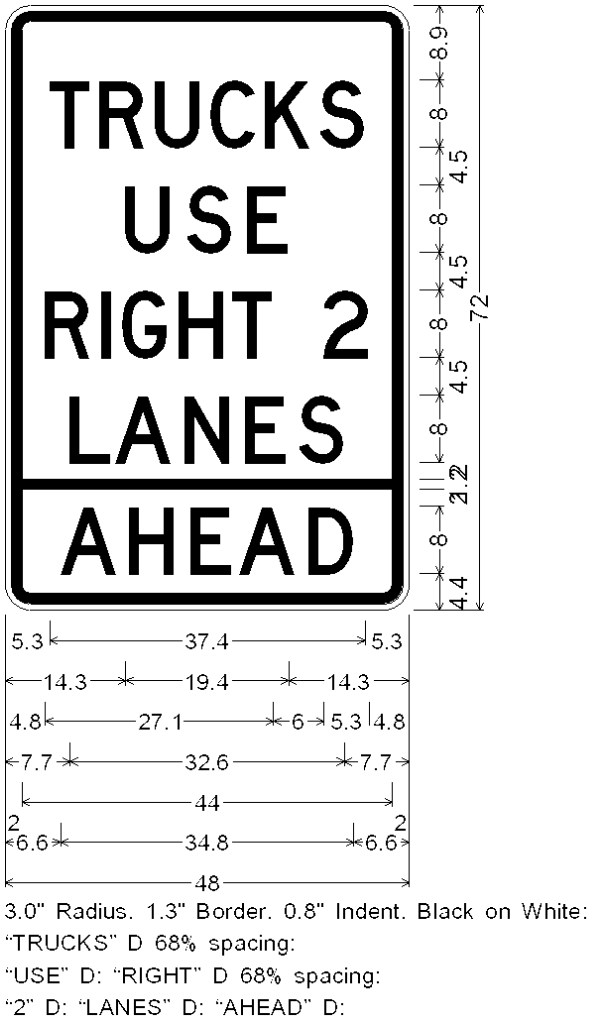
The Restricted Truck Lane sign is intended for advanced notification on freeways with three (3) or more lanes where it had been determined by the Department that such highway section shall restrict trucks to the right two (2) lanes. Trucks are defined for the purposes of the use of this sign as those vehicles that fit the category of "Commercial Motor Vehicle" as described by T.C.A. 55-50-102 section 12.



TN-60A
48" x 96
Advance Shoulder Sign

Specifications
Color: Legend and Border ……...Black (non-Retroreflectorized sign)
Background……..White (Retroreflectorized sign)

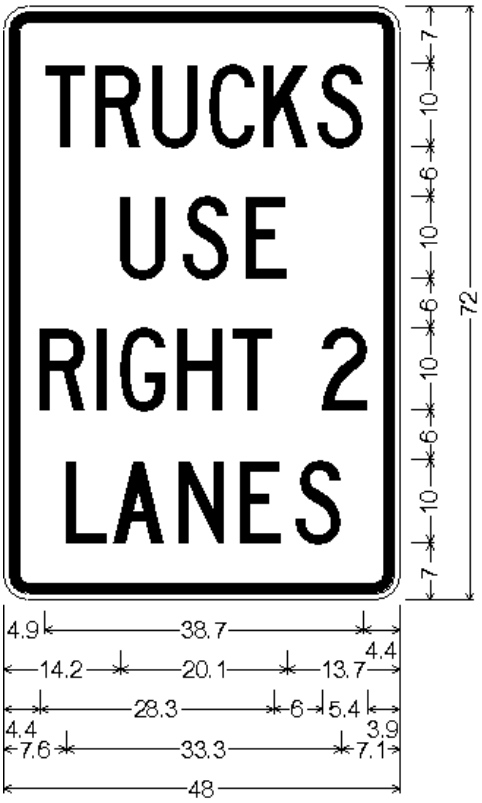
Restricted Truck Lane Signs (TN-60B)



TN-60B
48" x 72
Advance Median-Barrier Mounted Sign

Specifications
Color: Legend and Border ……...Black (non-Retroreflectorized sign)
Background……..White (Retroreflectorized sign)

Restricted Truck Lane Signs (TN-60C)



3.0" Radius, 1.3" Border, 0.8" Indent, Black on White;
"TRUCKS" C 68% spacing;
"USE" C; "RIGHT" C 68% spacing;
"2" C; "LANES" C;

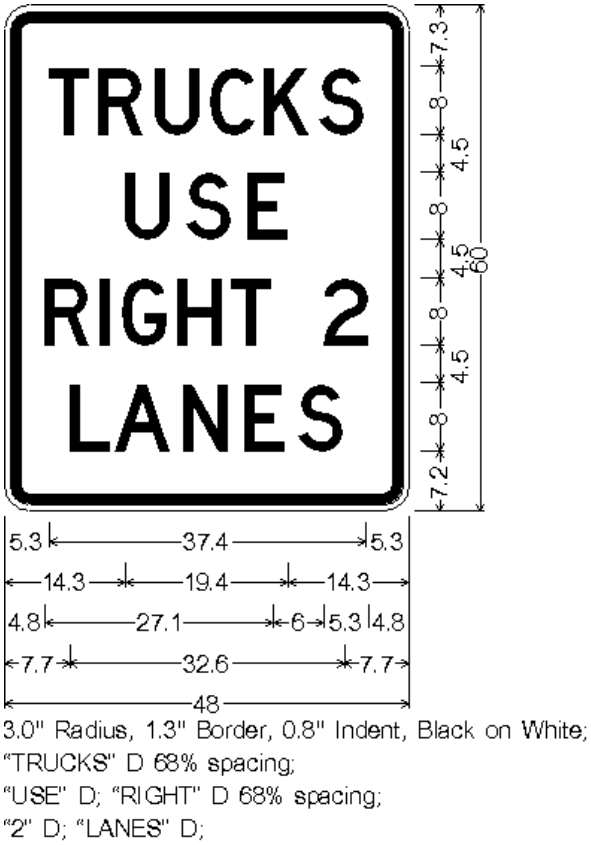
TN-60C
48" x 72
Begin/Confirm Shoulder Sign

Specifications

Color: Legend and Border ……...Black (non-Retroreflectorized sign)

Background…….. Silver-White (Retroreflectorized sign)

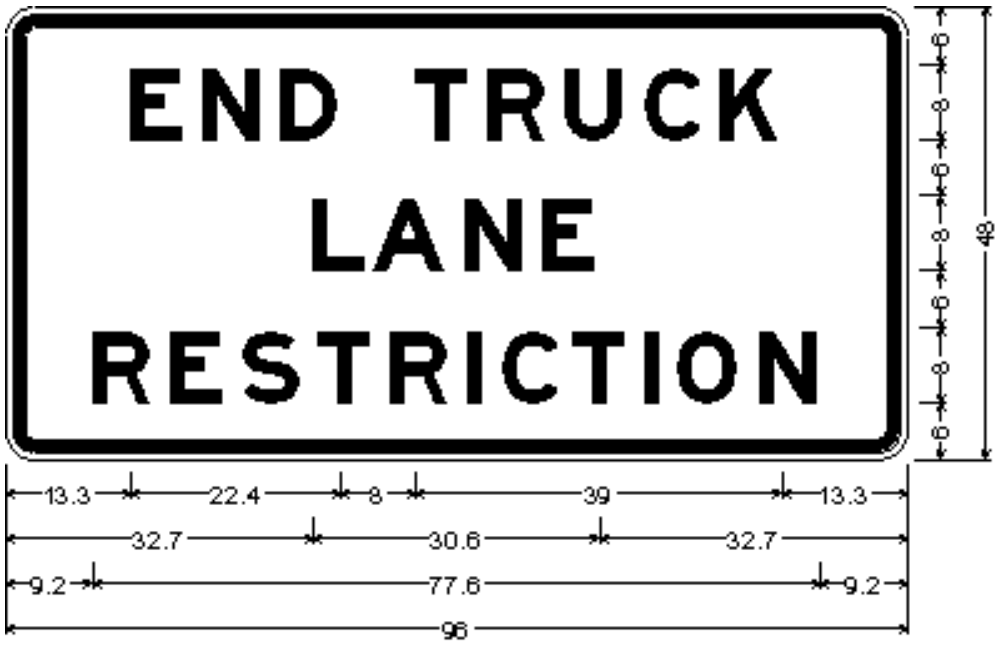
Restricted Truck Lane Signs (TN-60D)



TN-60D
48” x 60
Begin/Confirm Median-Barrier Mounted Sign

Specifications
Color: Legend and Border ……...Black (non-Retroreflectorized sign)
Background……..White (Retroreflectorized sign)

Restricted Truck Lane Signs (TN-60E)

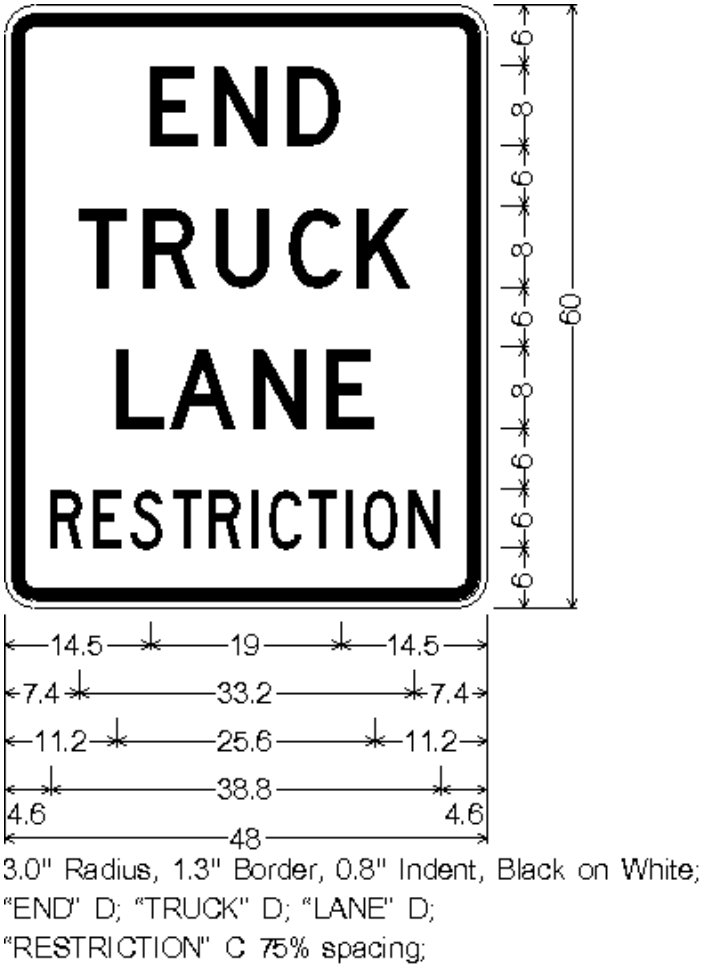


3.0" Radius, 1.3" Border, 0.8" Indent, Black on White;
"END TRUCK" E Mod; "LANE" E Mod; "RESTRICTION" E Mod;

TN-60E
96” x 48
End Shoulder Sign

Specifications
Color: Legend and Border ……...Black (non-Retroreflectorized sign)
Background……..White (Retroreflectorized sign)

Restricted Truck Lane Signs (TN-60F)

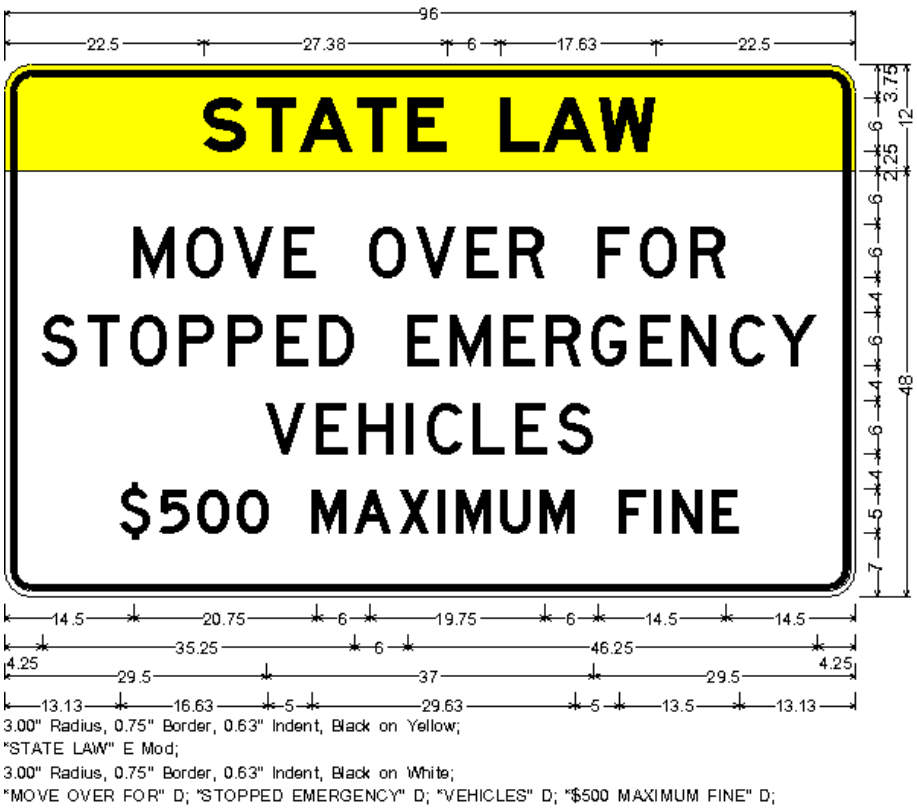


TN-60F
48” x 60
End Median-Barrier Mounted Sign

Specifications
Color: Legend and Border ……...Black (non-Retroreflectorized sign)
Background……..White (Retroreflectorized sign)

Move Over Sign (TN-61)

The MOVE OVER sign is intended for advanced notification on freeways to inform motorist of the requirement to move over when encountering stationary emergency vehicles consistent with T.C.A. 55-8-132 and the TDOT Move-Over Signing Guidelines.



TN-61
60” x 96
Advance Shoulder Sign

Specifications
Color: Legend and Border ……...Black (non-Retroreflectorized sign)
Background……..White (Retroreflectorized sign)

511 Travel Info Sign (TN-62-A will no longer be used and is to be replaced by MUTCD standard D12-5)

The 511 Travel Info Sign is intended to advise drivers of the availability of the Departments 511 Travel Information System along the primary interstate system.

TN-62-a
72" x 96"
511 Travel Info Sign

Specifications
Color: Legend and Border ……...White (Retroreflectorized)
Background……..Blue (Retroreflectorized)

511 Travel Info Sign (TN-62-B will no longer be used and is to be replaced by MUTCD standard D12-5)

The 511 Travel Info Sign is intended to advise drivers of the availability of the Departments 511 Travel Information System along the US Highways, SR's and Rest Areas

TN-62b
60" 72"
Shoulder Sign

Specifications
Color: Legend and Border ……...White (-Retroreflectorized
Background……..Blue (Retroreflectorized

Reserved (TN-63)

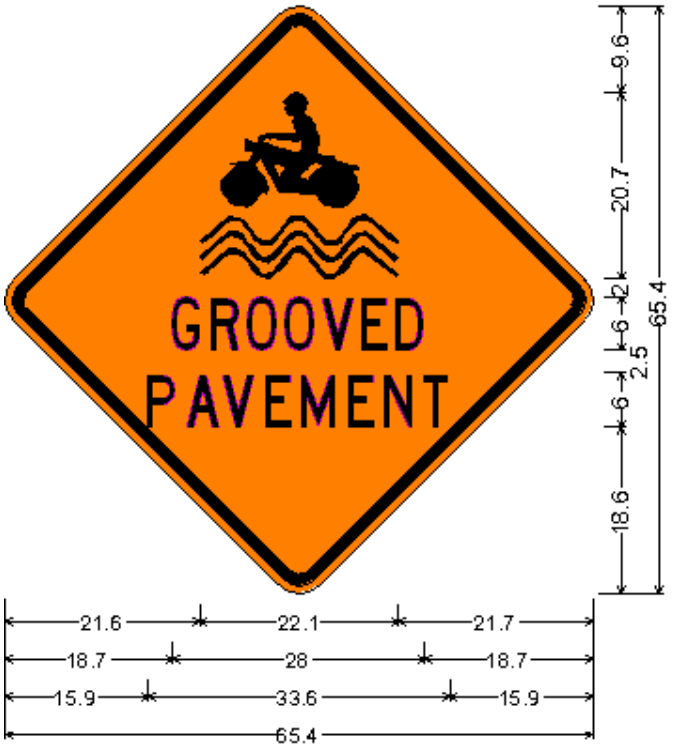
TN-63
Reserved

Specifications N/A

Grooved Pavement Sign (TN-64) **The Grooved Pavement (TN-15 VOID) will no longer be used and is to be replaced by MUTCD Standard sign W8-15P with Motorcycle Plaque Sign.**

The sign is intended to advise motorcyclist of temporary uneven and/or milled pavement surfaces in construction work zones.

TN-64



W21-1 MIN;
48.0" across sides 3.0" Radius, 1.3" Border, 0.8" Indent, Black on Orange;
"GROOVED" C 72% spacing; "PAVEMENT" C;

TN-64
48" x 48"
Standard

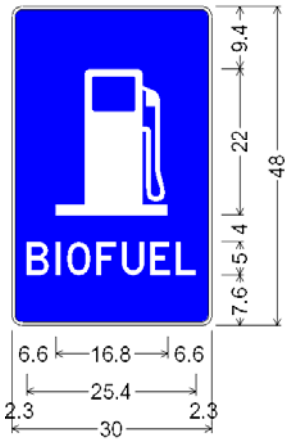
Specifications
Color: Legend and Border ……...Black (non-Retroreflectorized sign)
Background……..Orange (Retroreflectorized sign)

Biofuel Sign (TN-65)

The BIOFUEL sign is intended to advise motorist of the availability of Biofuel at a particular interstate interchange. The Biofuel sign will be installed at those locations where the Specific Service Sign Program for Gas is present and the service provider is qualified under the current regulations of the Specific Service Sign Program and elects to participate in the program. The sign is to be installed only when B20 or E85 biofuels are available and the service provider has properly displayed such fuels on their business logo panel. The sign will be installed on the top left of mainline interstate signs and the top of the ramp sign on the side nearest the ramp.

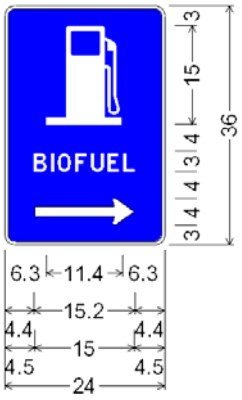
TN-65

Mainline



D9-7 MIN;
1.5" Radius, 0.5" Border, White on Blue;
Symbol RM060;
"BIOFUEL" D 80% spacing;

ramp



D9-7 MIN;
1.5" Radius, 0.5" Border, White on Blue;
Symbol RM060;
"BIOFUEL" D 80% spacing;
Standard Arrow Custom 15.0" X 8.1" 0°;

TN-65
ML: 48" x 30"
ramp: 36" x 24"

Specifications
Color: Legend and Border …….. Silver-White (Retroreflectorized sign)
Background……..Blue (Retroreflectorized sign)

Watershed Sign (TN-66A&B)

The Watershed sign is intended to advise motorist that they are entering a designated watershed area. And is classified as a MUTCD compliant General Information Sign (I-series)

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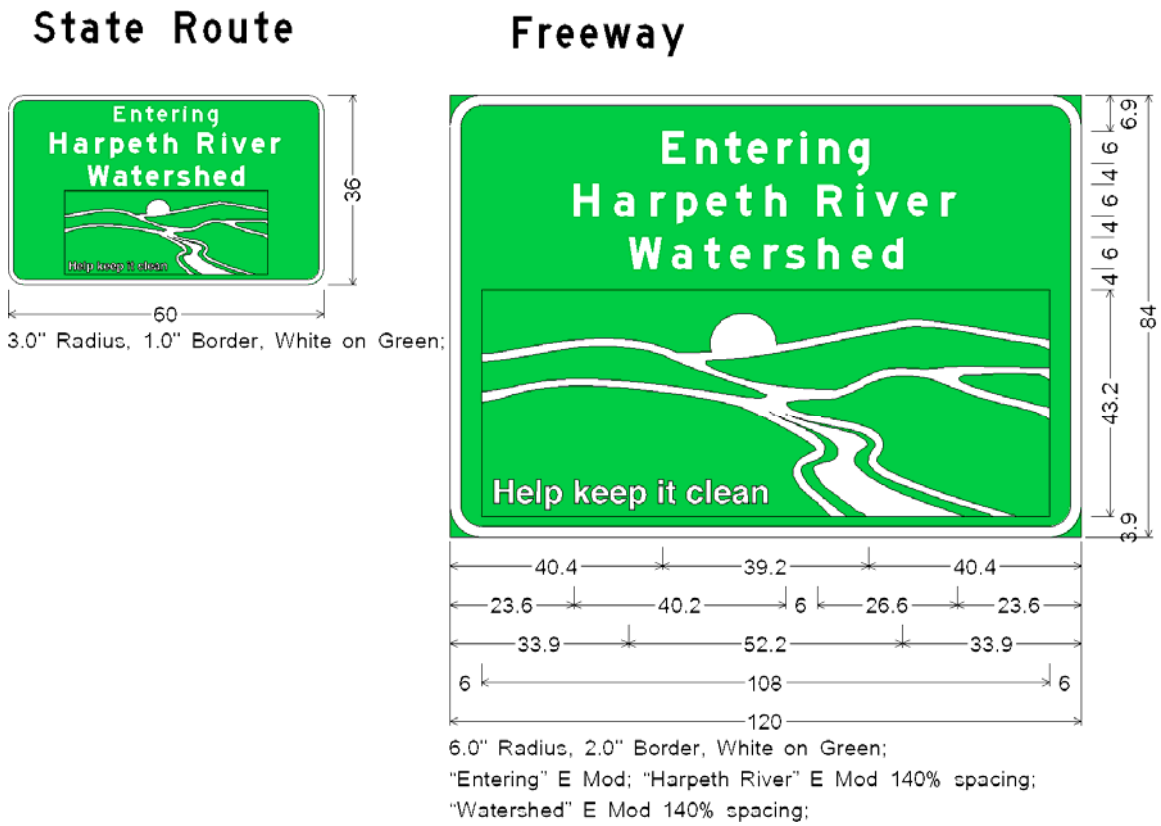
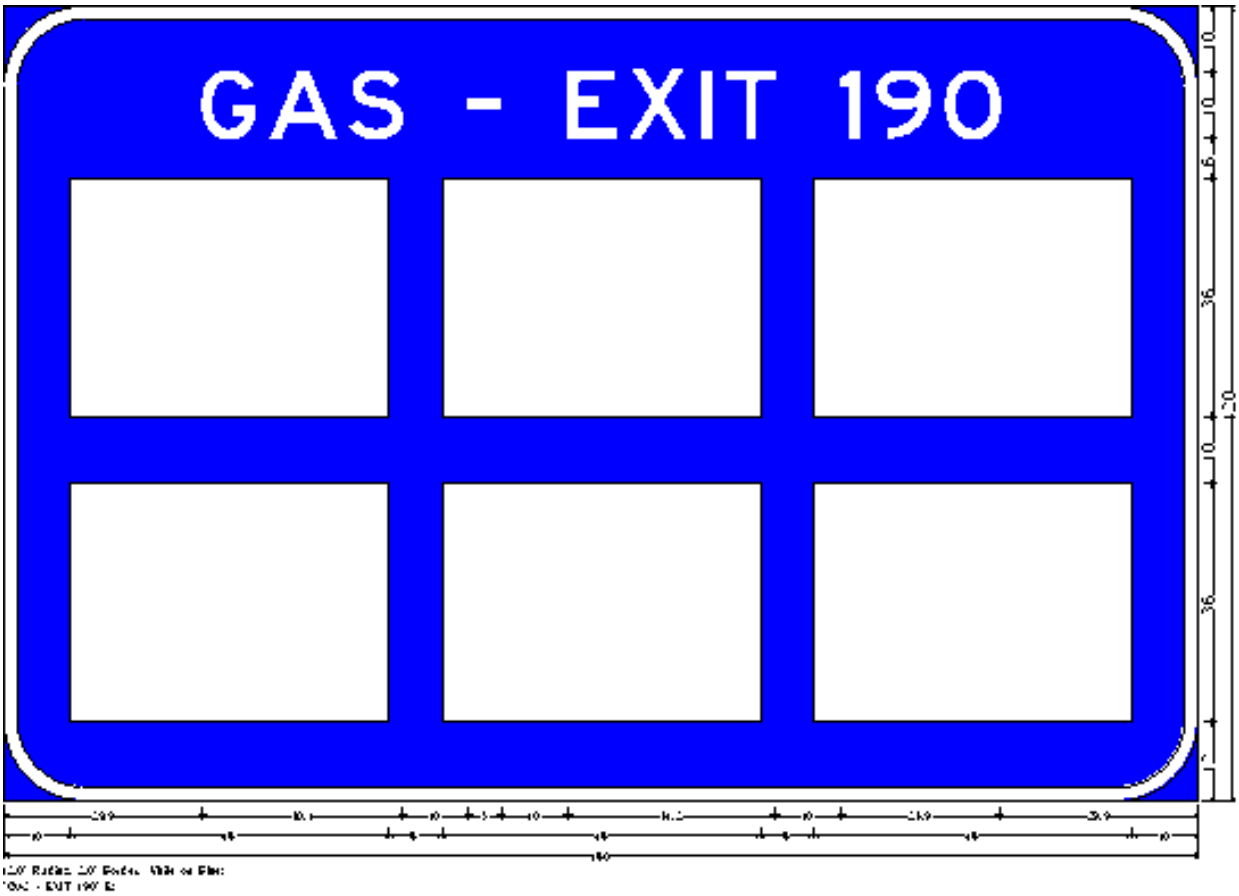


TN-66
ML: varies by on copy
ramp: varies based on copy

Specifications
Color: Legend and Border …….. Silver-White (Retroreflectorized sign)
Background……..Green (Retroreflectorized sign)

Tennessee LOGO Signs (TN-67-A, B, C)

The Logo Sign or Specific Service sign is to direct motorist to locations off the interstate for gas, food, lodging, camping, or attractions. There are several variations in this design for the mainline signs (A) and ramps (B). Trailblazer (C) signs are where the logo is on a post without a background board.



TN-67-A,B,C
A- Mainline: varies based number of panels
B- ramp: varies based number of panels
C- trailblazer varies based number of panels

Specifications
Color: Legend and Border …….. Silver-White (Retroreflectorized sign)
Background……..Blue (Retroreflectorized sign)

Tn-68 Civil War Trails

The Tennessee Civil war Trail Sign is intended to notify motorist who are following a designated TN Civil Trail they are nearing a civil war site. These signs are part of the TN. Dept of Tourism's Civil war Trail System and are fabricated by Tourism and installed by TDOT. TDOT sign shops are to charge all associated cost to the MMS special Civil War Trail Code.

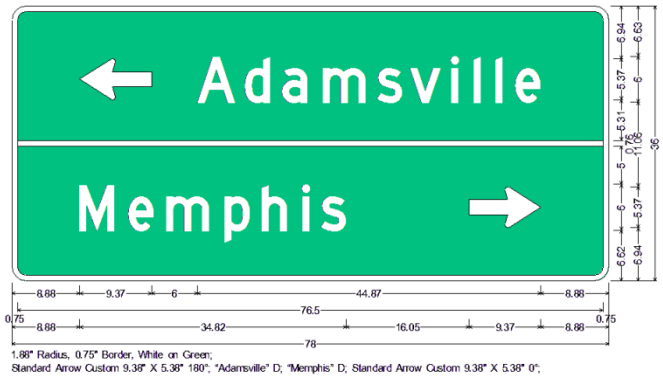
TN-68
18" x 48"
Standard

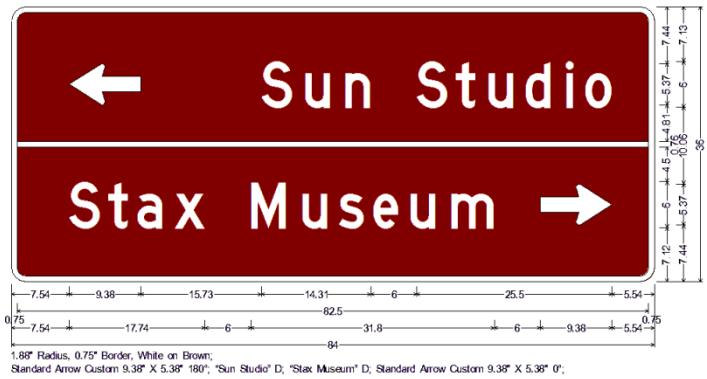
Specifications
Color: Legend and Border …….. Blue (Retroreflectorized sign)
Background……..Silver-White (Retroreflectorized sign)

Destination Signs on Conventional Highways-(design guide)

The DESTINATION sign is intended to carry the name of an incorporated city or other traffic generator located along a conventional highway were such signs qualify under the department's Rules for Supplemental Rules for Guide Signs on Freeways, Expressways and Conventional Highways; Chapter 1680-3-2.

Such signs are typically to be sized using a 6", standard "D" highway font, with all initial upper case lettering followed by lower case. Directional arrows for such signs shall be a Type 2 (signcad), 9.375" in length.





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Specifications

Color: Legend and Border ……...Silver-White (Retroreflectorized sign)

Background……..Green (Retroreflectorized sign)

Interstate Ramp Signs (design guide)

The INTERSTATE RAMP SIGN is intended to be used along the off-ramps of the interstate system in conjunction with supplemental interstate guide signs. Such signs are integral with the mainline interstate signs, and as such, should not be installed without the placement of the mainline signs. Ramp sign should be fabricated using 8” uppercase and 6” lowercase with E modified fonts.

6.0" Radius, 2.0" Border, White on Brown;
"Childrens Museum" E Mod; Standard Arrow Custom 12.3" X 7.1" 180°; "of Memphis" E Mod; "Sun Studio" E Mod;
Standard Arrow Custom 12.3" X 7.1" 0°;

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Specifications

Color: Legend and Border ……...Silver-White (Retroreflectorized sign)

Background…….Green/Brown (Retroreflectorized sign)

Supplemental Interstate Guide Signs (design guide)

The SUPPLEMENTAL INTERSTATE GUIDE SIGN is intended to be used along the mainline of the interstate system when certain special traffic generators qualify for such signs. Signs should be fabricated using 13.3” uppercase and corresponding 10” lowercase with E modified fonts.

Mainline exit panel widths should be 7’ for 1 digit, 8’ for 2 digits and 9’ for 3 digits.

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Background…….Green/Brown (Retroreflectorized sign)

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