

DRIVER TRAINING COURSE

News and modifications starting from
1 January 2016

(Decree no. 294/2015 Coll. and Act no. 268/2015 Coll.)



What has been changed?

The new Decree no. 294/2015 Coll. implementing the rules for traffic on roads with effect from 1 January 2016 cancels and replaces Decree no. 30/2001 Coll. regulating traffic signs. The Highway Code has also been amended by Act no. 268/2015 Coll. with effect from 31 December 2015.

The substance of the modifications

The new decree brings in new traffic signs and cancels some current ones or modifies them. Another benefit is a well-arranged specification of the meanings, designs and use of traffic signs and devices directly next to pictures of them.

Validity of current traffic signs and devices

The current and new traffic signs and devices will be used simultaneously until the end of 2025.



Cancelled traffic signs

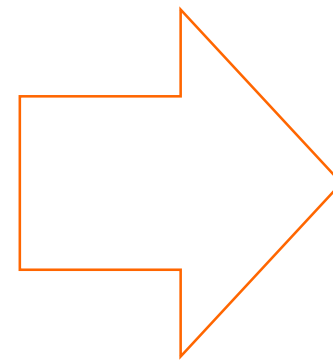


Some traffic signs that were not used or had the same meaning as other similar traffic signs have been cancelled.



Simple modifications

OLD



NEW



Some modifications only represent cosmetic changes and you will get used to them easily.



Modified speed limits on motorways



Motorway
110 km/h



Highway
130 km/h



Act no. 268/2015 Coll., which comes into effect starting from 31 December 2015, implements a new concept of a highway system.

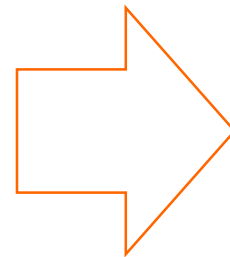
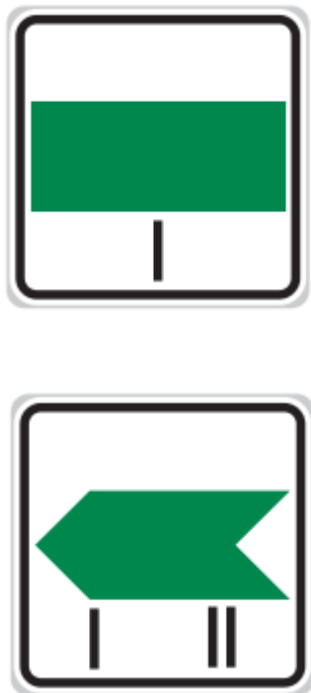
The majority of the current expressways have been converted into highways.

The "Motorway" traffic sign has been provided for roads on which it is suitable to reduce the driving of non-motor vehicles and increase the speed limit to **110 km/h** in this connection.

PLEASE NOTE! It means, in comparison with the current practices, that the speed limit on motorways is **REDUCED** to **110 km/h**.

Significant modifications




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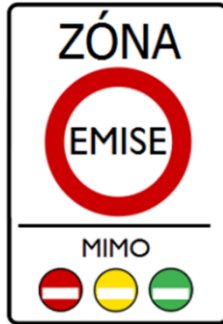
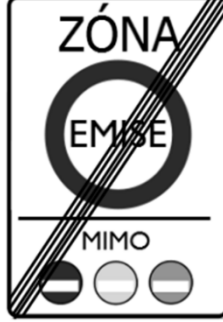
DESCRIPTION

IP 1a		<p>Highway ring road</p> <p>This traffic sign stands for a ring road built for the purpose of going around a town or village.</p> <p>Its bottom part shows the name of the respective ring road or its order number in the form of Roman numerals, gradually from the centre of the respective municipality. The colours of the traffic sign may vary.</p>  <p>The direction of the ring road may be marked on a highway or motorway using a symbol and the name of the ring road placed on an attachment above the respective part of a large-screen informative directional sign.</p> <p> Městský okruh - Municipal ring road</p>
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Some signs have undergone significant changes, e.g. the "Bypass road".



Selected points of interest – Emission zones




<p>IZ 9a</p>		<p>Emission zone</p> <p>This traffic sign marks an area, particularly part of a municipality, in which the driving of vehicles that do not meet special emission conditions is restricted.</p> <p>The bottom part of the traffic sign shows a symbol specifying which vehicles are allowed to drive in the zone or even in which period of time.</p>
<p>IZ 9b</p>		<p>End of emission zone</p> <p>This traffic sign is placed at the end of emission zones.</p> <p>This traffic sign may be placed at the exit from the emission zone, even only on the left-hand side of the road on the back of the “Emission zone” traffic sign.</p>

Emission zones may be established by towns and villages.

Vehicles may drive into an emission zone only with the relevant emission sticker.

According to the most recent information, the implementation of emission zones in the Czech Republic is planned starting from 2017. Prague also plans to establish emission zones.

Selected points of interest






<p>B 4</p>		<p>No entry for lorries</p> <p>This traffic sign does not allow lorries, trailers or semi-trailers and special vehicles to drive past it. This traffic sign does not apply to camper vans.</p> <p>If another value of the total weight (in tonnes) is specified on the traffic sign under the lorry symbol, the sign applies to vehicles with a total weight exceeding that value.</p> 
<p>B 32</p>		<p>Other ban</p> <p>This traffic sign represents a ban other than that which can be expressed by other traffic signs. The ban is formulated by a suitable notice or selected symbol specified inside a red circle.</p> <p>If the notice “No through road” is mentioned on the traffic sign, the driver must not drive into a section marked in this way. Such reasons do not include going around a complicated traffic situation or shortening one’s route.</p> <p>If there is a notice reading “CNG” or “LPG” or another notice specifying the type of fuel a vehicle uses on the traffic sign, vehicles powered in this way must not drive along the road section thus marked.</p>

The "No entry for lorries" traffic sign applies newly without specification of the maximum permitted weight, unless it is specified on the traffic sign.

This ban does not apply to camper vans.

Going around a complicated traffic situation or shortening a route **DO NOT** create a reason for entering a section marked with the **NO THROUGH ROAD** sign.

Selected new traffic signs

A 14		<p>Wild animals</p> <p>This traffic sign draws attention to a place or section of a road with the frequent occurrence of wild animals on the road.</p> <p>Other symbols of a suitable wild animal may be used for the traffic sign.</p>
A 34		<p>Waterfront</p> <p>This traffic sign draws attention to a road section leading to an unprotected waterfront or the bank of a body of water.</p>
P 1		<p>Intersection with a minor road</p> <p>This traffic sign draws attention to an intersection outside a municipality and marks the main road. It is possible that only the left  or right  connection may be displayed on the traffic sign. In the event of a complicated intersection or an intersection with a main road in a direction other than straight ahead, a suitable additional sign specifying the shape of the intersection is added under this traffic sign.</p>

Suitable symbols of wild animals may be used on the **ANIMALS** traffic sign.





WATERFRONT draws attention to a communication leading to an unprotected waterfront or the bank of a body of water.

Newly, it is possible that only the left or right connection may be displayed.

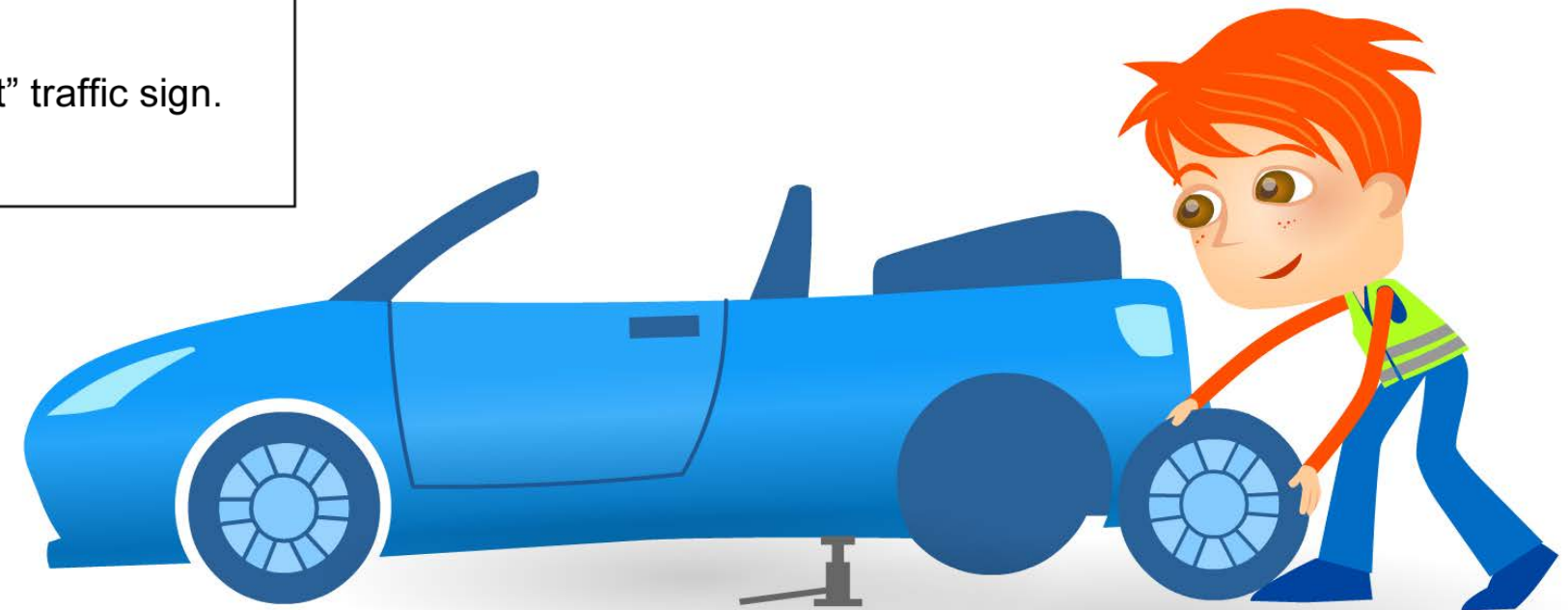


Modification of the period of validity of the "Winter equipment" traffic sign


<p>C 15a</p>		<p>Winter equipment</p> <p>This traffic sign orders drivers of motor vehicles in the M or N categories to continue driving only if they meet the conditions stipulated by the Traffic Act for driving vehicles in winter, regardless of the date and current or forecast weather.</p> <p>An additional sign may be placed under this traffic sign stating different times for required use.</p>
<p>C 15b</p>		<p>Winter equipment – end</p> <p>This traffic sign ends the validity of the "Winter equipment" traffic sign.</p>

If no period of validity is stated under the **WINTER EQUIPMENT** traffic sign, it is valid for the whole year.

Thus, the period of validity from 1 November till 31 March has been cancelled.



New specification of terms

<p>E 13</p>		<p>Another text or symbol (EXCEPT FOR SUPPLY SERVICE)</p> <p>This traffic sign represents a ban other than that which can be expressed by other traffic signs. The ban is formulated by a suitable notice or selected symbol specified inside a red circle.</p> <p>If the notice “No through road” is mentioned on the traffic sign, the driver must not drive into a section marked in this way. Such reasons do not include going around a complicated traffic situation or shortening one’s route.</p> <p>If there is a notice reading “CNG” or “LPG” or another notice specifying the type of fuel a vehicle uses on the traffic sign, vehicles powered in this way must not drive along the road section thus marked.</p>
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SUPPLY VEHICLE

A vehicle providing supply services or medical, repair, maintenance, municipal and similar services and vehicles transporting a seriously handicapped person.

TRANSPORT SERVICE

A vehicle providing supply services or medical, repair, maintenance, municipal and similar services and vehicles transporting a seriously handicapped person and vehicles of which the drivers or operators have their place of residence or garage in a place marked with this traffic sign.

Safe following distance

<p>IP 31</p>		<p>Safe following distance</p> <p>This sign in connection with the respective road sign “Safe following distance” provides drivers with the basic information regarding the recommended safe following distance between vehicles driving in a line.</p> <p>This sign provides information on the number of markings that a driver should see in the space behind the vehicle driving in front in relation to the maximum speed limit or other marked speed or other circumstances (e.g. fog, rain etc.).</p>
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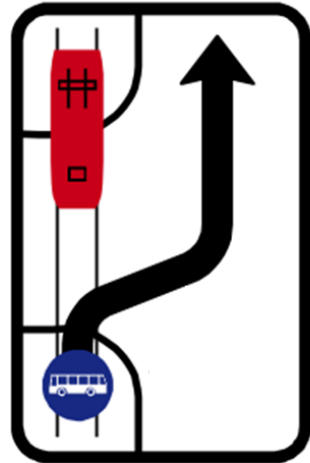
One of the most frequent causes of traffic accidents is non-observance of the safe following distance.

Drive safely.

Road marking for safe following distance.



Vehicles leaving a tram lane

<p>IP 23c</p>		<p>Public transport vehicles leaving tram lanes</p> <p>This sign marks the place where particularly buses leave a tram lane and notifies drivers that it is necessary to give way to a vehicle leaving the tram lane.</p>
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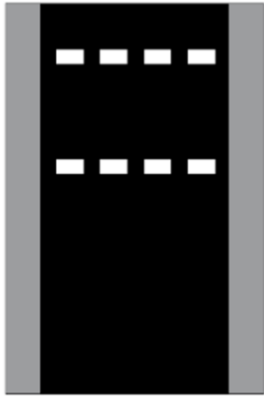
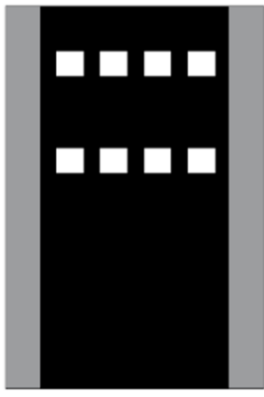


Be careful and anticipate!

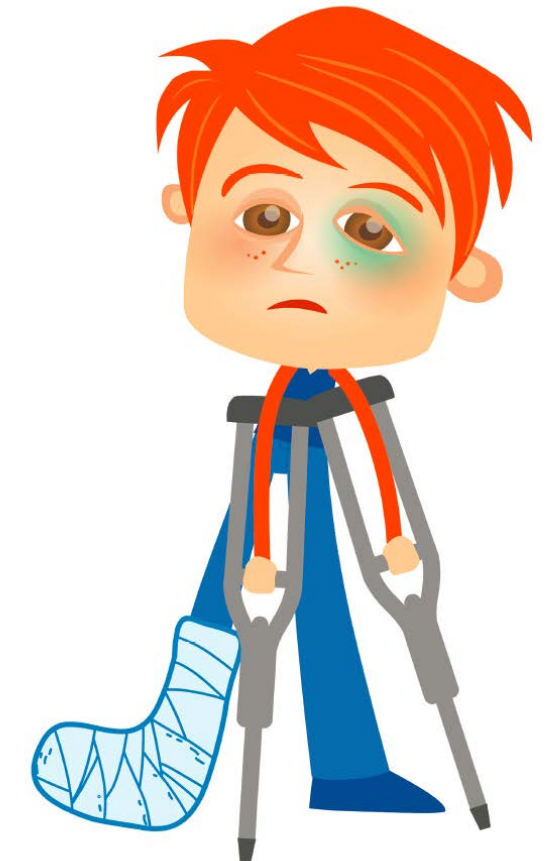
If you see this sign, you have to give way to a public transport vehicle leaving a tram lane!



Place for pedestrians to cross and places for cyclists to cross

V 7b		<p>Place for pedestrians to cross</p> <p>This sign marks a place that is adjusted for pedestrians to cross the road.</p>
V 8a		<p>Place for cyclists to cross</p> <p>This sign marks a place that is determined for cyclists to cross the road.</p>


NEW!



Be careful about this new horizontal marking for a **PLACE FOR PEDESTRIANS TO CROSS**, which is similar to a place for cyclists to cross.

Neither in the a **PLACE FOR PEDESTRIANS TO CROSS** nor in a **PLACE FOR CYCLISTS TO CROSS** does the pedestrian's or cyclist's right of way apply in a similar way to on a **PEDESTRIAN CROSSING!**

Verge marker

Z 11e		Verge marker (green, rounded) This marker is used for directing the traffic and for highlighting the longitudinal line of continual horizontal traffic marking.
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Particularly larger Czech towns have started to be flooded with these green and white columns, so their precise meaning should be mentioned here.

Thank you for your attention! And drive carefully!

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