

Teaching The
MISSISSIPPI DRIVER'S MANUAL

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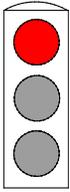
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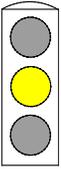
TRAFFIC SIGNALS MDM-Pg 36

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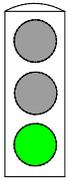


A **RED LIGHT** means you must stop and stay stopped until the light turns green.

Right turns are permitted on red after stopping, Except when there is a sign saying “No Right Turn on Red”. When turning right on red, you must yield to any oncoming traffic.



A **YELLOW LIGHT** is warning you that the light is turning from green to red. If you can stop safely, you need to stop. Going across on a yellow light when you have plenty of time to stop is dangerous and could cause an accident.

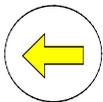


A **GREEN LIGHT** means you can go if it is safe to do so. You must first, however, yield the right-of-way to pedestrians (people on foot) and other vehicles still in the intersection.

Left Turns on a green light. If you are turning left, you must yield to all oncoming traffic.



A **RED ARROW** means you must stop and stay stopped (not make your turn) until the arrow turns green.



A **YELLOW ARROW** may appear after a green arrow. It means you must stop if you can safely do so. It applies (or is for) only the lane indicated by the arrow.

PAINTED CROSSWALKS MDM Pg-48

Read this section on the bottom of page 48

Painted crosswalks are placed at intersections and other locations where there is regular pedestrian traffic. You must never stop your car on any part of a crosswalk. Pedestrians using crosswalks should check in both directions before crossing the street.



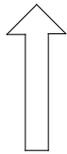
REVIEW

Cover the words next to each arrow with a piece of paper.
Tell the name of the arrow &
tell what you should do if you see this arrow on the road.

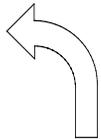
PAVEMENT DIRECTIONAL ARROWS MDM Pg-48

Read this section on page 48

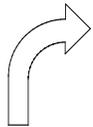
Pavement arrows mark the directions of traffic movement. When you approach intersections marked by directional arrows, look for the arrow which marks the lane you want to follow. If you get in the wrong lane, keep going in that lane until it is safe to turn off and get back on the correct street or highway. If you are on a lane marked by double-headed arrows, it means that the lane is for traffic going in the two directions indicated.



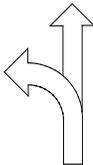
STRAIGHT ARROW: Means move straight ahead only. You may not turn to either the right or to the left.



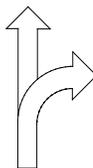
LEFT ARROW: Means that you may only turn to the left.



RIGHT ARROW: Means that you may only turn to the right.



STRAIGHT & LEFT ARROW: Means that you may either go straight or turn to the left.

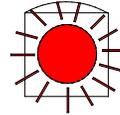


STRAIGHT & RIGHT ARROW: Means that you may either go straight or turn to the right.



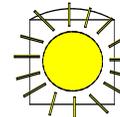
A **GREEN ARROW** pointing right or left means you may make a turn in the direction of the arrow, if you are in the proper lane for such a turn.

Before you turn, you must yield the right-of-way to any vehicles and pedestrians within the intersection.



A **RED "FLASHING" LIGHT** means you must come to a complete stop.

Understand that a red flashing light does not change from red to yellow to green and then back to red. It just always flashes red. It is telling you to stop and stay stopped until the way is clear and there are no cars coming.



A **YELLOW "FLASHING" LIGHT** means you must slow down and be careful before going through the intersection.

Understand that a yellow flashing light does not change from yellow to red and then to green. It just always flashes yellow. It is telling you to slow down, look around and be careful when you go through the intersection. If you have a yellow flashing light, the other guy should have a red flashing light. So he should stop and let you go through.

REVIEW

Cover the words next to each signal with a piece of paper and tell: **the name of the signal & what you should do if you see this signal.**

A Red Light means ...

A Yellow Light means ...

A Green Light means ...

A Red Arrow means ...

A Yellow Arrow means ...

A Green Arrow means ...

A Red Flashing Light means ...

A Yellow Flashing Light means ...

LANE DIRECTION CONTROL MDM-Pg 37

Read the section on the Top of Page 37

PEDESTRIAN CROSSING MDM-Pg 37

If you are trying to walk across a street, and there are signal lights saying WALK & DON'T WALK, then



Leave the curb to cross the street.

“Flashing” don’t leave the curb but complete crossing.

Do not leave the curb.

RAILROAD GRADE CROSSING MDM-Pg 37 - 39

Read this section carefully on pages 37 - 39.

Read this section carefully.

Remember:

- What a rail road warning sign looks like and the different types of signals and gates that may be at a rail road crossing.
- Always look, listen and slow down at a railroad crossing. Don’t take a chance and try to beat a train across a track. It may cost you your life.
- A school buss with even one child, a vehicle for hire carrying passengers and a vehicle carrying explosives or flammable liquids MUST STOP within 10 to 50 feet of the outer rail of any crossing.

BROKEN YELLOW LINE NEXT TO A SOLID YELLOW LINE



Separates lanes moving in opposite directions. Passing with caution is permitted next to the broken line, but passing is forbidden next to the solid line.

DOUBLE SOLID YELLOW LINE



Separates lanes moving in opposite directions where passing is forbidden in both directions.

Some basic things to remember:

White lines mark lanes that are traveling in the same direction.

Yellow lines mark lanes that are traveling in opposite directions.

Crossing a single white line is discouraged.

Crossing a double white line is forbidden.

If you have a **yellow broken line on your side** of the road, you can pass with caution.

If you have a **solid yellow line on your side** of the road you may not pass or cross the yellow line.

REVIEW

What is the difference between a broken white line and a broken yellow line?

What is the difference between a single white line and a double white line?

What is the difference between a broken yellow line on your side of the road and a solid yellow line on your side of the road?

PAVEMENT MARKINGS MDM Pg-47-48

Read this section on page 47

Markings on the road including center lines, lane lines & directional arrows help you drive safely. You must observe these markings at all times and comply with them.

LANE LINES, CENTER LINES, BARRIER LINES

Read this section on page 47

BROKEN WHITE LINE



Marks the edge of a lane where travel in the same direction is permitted on both sides of the line.

BROKEN YELLOW LINE



Marks the left edge of a lane where travel on the other side is moving in the opposite direction.

SOLID WHITE LINE



Marks the edge of a lane where traffic in the same direction is permitted on both sides of the line, but crossing the line is discouraged.

DOUBLE SOLID WHITE LINE



Marks the edge of a traffic lane where travel in the same direction is permitted on both sides of the line, but crossing the line is forbidden.

SIGNS AND ROAD MARKINGS MDM-Pg 39

Read this section on page 39.

You must be able to recognize and obey: traffic signs, signals and road markings.

REVIEW

Cover the words next to each signal with a piece of paper and tell the name of the signal and what it means.

STANDARD SHAPES AND COLORS MDM-Pg 40

Read this section on page 40.

There are eight colors and eight shapes for traffic signs.

THE EIGHT (8) COLORS and their meaning.



RED: means Stop or Prohibition (Can't do it)



GREEN: Green signs indicate movements permitted and direction guidance.



BLUE: Motorist services guidance.



YELLOW: General warning signs.



BLACK & WHITE: Regulation signs.



SLOW MOVING VEHICLE SYMBOL

MDM Pg-46 Read this section on page 46



RECOGNIZE THIS SYMBOL

It identifies slow-moving vehicles like farm tractors that may travel on the road at speeds of 25 mph or less. It can save your life. Watch for it by day and night.

GUIDE SIGNS MDM-Pg 45
Read this section on page 45

ROUTE MARKERS

AUXILIARY MARKERS

DESTINATION AND DISTANCE MARKERS



(These signs provide you with information about destinations, directions and /or distances.)

INTERSTATE AND EXPRESSWAY MARKERS



ORANGE: Construction and maintenance warning.



BROWN: Public recreation and scenic guidance.

REVIEW

In Traffic Signs, “COLOR” has meaning. Often signs are warnings to help us drive safely and avoid an accident.

For example, this **yellow sign** means “the road ahead is slippery if it is wet. So you need to slow down and be careful.



This **red sign** means, “Do Not Enter”. If you do, you may be in the wrong lane and going head on into traffic. It is trying to prohibit or stop you from doing something that could be very dangerous.



A **Red colored sign** means ...

A **Yellow colored sign** means ...

A **Black & White colored sign** means ...

A **Orange colored sign** means ...

A **Blue colored sign** means ...

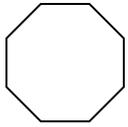
A **Brown colored sign** means ...

A **Green colored sign** means ...

REVIEW WITHOUT LOOKING

Cover the words next to each color square with a piece of paper and: **tell what the color means** &
give an example of a sign that would be this color.

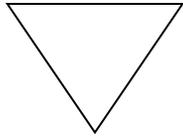
THE EIGHT (8) SHAPES and their meaning.



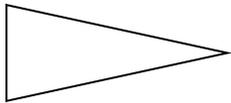
OCTAGON: (has eight sides) this shape is exclusively (always and only) a **STOP** sign.



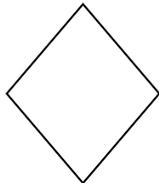
RECTANGLE, Horizontal: This shape is generally used for **GUIDE SIGNS**.



TRIANGLE, Equilateral: Equilateral means that all three (3) sides are the same length.) This shape is used only for **YIELD** signs.



PENNANT: Advanced warning of **NO PASSING ZONE**



DIAMOND: a **WARNING** sign. It could be telling you of existing or possible hazards, unsafe conditions, ahead. (some examples are ...)



Winding road ahead



Two-way traffic ahead



Workman ahead



TRAFFIC LIGHT AHEAD: There is a “Stop” and “Go” traffic light ahead. Get ready to stop if it turns yellow or if it is red.



LANES MERGE TOGETHER: Warning that two lanes are joining and vehicles will have to blend or merge into one lane.



DIVIDED HIGHWAY AHEAD: Traffic going in opposite directions will be separated by a median (piece of land) or object to keep them apart.



TWO-WAY TRAFFIC AHEAD: Traffic going in opposite directions will no longer be separated by a median. The cars will be next to each other separated by yellow lines marked on the road.



RIGHT LANE ENDS: If you are in the right lane you need to move over to the left lane because the right lane is going to end up ahead. If you are in the left lane watch out for cars moving into your lane and make space for them.



LEFT LANE ENDS: If you are in the left lane you need to move over to the right lane because the left lane is going to end up ahead.

REVIEW

Cover the words next to each sign with a piece of paper.
Tell the name of the sign &
tell what you should do if you see this sign on the road.

WARNING SIGNS MDM-Pg 43-44
 Read this section on pages 43-44

Warning signs are black & yellow. They warn you of conditions ahead which require you to use caution, slow down, and prepare to stop quickly.



RAILROAD CROSSING: You are nearing a railroad crossing. Use caution. Slow down, look and listen before crossing.



SCHOOL CROSSING; Watch out for and yield the right of way to children crossing the road on their way to school.



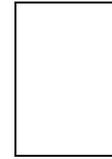
TWO-WAY ROAD: You are on a two-way road and you should keep to the right to avoid oncoming traffic.



WINDING ROAD AHEAD: Slow down and be careful because there are going to be some turns in the road ahead.



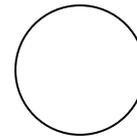
SLIPPERY ROAD AHEAD: The road ahead is slippery if it is wet. Slow down.



RECTANGLE, Vertical:
 Generally used for
Regulatory signs.



PENTAGON: (has 5 sides)
 Used for **School crossing signs** and
 for school advance warning.



ROUND: Railroad crossing
 advanced warning.



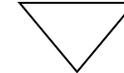
REVIEW

In Traffic Signs, “SHAPE” has meaning. Shapes have meanings, and if you know what the shape means, you may be able to tell what the sign means if you can only see the back of it. You may be looking at the back side of the other persons sign, and by the shape you know what he/she is seeing.

For example, this **shape** means ...



And this shape means ...



A Diamond shape means ...

A Round shape means ...

A Pentagon shape means ...

A Pennant shape means ...

A Rectangle, horizontal means... and vertical means ...

REVIEW WITHOUT LOOKING

Cover the words next to each shape with a piece of paper.

Tell what the shape means & give an example of a sign that would be this shape.

REGULATORY SIGNS MDM-Pg 41-42

Read this section on pages 41-42

Learn the regulatory signs on these two pages. You may want to draw them and then tell what they mean.



STOP : Come to a complete stop. After stopping you must yield to any traffic close enough to be a hazard.



YIELD RIGHT-OF-WAY: It means slow down so you can yield the right of way to vehicles on the roadway being entered.



NO PASSING ZONE: You must not pass any vehicle going in the same direction as you are, while you are in this area.



NO LEFT TURN: You must not make a left turn at this intersection.



HANDICAP PARKING ONLY: You can not park in a handicap zone unless you have affixed to the lower left corner of your license plate a handicap parking decal.



NO RIGHT TURN: You must not make a right turn at this intersection.



NO U TURN: You can not make a U turn. You can not turn around and go in the opposite direction.



NO TRUCKS ALLOWED: Trucks are not allowed on this street or highway.



KEEP RIGHT



KEEP LEFT



LEFT TURN ONLY



RIGHT TURN ONLY



DO NOT ENTER: This marks a one-way road with traffic coming against (towards) you. You must not enter the one-way road at this point.

REVIEW

Cover the words next to each sign with a piece of paper. Tell the name of the sign & tell what you should do or not do for this sign.