

Road Signs and Traffic Markings

**SIGNS ARE THE MOST COMMON
WAY IN JAPAN TO
COMMUNICATE TO THE DRIVERS
THE RULES OF THE ROAD**



Road Closed



**Road Closed for
Vehicles**



**No Parking or
Stopping**



No Parking



**No Parking with-in
6M of the Sign in
both Directions**



**Parking limited to
60 Minutes Only**



**Road Closed for Large
Sized Trucks &
Special Duty Vehicles**



**Road Closed for
Large Sized
Passenger Vehicles**



**Road Closed for
Motor Vehicles
except Motorcycles**



**Road Closed for
Motor Vehicles**



**Road Closed for
Light Vehicles
except Bicycles**



**Road Closed for
Bicycles**



**Road Closed for
Motorcycles
and Motorbikes**



**No Double Riding
on Two-Wheeled
Motor Vehicles**



**Road Closed for
Vehicles Carrying
Explosives**



**Road Closed
for
Pedestrians**



**No
Pedestrian
Crossing**



**Motor Vehicles
Prohibited to
Enter**



Stop



**Main road has
right of way**



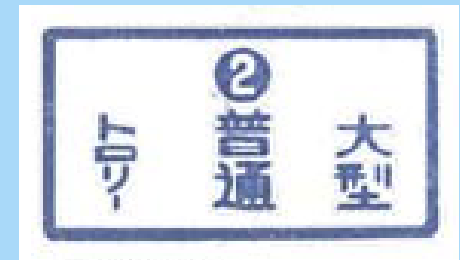
**Proceed
Slowly**



**Maximum
Speed Limit 50
KPH**



**Minimum Speed
Limit 30 KPH**



Traffic Lane
Left – Trolley Buses
Center – Ordinary Vehicles
Right – Large Sized Vehicles



**Weight Limit
(5.5 tons)**



**Height Limit
(3.3 meters)**



**Maximum
Width
(2.2 meters)**



No Passing



No "U" Turn



**No Right
Turn**



**Number of
Lanes
Reduced**



**Width of
Road
Reduced**



**Side Road
Ahead**



Forked Road



**“T”
Intersection**



**Cross
Intersection**



**Right Turn
Followed by
a Left Turn**



Right Turn



**Sharp Right
Curve**



**Gradual
Right Curve**



**Winding
Road**



**Two-Way
Traffic**



**Possible
Falling Stones**



**Other
Hazard**



**Traffic
Signal
Ahead**



**Caution,
Side Wind**



**Rotary
Ahead**



**Bumpy Road
Ahead**



Slippery



**Railroad
Crossing**



School Zone



**Merging
Traffic**



**Upgrade
10%**



**Downgrade
10%**



**Under
Construction**



**Cross Walk
(a)**



**Cross Walk
(b)**



**Exclusive
Road for
Bicyclists**



**Exclusive
Road for
Pedestrian**



**Motor
Vehicles
Only**



**Exclusive
Road for
Bicyclist &
Pedestrian**



**Bus
Exclusive
Lane**



**Bus Priority
Lane**



One Way



**Direction
Designated
Lane**



**Direction
Designated
Lane**



**Direction
Designated
Lane**



**Direction
Designated
Lane**



**Through
Traffic Only**



**Left Turn
Only**



**Proceed on
the Left**



**Left or
Through
Traffic Only**



**Right and
Left Turns
Only**



Sound Horn



**Parking Area
or
May Park**



**May Drive on
Tram Way**



Safety Zone



**Primary
Road**



May Stop



**Designated
Center Line**



**Double File
Bicycle
Riding
Allowed**



Detour



Detour



**Pull Over
Area**



**End of
Restricted
Zone (a)**



**In Restricted
Zone**



**Beginning of
Restricted
Zone**



**End of
Restricted
Zone (b)**



**Railroad
Crossing**



**Emergency
Telephone
Available**



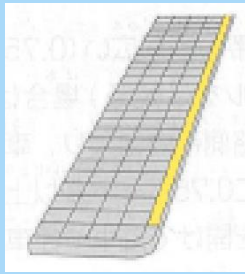
**Left Turn
Allowed on
Red Light**



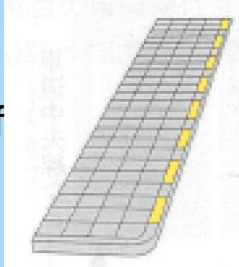
Yellow marks indicate "U" Turn is not authorized.



8-20 means no "U" Turn from 0800-2000 hours; if no time is given, it means no "U" Turn at any time.



Solid yellow line on the edge of sidewalk indicates vehicles are prohibited from stopping or parking.



Broken yellow line on the edge of sidewalk indicates vehicles are prohibited from parking.



Area marked with yellow border and gray stripes indicates that vehicles are **NOT** authorized to enter.



White square surrounded by yellow square indicates safety zone.



Vehicles are not authorized to stop in area marked by white.



Area marked with right angle indicates **right angle** parking of vehicles is authorized.



Area marked with diagonal white lines indicates **diagonal** parking of vehicles is authorized.



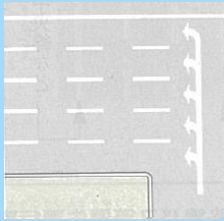
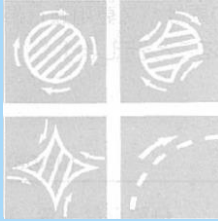
Area marked with white lines indicates **parallel** parking is authorized.



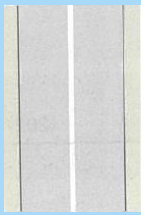
Yellow number indicates **MAXIMUM** speed limit.



White mark and yellow number on the left indicate **End of Speed Limit** indicated, and white mark and yellow mark on the right indicate end of prohibition of "U" Turn.



Arrows indicate direction and location of turns.



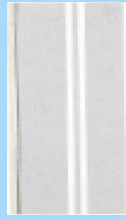
One solid white line at the center of road indicates center line.



One dotted line with metal and/or reflective "buttons" at the center may indicate center line.

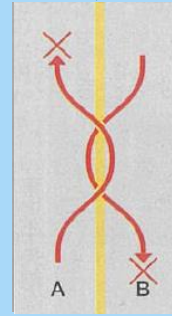


One broken white line may also indicate center line at the center.



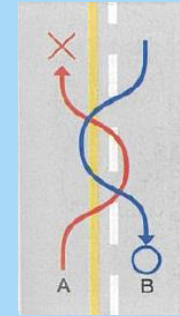
Double solid white lines indicate the center line on multi-lane highways.

Center Line



Solid yellow line on the center line **PROHIBITS** vehicles traveling either direction from crossing over to the other lane when passing other vehicles.

Center Line



Solid yellow line at the left of the centerline **PROHIBITS** vehicles travelling on lane A from crossing over to lane B when passing other vehicles.

Left Edge of the Road



A solid white line and broken white line indicate side lane. Vehicles are **PROHIBITED** from stopping or parking, but light vehicles (non-motorized) may use this lane.

Left Edge of the Road



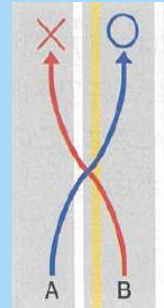
One solid white line indicates regular side lane. **Stopping or parking** of vehicles and passing of light vehicles are authorized.

Lane at the left of two solid white lines is side lane for **EXCLUSIVE** use of pedestrians.



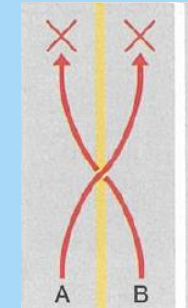
Left Edge of the Road

Center Line

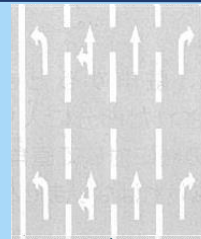


When more than two lanes are provided on the left of center line, solid yellow line at the left edge of Lane B indicates that changing from Lane B to A is **PROHIBITED**. Changing from Lane A to B is **PERMITTED**.

Center Line



When more than two lanes are provided on the left of center line, solid yellow line between lanes indicates lane changing is **PROHIBITED from either lane**.



Travel permitted **ONLY** in the directions indicated for each lane.



Areas indicate pedestrians' Crossing.





White solid lines indicate lane dividers

Solid lines combined with white broken lines, also indicates lane dividers.



A solid white line for most outer lane, combined with dotted lines using metal and/or reflective "Buttons" also indicates line dividers.

Large white dotted line is used for most outer line near the entrance of the National Motor Vehicle Expressways.



Letters marked on lane indicates **priority** lane for buses during the period indicated. Other vehicles may use but must not interfere with the bus traffic.



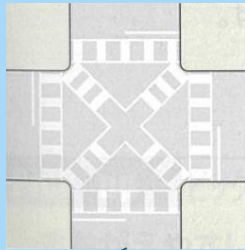
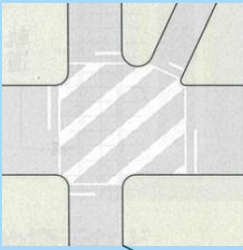
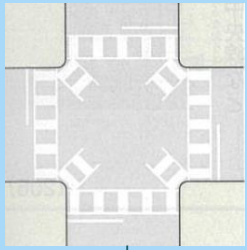
Letters marked on lane indicates **EXCLUSIVE** use of buses during the hours indicated. Other vehicles may **NOT** use at all during this period.



Letters marked on lanes indicate order of travel. Letters at the **left** indicate **EXCLUSIVE** use of two-wheel vehicles and light vehicles. Letters at the **right** indicate **EXCLUSIVE** use of motor vehicles except two-wheel vehicles.



Main lane at the left of dotted white line indicates **priority** main lane. Traffic which must cross this line must **YIELD** to the traffic in the **priority** lane.



Diagonal crossing by pedestrians authorized during limited **periods of time.**

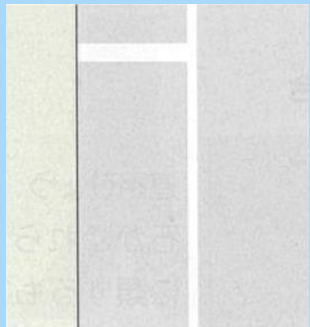
Diagonal crossing of pedestrians authorized **at any time.**



Two inverted **white triangles** in your traffic lane indicate you are approaching a **priority** lane and must **YIELD** to any traffic, in the priority lane.



Two **white diamonds** on your traffic lane indicate the presence of a **pedestrian** crossing ahead.



One solid horizontal white line on the road indicates **stop line.**



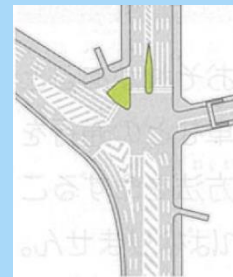
Area marked with white lines at the edge of streetcar tracks indicates **streetcar stop.**



Area indicates you are approaching safety zone or obstacles in the road and must travel as indicated by arrows.



Arrows indicate vehicle must travel on the right side of the road.



Marks indicate traffic flow lanes.