

Direction signs

Mostly rectangular

Signs on motorways - blue backgrounds



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



On approaches to junctions (junction number on black background)



Route confirmatory sign after junction

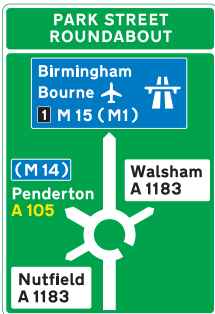


Downward pointing arrows mean 'Get in lane'
The left-hand lane leads to a different destination from the other lanes.



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

Signs on primary routes - green backgrounds



On approaches to junctions



At the junction



Route confirmatory sign after junction



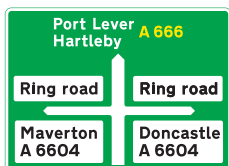
On approaches to junctions



On approach to a junction in Wales (bilingual)

Blue panels indicate that the motorway starts at the junction ahead.
Motorways shown in brackets can also be reached along the route indicated.
White panels indicate local or non-primary routes leading from the junction ahead.
Brown panels show the route to tourist attractions.
The name of the junction may be shown at the top of the sign.
The aircraft symbol indicates the route to an airport.
A symbol may be included to warn of a hazard or restriction along that route.

Green background signs - continued



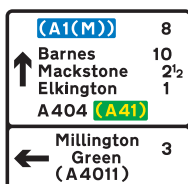
Primary route forming part of a ring road



Signs on non-primary and local routes - black borders



On approaches to junctions



At the junction



Direction to toilets with access for the disabled

Green panels indicate that the primary route starts at the junction ahead.
Route numbers on a blue background show the direction to a motorway.
Route numbers on a green background show the direction to a primary route.

Other direction signs



Picnic site



Ancient monument in the care of English Heritage



Direction to a car park



Tourist attraction



Direction to camping and caravan site



Advisory route for lorries



Route for pedal cycles forming part of a network



Recommended route for pedal cycles to place shown



Route for pedestrians



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



Diversion route

Information signs

All rectangular



Entrance to controlled parking zone



Entrance to congestion charging zone



End of controlled parking zone



Advance warning of restriction or prohibition ahead



Parking place for solo motorcycles



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



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



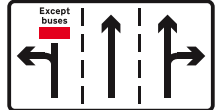
Vehicles permitted to use an HOV lane ahead



End of motorway



Start of motorway and point from which motorway regulations apply



Appropriate traffic lanes at junction ahead



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



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



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



'Countdown' markers at exit from motorway (each bar represents 100 yards to the exit). Green-backed markers may be used on primary routes and white-backed markers with black bars on other routes. At approaches to concealed level crossings white-backed markers with red bars may be used. Although these will be erected at equal distances the bars do not represent 100 yard intervals.



Motorway service area sign showing the operator's name

Information signs - continued



Priority over
oncoming
vehicles

Traffic has priority over
oncoming vehicles



Hospital ahead with
Accident and
Emergency facilities



Tourist
information
point



No through road
for vehicles



Recommended route
for pedal cycles



Home Zone Entry



Area in which
cameras are
used to enforce
traffic regulations



Bus lane on road at
junction ahead

Road works signs



Road works



Loose chippings



Temporary hazard at road works



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



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



Mandatory speed limit ahead



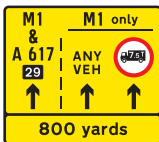
Road works 1 mile ahead



End of road works and any temporary restrictions including speed limits



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



Lane restrictions at road works ahead



One lane crossover at contraflow road works

Warning signs

Mostly triangular



Distance to 'STOP' line ahead



Dual carriageway ends



Road narrows on right (left if symbol reversed)



Road narrows on both sides



Distance to 'Give Way' line ahead



Crossroads



Junction on bend ahead



T-junction with priority over vehicles from the right



Staggered junction



Traffic merging from left ahead

The priority through route is indicated by the broader line.



Double bend first to left (symbol may be reversed)



Bend to right (or left if symbol reversed)



Roundabout



Uneven road



Plate below some signs



Two-way traffic crosses one-way road



Two-way traffic straight ahead



Opening or swing bridge ahead



Low-flying aircraft or sudden aircraft noise



Falling or fallen rocks



Traffic signals not in use



Traffic signals



Slippery road



Steep hill downwards



Steep hill upwards

Gradients may be shown as a ratio i.e. 20% = 1:5



Tunnel ahead



Trams crossing ahead



Level crossing with barrier or gate ahead



Level crossing without barrier or gate ahead



Level crossing without barrier

Warning signs - continued



Patrol

School crossing patrol ahead (some signs have amber lights which flash when crossings are in use)



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



No footway for 400 yds

Pedestrians in road ahead



Zebra crossing



Safe height 16'-6"

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



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



Light signals ahead at level crossing, airfield or bridge



Miniature warning lights at level crossings



Cattle



Wild animals



Wild horses or ponies



Accompanied horses or ponies



Cycle route ahead



Ice

Risk of ice



Queues likely

Traffic queues likely ahead



Humps for 1/2 mile

Distance over which road humps extend



Hidden dip

Other danger; plate indicates nature of danger



Soft verges for 2 miles

Soft verges



Side winds



Hump bridge



Worded warning sign



Quayside or river bank



Risk of grounding