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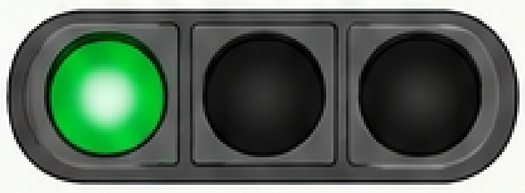
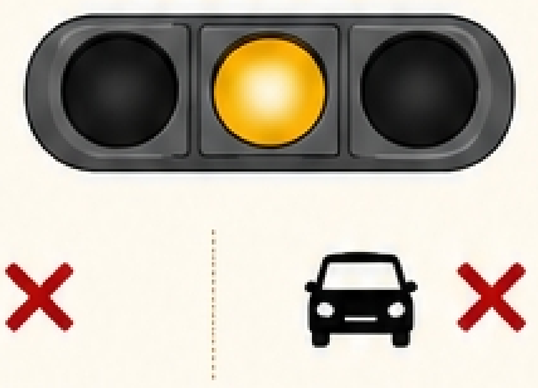
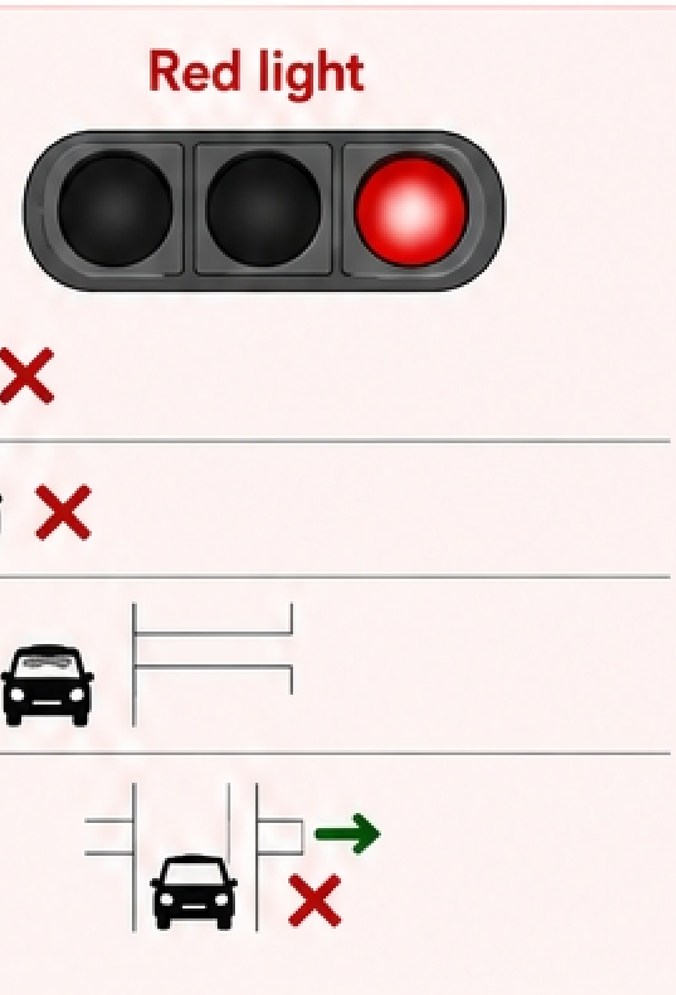
1 Types and Meaning of Traffic Lights

Types of Traffic Lights	Meaning of Traffic Lights
Green light 	(1) Pedestrians can proceed. (2) Vehicles excluding light road vehicles and streetcars can go straight or turn right or left. However, motorized bicycles that turn right via two-stage right turns can go straight until the point where they turn right and change their direction at that point. (3) Light road vehicles (including bicycles and carts) can go straight or turn left. When they turn right, they can go straight until the point where they turn right and change their direction at that point.
Yellow light 	(1) Pedestrians must not start crossing the road. If they are already crossing the road, they must finish crossing the road promptly or stop crossing it and go back. (2) Vehicles and streetcars must not proceed beyond their stopping point. However, if they are approaching their stopping point when the traffic light has turned yellow and cannot stop safely, they can continue to proceed.
Red light 	(1) Pedestrians must not cross the road. (2) Vehicles and streetcars must not proceed beyond their stopping point. (3) Vehicles and streetcars that are already turning left at an intersection can continue to proceed, even if the traffic light for the road they are entering by turning left is red. (4) Vehicles and streetcars that are already turning right at an intersection can continue to proceed, even if the traffic light for the road they are entering by turning right is red. In this case, the vehicles and streetcars must not obstruct vehicles and streetcars from proceeding at a green light. However, light road vehicles and motorized bicycles that turn right via two-stage right turns must stop at the point where they are turning right when the traffic light for the road they are entering by turning right is red.
Green-light arrow 	Vehicles can proceed in the direction of the arrow even if the traffic light is yellow or red (in cases where the arrow is a right arrow, they can also make a U-turn). However, light road vehicles and motorized bicycles that turn right via two-stage right turns must not proceed if the arrow is a right arrow.
Yellow-light arrow 	While streetcars can proceed in the direction of the arrow even if the traffic light is yellow or red, pedestrians and vehicles must not proceed.
Flashing yellow light 	Pedestrians, vehicles, and streetcars can proceed while paying attention to other traffic
Flashing red light 	(1) Pedestrians can proceed while paying attention to other traffic. (2) Vehicles and streetcars must come to a stop at their stopping point.

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2.Types and Meaning of Road Signs

(1) Regulatory Signs

Types	Meaning Indicated
 Road Closed	Closed to pedestrians, small and remote-controllable mobiles, vehicles, and streetcars
 Road Closed to Vehicles	Closed to vehicles
 Prohibition of Vehicle Entry	Exit of a one-way street (prohibition of vehicles entering into it from the opposite direction)
 Road Closed to Motor Vehicles Excluding Two-wheeled Motor Vehicles	Closed to motor vehicles (excluding two-wheeled motor vehicles)

 Road Closed to Large Trucks, etc.	Closed to large trucks, specified mid-sized trucks, and large special motor vehicles
 Road Closed to Trucks with a Maximum Load Capacity Larger than a Specific Amount	Closed to trucks with a maximum load capacity larger than a specific amount (there is an auxiliary sign below this regulatory sign) ↓an example of the auxiliary sign 
 Road Closed to Large Passenger Motor Vehicles, etc.	Closed to large passenger motor vehicles and specified mid sized passenger motor vehicles
 Road Closed to Two-wheeled Motor Vehicles and Motorized Bicycles	Closed to two-wheeled motor vehicles and motorized bicycles

 Road Closed to Light Road Vehicles Excluding Bicycles	Closed to light road vehicles (excluding bicycles)
 Road Closed to Bicycles and Specified Motorized Bicycles	Closed to bicycles and specified motorized bicycles
 Road Closed to Multiple Vehicles	Closed to the vehicles indicated on the sign board
 Road Closed to Large Motorcycles and Standard Motorcycles Carrying a Passenger	Closed to large motorcycles and standard motorcycles carrying a passenger
 Road Closed to Vehicles without Tire Chains	Closed to vehicles without tire chains

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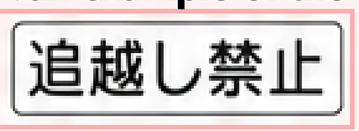
 Prohibited from Proceeding except in the Direction Indicated	Vehicles are prohibited from proceeding except in the direction indicated by the arrow.
 No Crossing by Vehicles	No crossing by vehicles (excluding crossing of a road involving turning left to enter or leave facilities or places outside the road)
 No U-turn	No U-turn by vehicles
 Prohibited from Moving onto the Right Side of the Road for Overtaking	Vehicles are prohibited from moving onto the right side of the road for overtaking.

 No Overtaking	No overtaking by vehicles (there is an auxiliary sign below this regulatory sign) ↓an example of the auxiliary sign 
 No Stopping or Parking	No stopping or parking of vehicles
 No Parking	No parking of vehicles
 Time-restricted Parking Area	Designation that indicates the area of the road where vehicles can remain parked during a limited timeframe and indication of how long the vehicles can remain parked
 Road Closed to Vehicles Loaded with Hazardous Materials	Closed to vehicles loaded with hazardous materials, including gunpowder, explosives, poisonous substances, and deleterious substances
 Weight Limit	Closed to vehicles with a gross weight greater than that indicated on the sign board

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Types	Meaning Indicated
 **Overhead Clearance**	Closed to vehicles of a height greater than that indicated on the sign board (including the height of loaded cargo)
 **Maximum Width**	Closed to vehicles of a width greater than that indicated on the sign board (including the width of loaded cargo)
 **Maximum Speed**	(1) Specification of the maximum speed for motor vehicles and streetcars (2) Specification of the maximum speed (30 km/h or slower) for motorized bicycles
 **Minimum Speed**	Specification of the minimum speed for motor vehicles
 **Motor Vehicles Only**	Designation of national expressways and limited highways
 **Bicycles and Specified Small Motorized Bicycles Only**	**(1) Designation of bicycle paths and bicycle-only roads (roads built for the passage of bicycles only)** (2) Closed to vehicles excluding standard bicycles, specified small motorized bicycles (except for vehicles that must not proceed on bicycle paths), pedestrians, and small and remote-controllable mobiles

 **Standard Bicycles and Pedestrians Only**	(1) Designation of bicycle-and-pedestrian-only roads (2) Closed to vehicles excluding standard bicycles and specified small motorized bicycles (except for vehicles that must not proceed on bicycle paths) (3) Designation that indicates that standard bicycles and exceptional specified small motorized bicycles can be ridden on sidewalks
 **Pedestrians Only**	(1) Designation of pedestrian-only roads (roads built for the passage of pedestrians and only) (2) Designation of pedestrian paths
 **Permitted Vehicles Only**	Designation of facilities where, among fixed-route buses, charter buses, and other such motor vehicles, those with permission from the road administrator can stop
 **Permitted Vehicles Only**	Designation of facilities where, among taxies, those with permission from the road administrator can stop
 **Permitted Vehicles Only**	Designation of facilities where, among trucks, those with permission from the road administrator can stop
 **Multiple Permitted Vehicles Only**	Designation of facilities where, among motor vehicles indicated on the sign board, those with permission from the road administrator can stop

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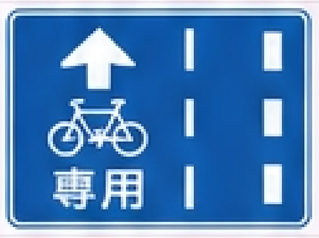
Types	Meaning Indicated
 Vehicles for Disaster Management Only	Closed to vehicles and persons excluding those that the road administrator finds necessary related to implementation of emergency disaster control measures （原文） 広域災害応急対策の実施に関し道路管理者が必要と認める車以外の車及び 広域災害応急対策の実施に関し道路管理者が必要と認める者以外の利用の禁止
 One Way	Vehicles are prohibited from proceeding in the direction opposite to that indicated by the arrow on the sign board.
 One Way for Bicycles and Specified Small Motorized Bicycles	Bicycles and specified small motorized bicycles are prohibited from proceeding in the direction opposite to that indicated by the arrow on the sign board.
 Traffic Distribution of Vehicles	Specification of the traffic distribution of vehicles
 Traffic Distribution of Certain Types of vehicles	Specification of the traffic distribution of certain types of vehicles indicated on the sign board
 Traffic Distribution of Motor Vehicles quipped for Towing on National expressways	Specification of the traffic distribution of motor vehicles towing vehicles with a gross weight greater than 750 kg on the main roadway of national expressways
 Exclusive Traffic Lanes	Designation of traffic lanes exclusively for vehicles indicated on the sign board
 Traffic Lanes Exclusive for Standard Bicycles	Designation of traffic lanes exclusively for standard bicycles
 Priority Traffic Lanes for Fixed route Buses and Other Such Motor Vehicles	Designation of priority traffic lanes for fixed-route buses and other such motor vehicles
 Designated Area of Road Where Motor Vehicles Equipped for Towing Must Use the Left-most Traffic Lane of Limited Highways	Designation of the area of the road where motor vehicles towing vehicles with a gross weight greater than 750 kg must use the left-most traffic lane on the main roadway of limited highways

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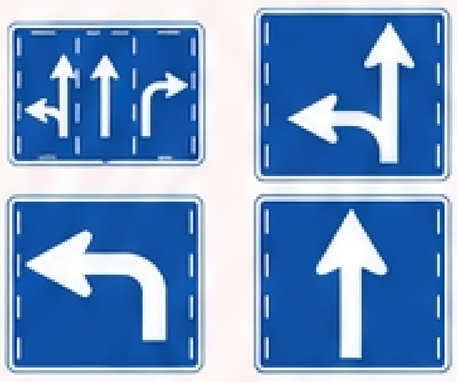 **Traffic Distribution by the Direction of Proceeding**	**Specification of the traffic distribution of vehicles at an intersection by the direction of proceeding**
 **Method for Motorized Bicycles to Turn Right (in Two Stages)**	**Specification of the method for motorized bicycles to turn right via a two-stage right turn**
 **Method for Motorized Bicycles to Turn Right (by Turning in a Small Radius)**	**Specification of the method for motorized bicycles to turn right by turning in a small radius**
 **Proceeding in a Clockwise Direction at Roundabouts**	**Designation that indicates that vehicles must proceed in a clockwise direction at roundabouts**

 **Parallel Parking**	**Designation that indicates that when drivers park their vehicles, they must park them parallel to the edge of the road (in a time restricted parking area, that the area is an area of road where drivers can park their vehicles and that they must park them parallel to the edge of the road)**
 **Perpendicular Parking**	**Designation that indicates that when drivers park their vehicles, they must park them perpendicularly to the edge of the road (in a time-restricted parking area, that the area is an area of road where drivers can park their vehicles and that they must park them perpendicularly to the edge of the road)**
 **Angle Parking**	**Designation that indicates that when drivers park their vehicles, they must park them at an angle to the edge of the road (in a time-restricted parking area, that the area is an area of road where drivers can park their vehicles and that they must park them at an angle to the edge of the road)**
 **Use of the Horn**	**Designation of places where vehicles and streetcars must sound their horn**
 **Horn Section**	**Designation of a section of road where vehicles and streetcars must sound their horn in the following places (there are auxiliary signs below this regulatory sign)** **(1) Blind intersections** **(2) Blind curves** **(3) Blind summits** **↓examples of auxiliary signs** 

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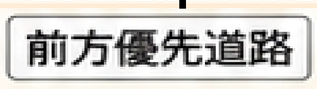
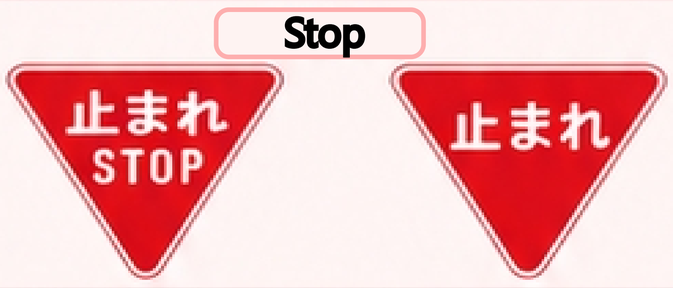
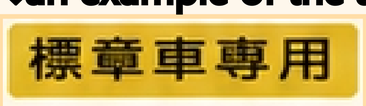
Types	Meaning Indicated
Slow 	Designation that indicates that vehicles and streetcars must slow down
Priority Road Ahead 	Designation that indicates that the road ahead intersecting with the road with this sign has priority (there is an auxiliary sign below this regulatory sign) ↓an example of the auxiliary sign 
Stop 	Designation that indicates that vehicles and streetcars must come to a stop immediately in front of an intersection without traffic control
Road Closed to Pedestrians 	Closed to pedestrians and small and remote-controllable mobiles
No Crossing by Pedestrians 	Pedestrians and small and remote-controllable mobiles are prohibited from crossing a road.

(2) Indication Signs

Types	Meaning Indicated
Traveling Abreast Allowed 	Indication that two standard bicycles traveling abreast of each other is allowed

Types	Meaning Indicated
Entry into Railway Track Beds Allowed 	Indication that motor vehicles are allowed to enter a railway track bed is allowed
Parking of Vehicles Bearing Elderly and Special-needs Driver Marks Allowed 	Indication that parking of vehicles bearing elderly and special needs driver marks is allowed (there is an auxiliary sign below this regulatory sign) ↓an example of the auxiliary sign 
Parking Allowed 	Indication that parking of vehicles is allowed
Stopping of Vehicles Bearing Elderly and Special-needs Driver Marks Allowed 	Indication that the stopping of vehicles bearing elderly and special-needs driver marks is allowed (there is an auxiliary sign below this regulatory sign) ↓an example of the auxiliary sign 
Stopping Allowed 	Indication that stopping of vehicles is allowed

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GUIDANCE SIGNS

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	Priority Road	Indication of a priority road
	Center Line	Indication of the center of the road or the center line
	Stopping Line	Indication of the stopping line when vehicles are to stop
	Pedestrian Crossing	Indication of a pedestrian crossing
	Bicycle Crossing Lane	Indication of a bicycle crossing lane
	Pedestrian Crossing and Bicycle Crossing Lane	Indication of a pedestrian crossing and bicycle crossing lane

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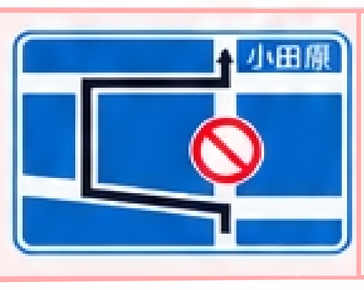
ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE SIGNS

	Safety Zone	Indication of a safety zone
	Advance Notice of Regulation	Advance notice that the traffic regulation indicated on the sign board is enforced ahead
	Advance Notice of Regulation	Same as above

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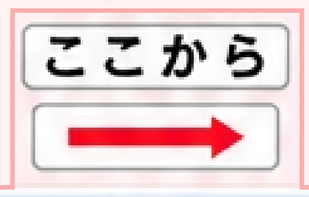
AUXILIARY SIGNS (EXCERPT)

Types	Meaning Indicated
Start 	Start of an area of road where the traffic regulation indicated on the main sign applies
End 	End of the area of road where the traffic regulation indicated on the main sign applies

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