Driver Education Chapter 2

Signs, Roadways, and Roadway Markings

2.1 Signs—Shapes and Colors have special meaning

Regulatory Signs—set limits or give commands

Most important of these are sop and yield sign. What are the shapes?  
 All other regulatory signs are either white squares with red or black lettering.

Where do you see stop signs? Make a complete stop at the line or by the stop sign.  
 If you can’t see in the intersection roll out slowly until you can see and stop again. Stop before the crosswalk if there is one.

Stop Sign Procedure—4 way or all way.  
 Driver stopped 1st goes 1st.

Yield to the right if a vehicle gets there at the same time.

When facing oncoming traffic the vehicle going straight goes 1st. Driver turning left should wait.

Enter intersection slowly and continue to check traffic from sides and oncoming at all times.

Yield Signs—located at intersections or merging—What is merging?

Be prepared to stop and only proceed when the situation is safe.

Speed Limit Signs—May show maximum and minimum speeds for ideal driving conditions.

Special speed limits may be set for times of day, school zones when students present or not, nighttime.

Other Regulatory signs include—may direct traffic, passing, control parking. A slash line through a sign means don’t do that.

Lets look at some.

<https://www.google.com/search?q=regulatory+signs&tbm=isch&ved=2ahUKEwiW6bqC_ODpAhVHS60KHepSD4YQ2-cCegQIABAA&oq=regulatory+signs&gs_lcp=CgNpbWcQAzICCAAyAggAMgIIADICCAAyAggAMgIIADICCAAyAggAMgIIADICCAA6BggAEAcQHjoECAAQQzoFCAAQgwFQqbkHWMrgB2C35AdoAHAAeACAAYIBiAG4DpIBBDEzLjaYAQCgAQGqAQtnd3Mtd2l6LWltZw&sclient=img&ei=uCPVXpatIceWtQXqpb2wCA&bih=910&biw=1280&client=firefox-b-1-d>

Warning Signs—alerts to hazard or changes—most of these signs are diamond shaped.

Shapes of Sign--Diamond, pentagon, circle, triangle with point up  
  
 Curve, two-way traffic, low clearance, deer crossing, road narrows, divided highway begins/ends, merging traffic, signal ahead

Pedestrian or school zone, railroad advance(round with crossbuck)  
  
 Construction(orange) and SMV(orange/with red borders)——be ready to slow, stop, or go around

Lets look at some  
  
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Guide Signs—provide information—mark routes, intersections, miles to a destination, rest areas, park areas, etc. Brown/Blue

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International signs—Convey information by symbols not words.

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2.2 Traffic Signals

These include flashing signals, lane signals, pedestrian signals, arrows, traffic lights.

Red Light—top of the signal or left, --Full stop, behind line or crosswalk Stop before your vehicle is in the intersection.

Yellow Light—middle of signal—Caution. Make every effort to stop safely, if to close proceed with caution.

Green Light---Proceed making sure the intersection is clear.  
  
 Lights stay in the same order—ryg---in case you are color blind.

Some places will allow you right turn on reds after stopping, others restrict be aware.

States vary on turning laws. Make sure you understand the laws of the state you are traveling in.

Flashing Signals is to alert you to danger—flashing yellow—slow down be prepared to stop if needed.

Arrows—Follow the arrow and remember what the colors mean

Lane Signals—Typically used in cities to indicate which lane to use.

Pedestrian and Officer’s Signals—Controls walking at intersections—Walk and Don’t Walk Signals. Be alert to pedestrians

Stop—hand held up with the palm toward you. Go- hand waving you forward, obey the officer even if the intersection traffic signal is different.

2.2 Roadway Markings----Usually lines , words, painted symbols on the roadway to guide you.

Single lines—single broken yellow line separated 2 way traffic –you may pass when no traffic is coming. Solid line indicates no passing.

Double lines, yellow--indicates no passing

White Lane marking—traffic moving in the same direction uses this color—broken lines allow you to change lanes. Solid white lines you should not change—arrows designate what lane to turn in. Solid white is also used to mark the edge of lane.

Stop lines, pedestrian, railroad crossings, high occupancy lanes, exit ramps, turns

Rumble Strips/Reflective Markers  
 Rumble Strips—grooved highways near stop signs to warn you.

Speed Bumps- parking lots---raised bumps in road to slow you down.

Reflective Marks—white on the edge of the road, yellow markers locate the left edge. Red you are going the wrong way. Helpful during bad weather/snow.

Review any signs we may want to look at then take a try at this signs test below.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sq73JOhEU5s--> AAA signs, signals, and markings.

<http://www.usa-traffic-signs.com/Test_s/50.htm> Signs Test