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Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 Sections 64 and 65

Authorisation of traffic signs and special directions

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Secretary of State for Transport's traffic authorisation of traffic signs for the purpose of warning road users of road works and lane closures on motorway and all-purpose trunk roads (including their slip roads) in England by persons acting on behalf of National Highways, and where National Highways is the traffic authority.

The following pages contain a copy of the text from the Secretary of State for Transport's traffic authorisation regarding the above traffic signs.

A scanned copy of the signed authorisation and supporting documents from the application are appended to this letter. The supporting material is submitted to the Department for Transport by a third party. You should refer to the party involved for accessible copies of the supporting material.



**ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTIONS 64 AND 65
AUTHORISATION OF TRAFFIC SIGNS AND SPECIAL DIRECTIONS**

The Secretary of State for Transport, in exercise of his powers under Sections 64 and 65 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and all other powers enabling him in that behalf for the purpose of warning road users of road works and lane closures on motorway and all-purpose trunk roads (including their slip roads) in England by persons acting on behalf of National Highways, and where National Highways is the traffic authority, hereby:-

1. authorises the placing and use on mobile traffic management (MTM) vehicles of a variable message sign (hereinafter referred to as “the authorised sign A”) conforming as to size, colour and character with that shown in the attached drawing numbered GT50/198/0104-1 and referenced as “Aspect A” in the said drawing; and
2. authorises the placing and use on MTM vehicles of a variable message sign (hereinafter referred to as “the authorised sign B”) conforming as to size, colour and character with that shown in the attached drawing numbered GT50/198/0104-1 and referenced as “Aspect B” in the said drawing; and
3. authorises the placing and use on MTM vehicles of a variable message sign (hereinafter referred to as “the authorised sign C”) conforming as to size, colour and character with that shown in the attached drawing numbered GT50/198/0104-1 and referenced as “Aspect C” in the said drawing; and
4. authorises the placing and use on MTM vehicles of a variable message sign (hereinafter referred to as “the authorised sign D”) conforming as to size, colour and character with that shown in the attached drawing numbered GT50/198/0104-1 and referenced as “Aspect D” in the said drawing; and
5. directs that the authorised sign A shall only be displayed when the MTM vehicle is placed on a live traffic lane on a motorway or all-purpose dual carriageway (including their one way slip roads) or one way service road



- and indicates that vehicles must only pass to the left of the MTM vehicle situated in the carriageway; and
6. directs that the authorised sign B shall only be displayed when the MTM vehicle is placed on a live traffic lane on a motorway or all-purpose dual carriageway (including their one way slip roads) or one way service road and indicates that vehicles must only pass to the right of the MTM vehicle situated in the carriageway; and
 7. directs that the authorised sign C shall only be displayed when the MTM vehicle is placed on a live traffic lane on a single carriageway trunk road, or when placed on the hard shoulder (or any other part of the carriageway which is not a live traffic lane) on a motorway or all-purpose dual carriageway trunk road (including their one way slip roads) or one way service road; and
 8. directs that the authorised sign D shall be displayed when the authorised signs A, B or C are not being displayed; and
 9. directs that the Light Emitting Arrow on the authorised signs A and B shall pulse at a rate of 30 to 50 flashes per minute and that the on-period shall be twice the length of the off-period; and
 10. directs that the four light roundels on the authorised sign C shall flash in horizontal pairs and that each roundel shall show an intermittent light at a rate of flashing of not less than 60 nor more than 90 flashes per minute, and in such a manner that the lights of one horizontal pair are always shown (on) when the lights of the other horizontal pair are not shown (off); and
 11. directs that the authorised sign A and B may be used in place of signs conforming to Diagram 610 in Schedule 13, Part 6, Item 11 or Diagram 7403 in Schedule 13, Part 6, Item 10 to the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016 (Part 1 of S.I. 2016/362, “the 2016 Regulations”) where the permanent maximum speed limit is 40 mph or lower; and



12. directs that when the permanent maximum speed limit is greater than 40 mph, the respective authorised sign A and B may be used in place of signs conforming to diagram 610 in the 2016 Regulations only when used on a vehicle immediately ahead of a vehicle displaying the sign shown in diagram 7403 in Schedule 13, Part 6, Item 10 of the 2016 Regulations; and
13. directs that the authorised signs A to D shall only be used on MTM vehicles which are being used for works, mobile lane closures or mobile carriageway closures as indicated in Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual (TSM), or as indicated in the 'Safety at Street Works and Road Works: a Code of Practice', or for emergency traffic management; and
14. directs that the authorised signs A to D shall be so installed so that the highest part of the sign assembly, including any lights or beacons, when the lightest gross in-service vehicle weight applies, is no greater than 4.98 metres above ground level; and
15. directs that the authorised signs A to D shall only be placed on the road, by personnel trained to do so in accordance with the relevant Sector Scheme and in accordance with any specific equipment, operational, maintenance and monitoring requirements specified by the manufacturer;
16. directs that the dimensions lines show on drawing TAD-MLA30 do not form part of the authorised signs A to D; and
17. directs, without prejudice to any statutory provisions to the like effect, that it is a condition of this authorisation that the placing of a MTM vehicle displaying the authorised signs A to D on motorway and all-purpose trunk roads (including their slip roads) or one way service road shall continue to have effect only until such day as may be appointed by one month's notice given by the Secretary of State in writing to the traffic authority for the removal or alteration of the authorised signs A to D and on that day the said authorisation shall, without prejudice to the giving of any further authorisation or direction, cease to have effect.



The provisions of Regulations 5 and 7 of the 2016 Regulations shall apply to the authorised signs A to D in the same manner as they apply to the sign shown in Diagram 7403 in Schedule 13, Part 6, Item 10 to those Regulations.

The provisions of Schedule 9, Part 7, Item 9 paragraph 5(e) of the 2016 Regulations shall apply to the authorised signs A, B, and C in the same manner as they apply to the sign shown in Diagram 7403 in Schedule 13, Part 6, Item 10 of those Regulations.

The provisions of Schedule 13, Part 7, Item 1 of the 2016 Regulations shall apply to the authorised signs A and B in the same manner as they apply to the sign shown in Diagram 7403 in Schedule 13, Part 6, Item 10 of those Regulations.

The provisions of Schedule 13, Part 12, Item 6(3) of the 2016 Regulations shall apply to the authorised signs A to D.

Dated *28 November 2023*

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

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3. authorises the placing and use on MTM vehicles of a variable message sign (hereinafter referred to as “the authorised sign C”) conforming as to size, colour and character with that shown in the attached drawing numbered GT50/198/0104-1 and referenced as “Aspect C” in the said drawing; and
4. authorises the placing and use on MTM vehicles of a variable message sign (hereinafter referred to as “the authorised sign D”) conforming as to size, colour and character with that shown in the attached drawing numbered GT50/198/0104-1 and referenced as “Aspect D” in the said drawing; and
5. directs that the authorised sign A shall only be displayed when the MTM vehicle is placed on a live traffic lane on a motorway or all-purpose dual carriageway (including their one way slip roads) or one way service road



- and indicates that vehicles must only pass to the left of the MTM vehicle situated in the carriageway; and
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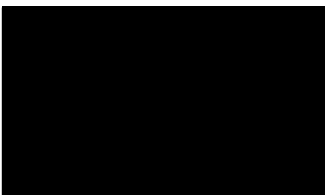
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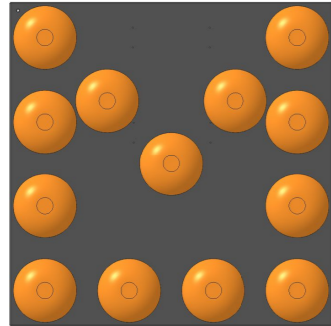


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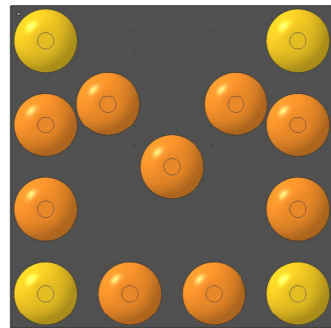
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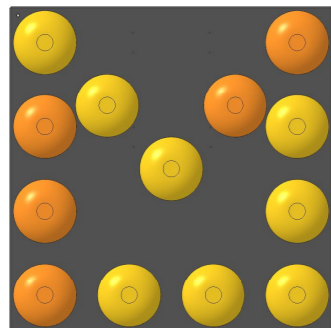
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Four fold warning,
alternate flashing top and bottom lamps,
horizontally paired
(60 - 90 flashes per minute)



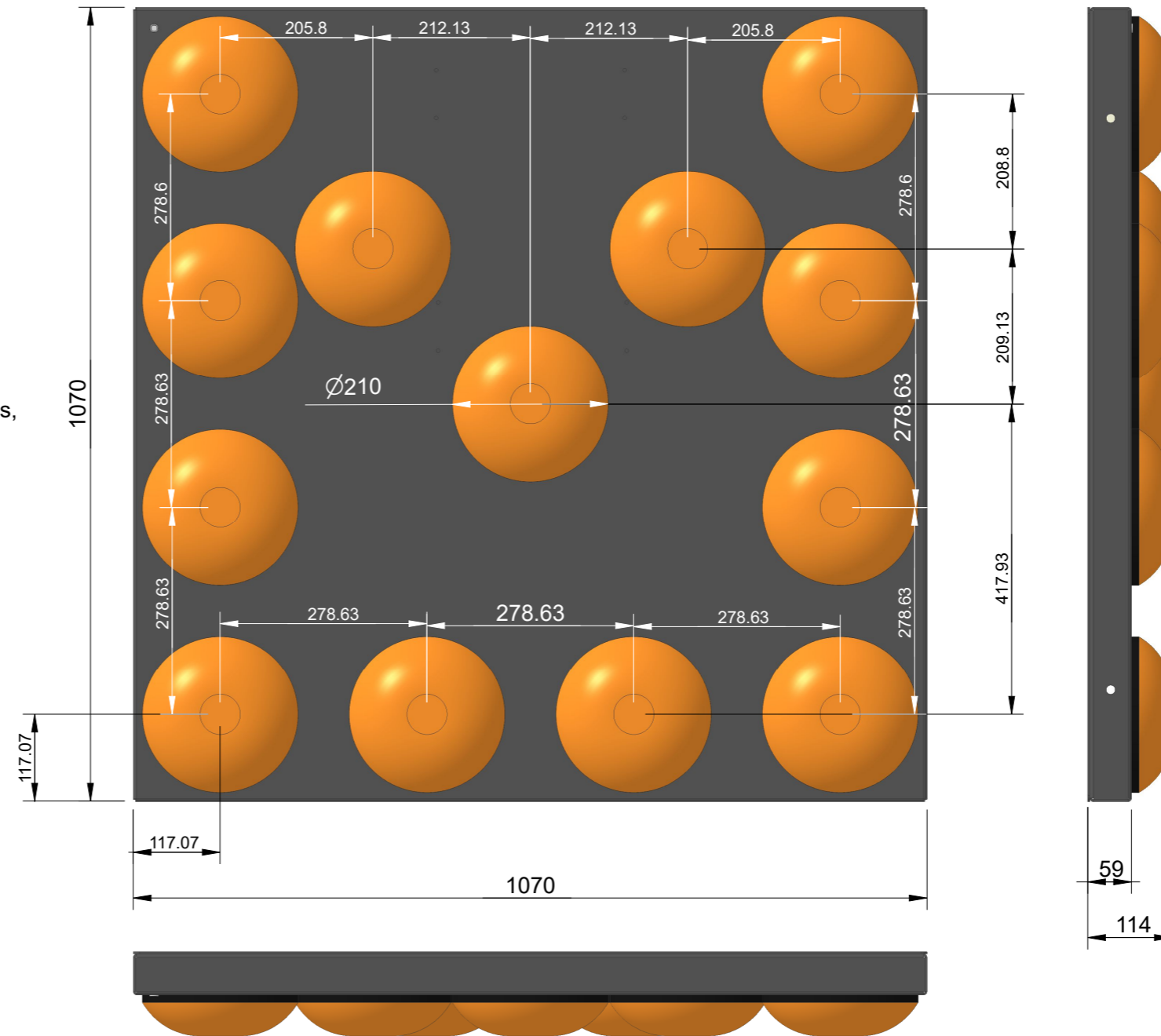
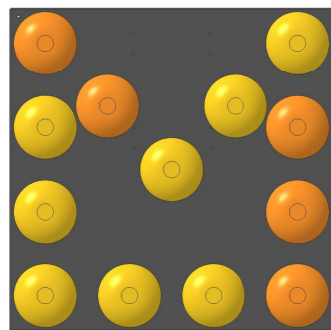
Aspect B

Light arrow right
(30 - 50 flashes per minute)



Aspect A

Light arrow left
(30 - 50 flashes per minute)



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