



Department
for Transport

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

Sections 64 and 65

Authorisation of traffic signs and special directions

Accessible transcript

Secretary of State for Transport's traffic authorisation of traffic signs for the purpose of informing drivers of the location of a Clean Air Zone area.

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 powers under Sections 64 and 65 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other powers enabling her in that behalf, hereby gives the authorisation contained in paragraphs 2 and 3 of this Instrument and the directions contained in paragraph 4 of this Instrument.

1. In this Instrument –

“Authorised sign” means a traffic sign whose placing on roads is authorised by paragraph 2;

“the Clean Air Zone” means the area in respect of which charges are imposed for the keeping or use of motor vehicles not meeting certain emission standards pursuant to a Scheme;

“Scheme” means a scheme for imposing charges made in respect of keeping or use of certain motor vehicles not meeting certain emission standards, made by Bristol City Council pursuant to Part III and Schedule 12 of the Transport Act 2000, Parts 2 and 6 of The Road User Charging Schemes (Penalty Charges, Adjudication and Enforcement) (England) Regulations 2013 and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf;

“the 2016 Regulations” means the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016 (Part 1 of S.I. 2016/362).



2. The Secretary of State hereby:-

(1) authorises the erection at appropriate sites on or near any road for which National Highways is the traffic authority of a traffic sign (hereinafter referred to as “the authorised sign NP 818.8”) conforming as to size, colour and character with that referenced NP 818.8 in the attached set of drawings save that

- (i) the reference to the times of operation may be varied or omitted;
- (ii) the x-height may be varied as indicated;
- (iii) the distance may be varied;
- (iv) “ahead” may be placed centrally below the distance;
- (v) “ahead” may be omitted and an arrow pointing horizontally to the left or to the right placed centrally below the distance;
- (vi) the legend above the Clean Air Zone symbol indicating the distance to the zone may be varied as appropriate;
- (vii) the Clean Air Zone symbol in the top panel of the sign illustrated on sheet 1 of the said drawing may be placed to the right of the legend in that panel;
- (viii) the alphabet indicating the class on the Clean Air Zone symbol may be varied to one shown on the attached drawing referenced S 68;
- (ix) a legend indicating the location of a scheme may be added below the Clean Air Zone symbol; and

(2) directs that the Clean Air Zone symbol shown in the said set of drawings (hereinafter referred to as “the authorised symbol S 68”) conforming as to size, colour and character with that referenced S 68 in the said set of drawings may be



placed on any appropriate sign in Schedule 12 of the 2016 Regulations in the same manner as the symbols mentioned in Schedule 12, Parts 11 and 20 to those Regulations; and

(3) authorises the erection at the said sites of a traffic sign (hereinafter referred to as “the direction sign”) conforming to the sign shown in Schedule 12, Part 28, Item 22 (diagram 818.4) of the 2016 Regulations, save that

- (i) the authorised symbol S 68 in the said set of drawings may replace the “weight limit” symbol;
- (ii) the size of the authorised symbol may be varied as indicated;
- (iii) the legend above the “weight limit” symbol may be varied as appropriate or omitted;
- (iv) a symbol from Schedule 12, Parts 5 or 7 of the 2016 Regulations may be added to the direction sign; and

(4) directs that the variants shown in column 4 of the sign to Schedule 12, Part 28, Item 22 (diagram 818.4) of the 2016 Regulations shall apply to the direction sign.

3.

(1) The provisions of Regulations 5, 7, 8 and 11 of the 2016 Regulations shall apply to the authorised sign NP 818.8 as they do to the sign shown in Item 3 of the sign table in Schedule 8, Part 4 (diagram 818.6) to those Regulations.

(2) The provisions of Regulations 5, 7, 8 and 11 of the 2016 Regulations shall apply to the authorised symbol S 68 as they do to the symbol shown in Item 19 of the sign table in Schedule 12, Part 11 to those Regulations.



- (3) The provisions of Regulations 5, 7, 8 and 11 of the 2016 Regulations shall apply to the direction sign as they do to the sign shown in Item 22 of the sign table in Schedule 12, Part 28 (diagram 818.4) to those Regulations.
- (4) The provisions of Schedule 12, Parts 1 to 29 of the 2016 Regulations shall apply to the direction sign in the same manner as they apply to the signs shown in Schedule 12, Part 2 of those Regulations.

4. The Secretary of State hereby directs that –

- (1) Without prejudice to any regulations made under paragraph 22 (1) (e) of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984; the authorised sign NP 818.8 or signs incorporating the authorised symbol S 68 may be placed on or near any road for which National Highways is the traffic authority, in sufficient numbers and in appropriate positions to provide advance indication to all traffic of the Clean Air Zone and the nature of the provisions of a Scheme.
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- (3) The authorised sign NP 818.8, the direction sign and the authorised symbol S 68 when incorporated on signs, may be placed only as appropriate to indicate the provisions of a Scheme.
- (4) Without prejudice to any statutory provision to the like effect, it is a condition of this authorisation that the placing of the authorised sign NP 818.8, the direction sign and signs incorporating the authorised symbol S 68 on or near the said roads shall



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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, and on that day the said authorisation shall, without prejudice to the giving of any further authorisation or direction, cease to have effect.

Dated: *26 January 2026*

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

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A Delegated Official of the Department for Transport

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AND SUPPORTING
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2. The Secretary of State hereby:-

(1) authorises the erection at appropriate sites on or near any road for which National Highways is the traffic authority of a traffic sign (hereinafter referred to as "the authorised sign NP 818.8") conforming as to size, colour and character with that referenced NP 818.8 in the attached set of drawings save that

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- (iii) the distance may be varied;
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- (viii) the alphabet indicating the class on the Clean Air Zone symbol may be varied to one shown on the attached drawing referenced S 68;
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(2) directs that the Clean Air Zone symbol shown in the said set of drawings (hereinafter referred to as "the authorised symbol S 68") conforming as to size, colour and character with that referenced S 68 in the said set of drawings may be



placed on any appropriate sign in Schedule 12 of the 2016 Regulations in the same manner as the symbols mentioned in Schedule 12, Parts 11 and 20 to those Regulations; and

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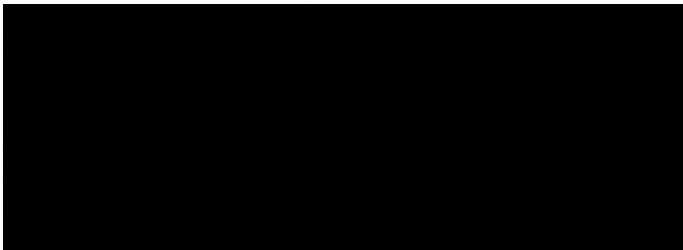
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continue to have effect only until such day as may be appointed by one month's notice given by the Secretary of State in writing to the traffic authority for the removal or alteration of the authorised signs, and on that day the said authorisation shall, without prejudice to the giving of any further authorisation or direction, cease to have effect.

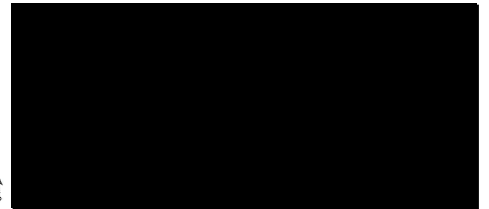
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Signed by authority of the Secretary of State



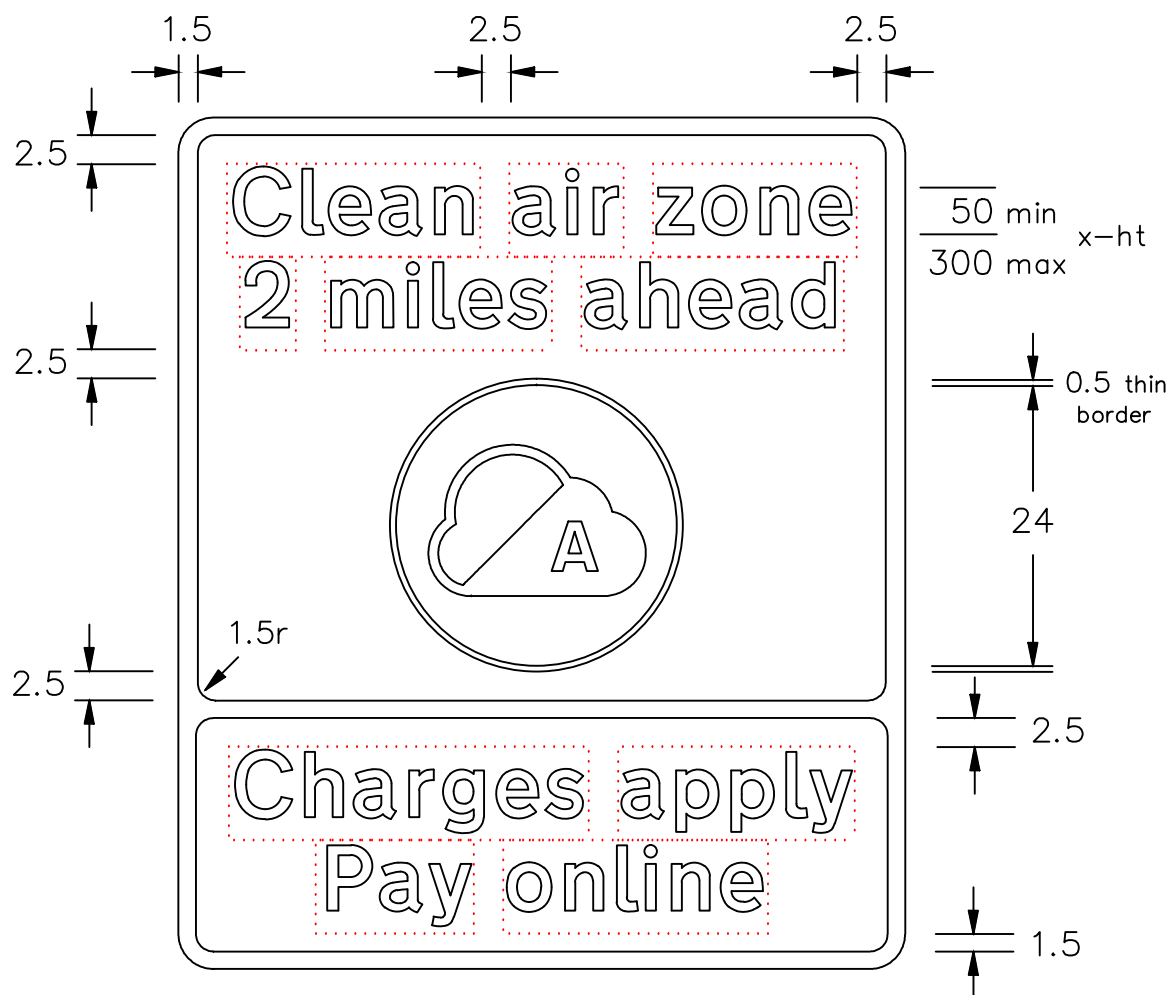
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Date:
29/01/2026



NOTES:

1. The legends are from the Transport Medium alphabet at the x-heights shown.
2. Details of the Clean Air Zone (CAZ) symbol are given on drawing S 68.
3. The tile outlines do not form part of the sign.
4. COLOURS
 - Background -----BLUE
 - Legend & Border -----WHITE
 - Thin border to CAZ Symbol -----WHITE
 - CAZ Symbol -----GREEN/WHITE
5. DIMENSIONS
 - X-heights are in millimeters, other dimensions are in stroke widths (4sw = x-height).
6. See sheet 2 for a variant showing times of operation.

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Title: Informatory Sign
ADVANCE WARNING OF ENTRY
INTO A CLEAN AIR ZONE AREA

Issue: Date:
A: 31.8.18
B: 15.3.22
C:

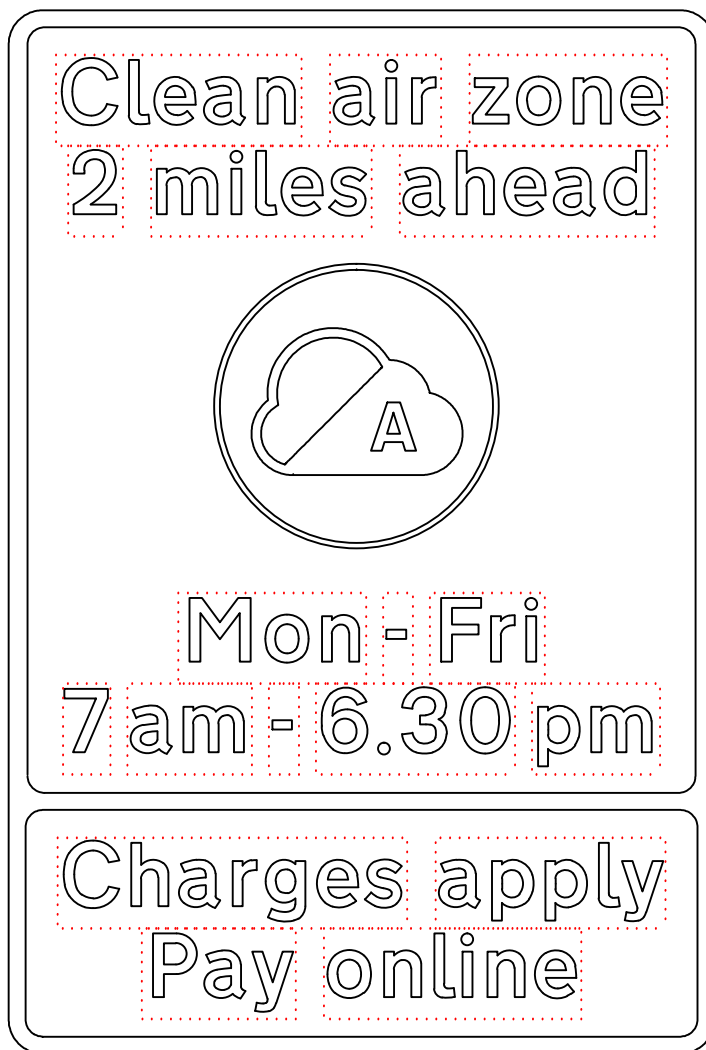
Drawn by :
A.K.
Approved by:
J.B.

Related drawings :
S 68

Drawing No.
NP 818.8
Sheet 1 of 2

x—ht
 50 min
 300 max

4
 1.5




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**Clean air zone
2 miles ahead**



**Charges apply
Pay online**

**Clean air zone
2 miles ahead**



**Mon - Fri
7 am - 6.30 pm**

**Charges apply
Pay online**

**Clean air zone
2 miles ahead**



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Pay online**

**Clean air zone
¾ mile ahead
on A370**

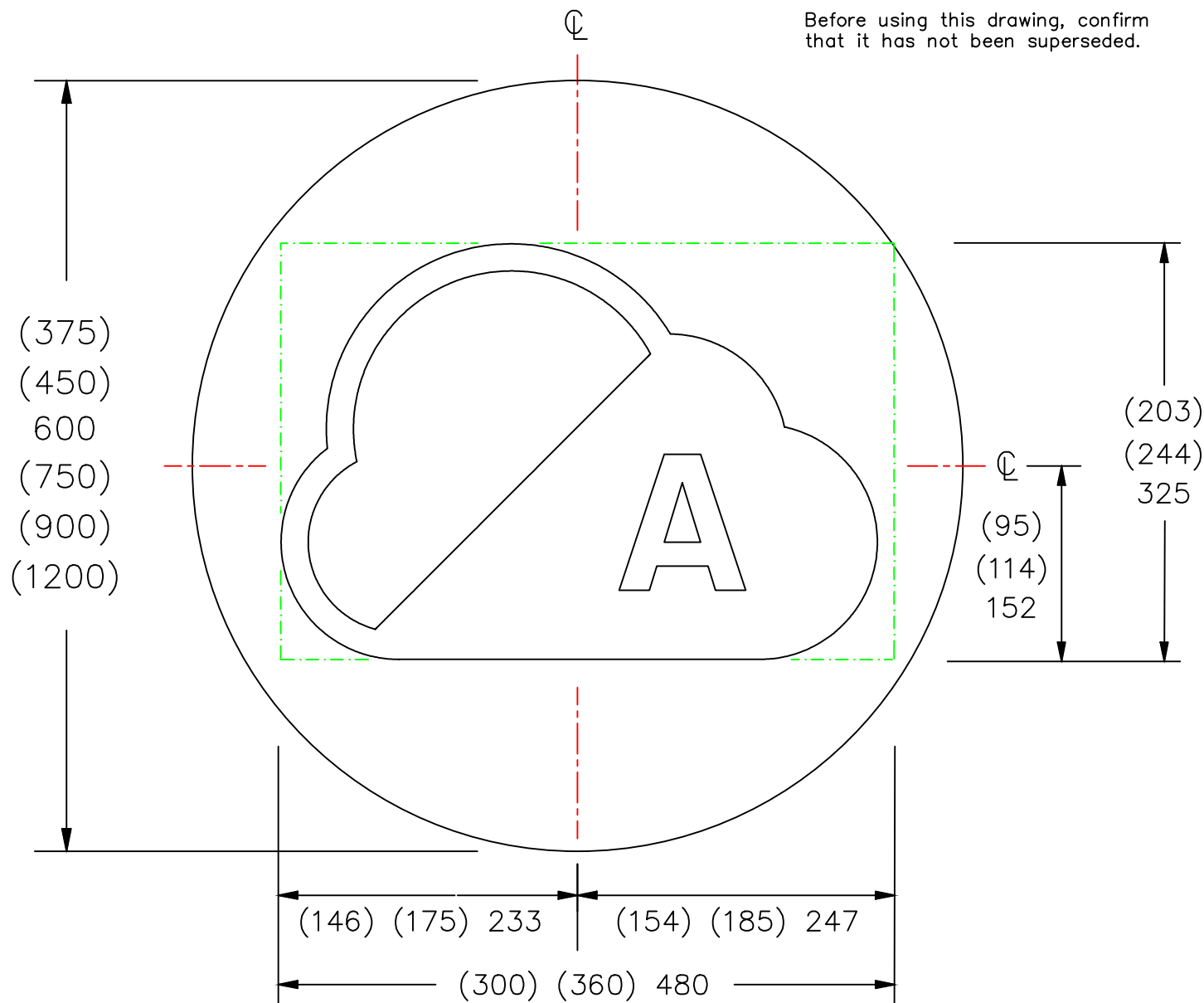


**Charges apply
Pay online**

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NOTES:

1. The tile outline does not form part of the sign.
2. Dimensions are given in millimeters.
3. The symbol is not reversible.
4. COLOURS:
Background ---- GREEN
CAZ Symbol ---- WHITE
Legend ----- GREEN
5. All elements on the sign must be increased proportionally in size.



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Title:

Symbol

CLEAN AIR ZONE

Issue: Date:

A: 31.8.18

B: 22.11.19

C: 1.5.20

Drawn by:

A.K.

Approved by:

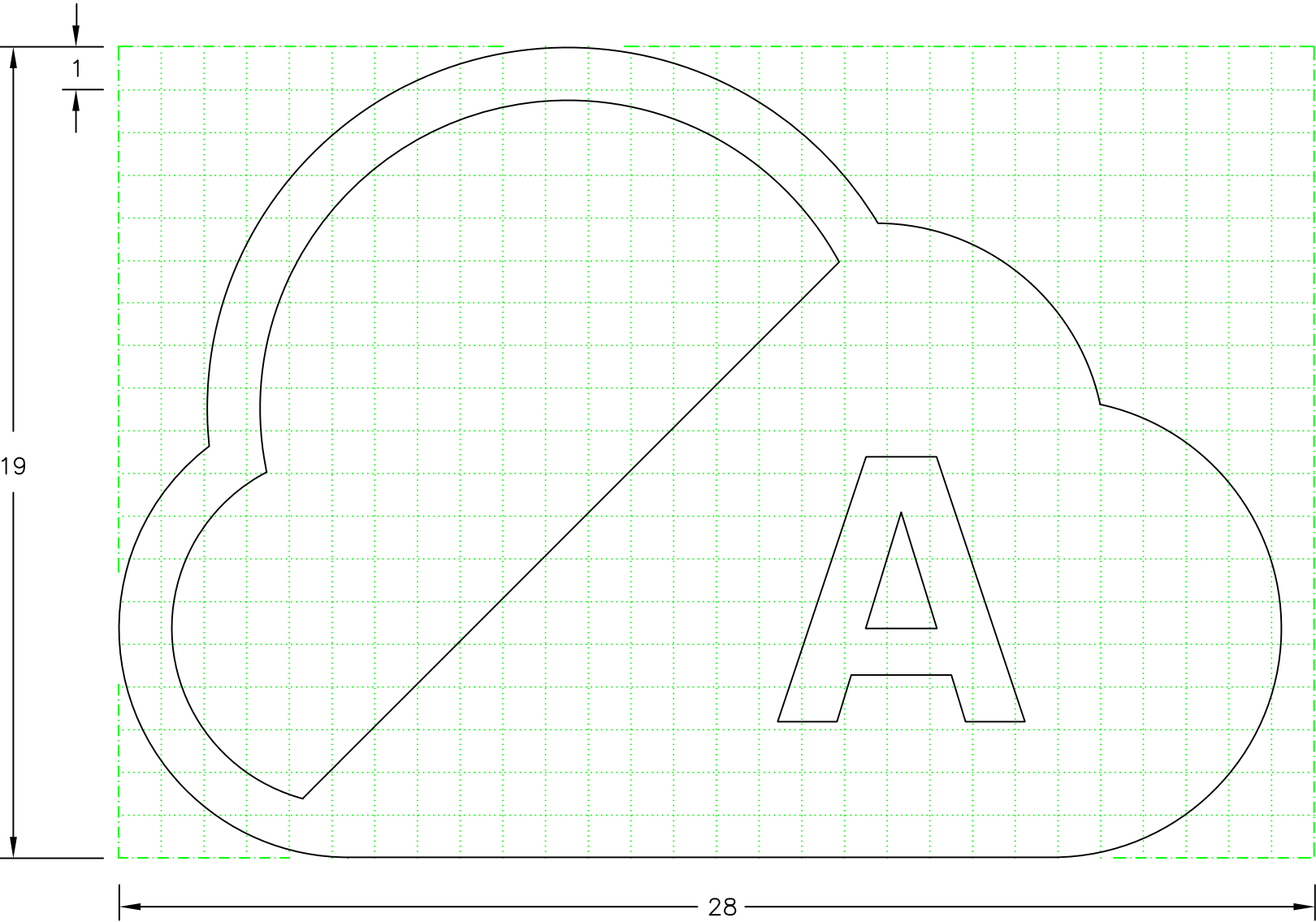
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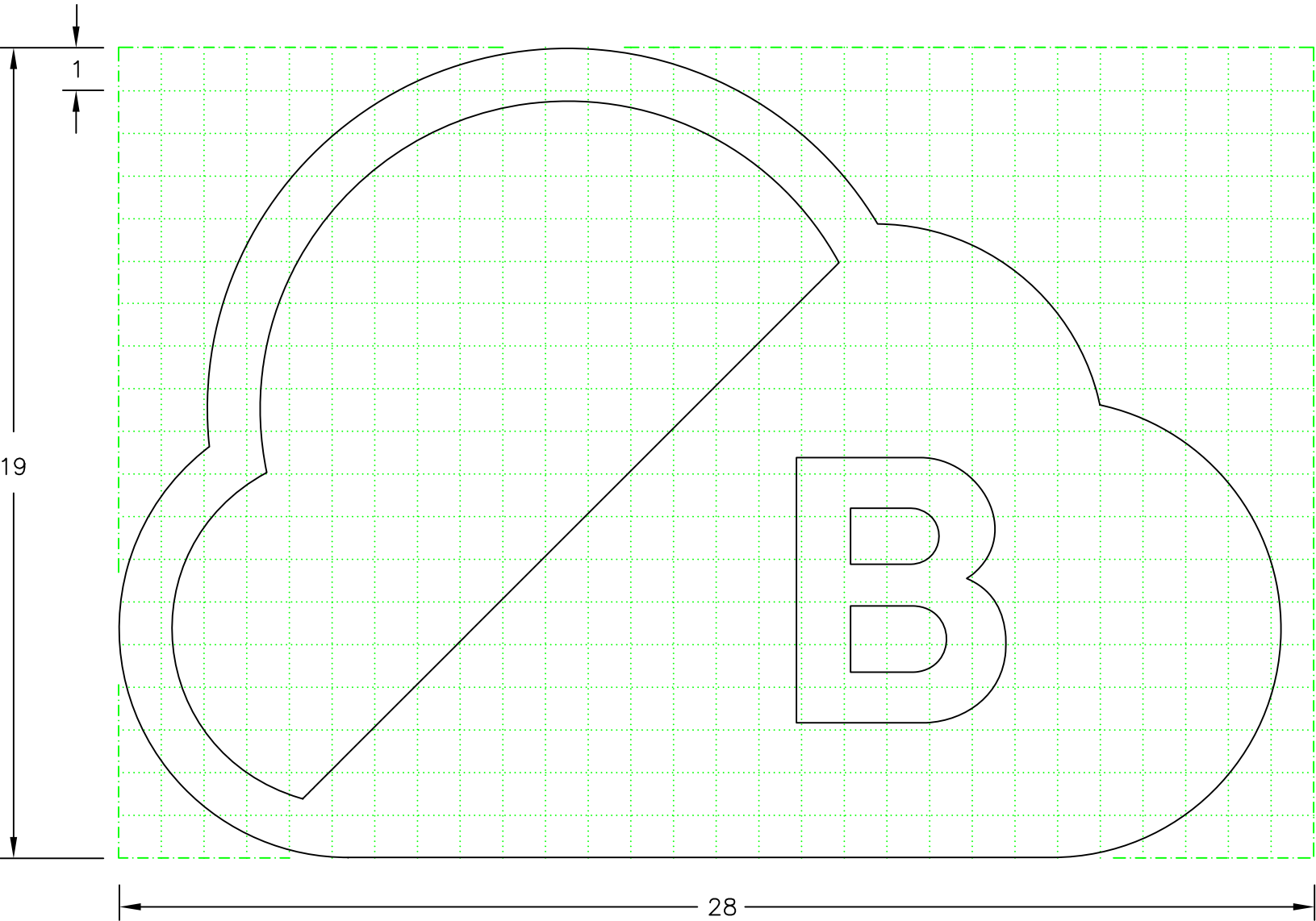
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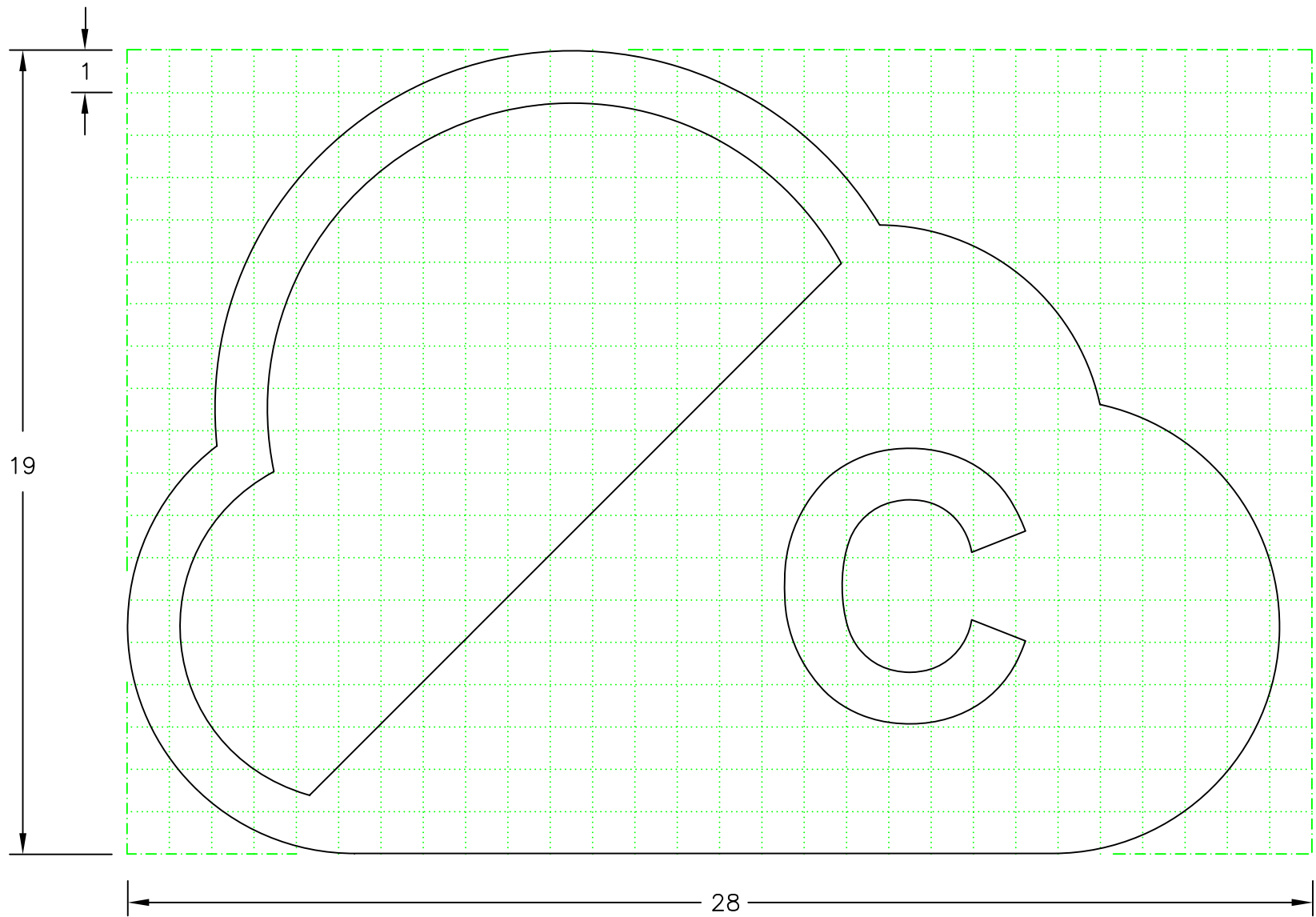
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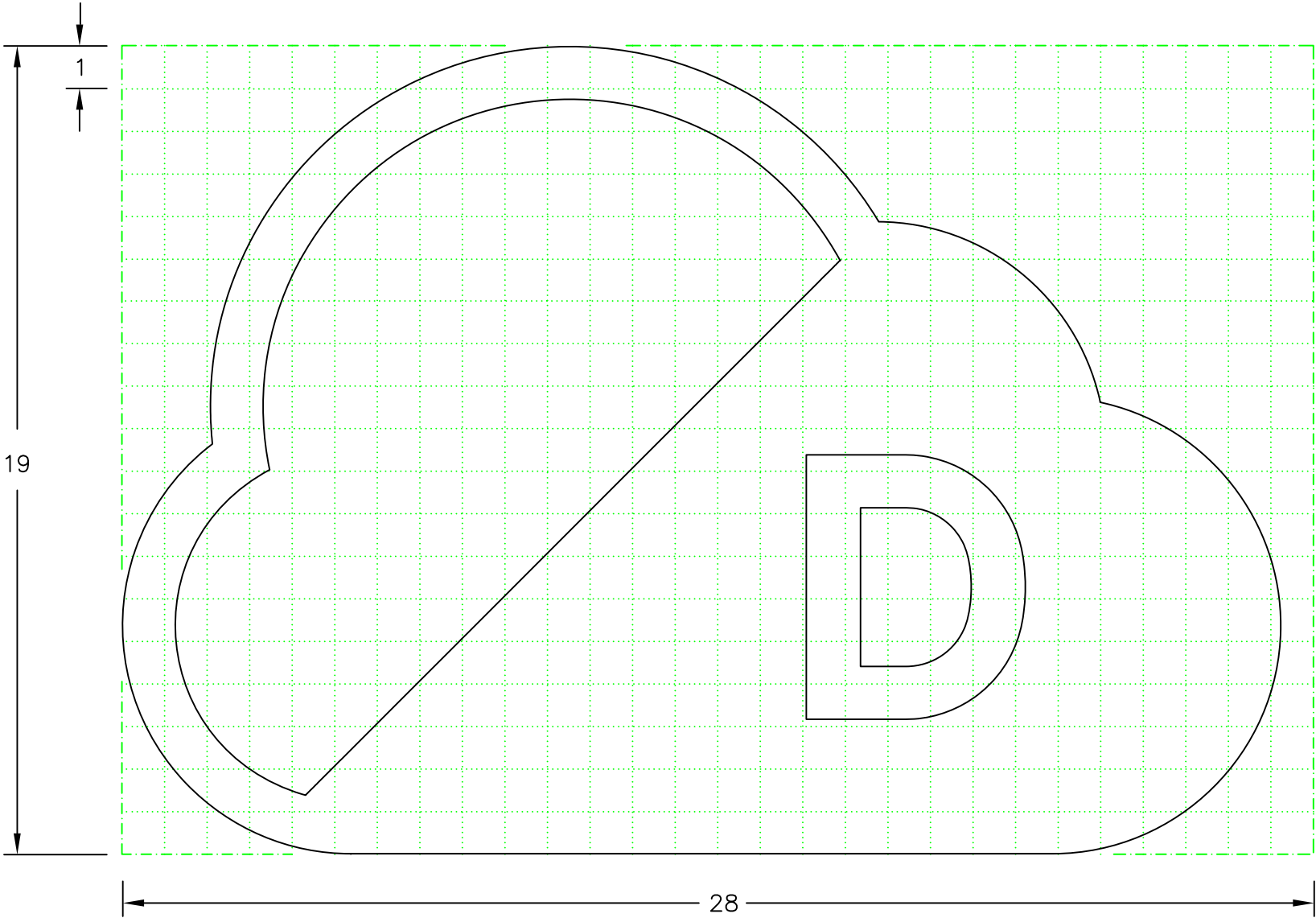
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