



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 driving conditions on roads in England.

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.



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2. directs that the authorised sign may display the legend in white, off white or yellow on a dark background; and
3. directs that any of the legends shall be individually displayed only at such times as are appropriate to indicate that the conditions it describes apply and that, when not displaying any message, the sign face of the authorised sign shall remain blank; and
4. directs that the any of the legends may be displayed in either capitals or in sentence case; and
5. directs, without prejudice to any statutory provision to the like effect, that it is a condition of this authorisation that the use of the authorised sign and/or the display of a legend 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 sign and/or legend and on that day the said authorisation shall, without prejudice to the giving of any further authorisation or direction, cease to have effect.

Dated *13 November 2024*

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

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- Motorised sign to comply with auto cut out, so motor cuts out automatically to protect against finger trapping
  - Colour - P6 Amber / Off White (570-590 nanometres)
  - Fixed sign dimensions approximate—width 600mm x Height 131mm x Depth 50mm
  - Motorised sign dimensions approximate - Display open: Width 622mm x Height 148mm x Depth 170mm. Display Closed: Width 622mm x Height 80mm x Depth 170mm
  - Pre-programmed Arrow function :- Left arrow, Right arrow, Centre out
  - Programmable messages:- these can be uploaded via a USB stick for example created by a client software but cannot be changed once programmed
  - Sign must low power in low light conditions
  - Control head:-
    - Must comply with internal projects regulation 21 automotive
    - Have clear text or symbols where appropriate
    - Back lit buttons that dim down in low light conditions
    - Buttons that indicate clearly when function is pressed
    - LCD screen to illustrate text or symbol to be displayed or is displayed
- \*Typical control head shown



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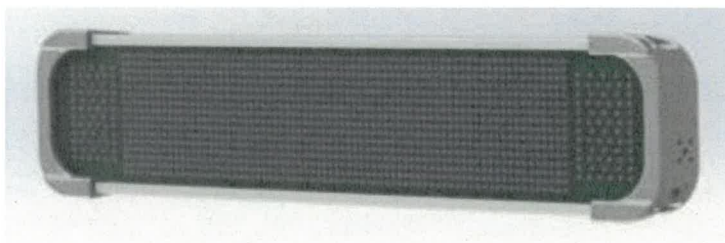
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## General requirements for internally mounted – Police Vehicle Messenger Signs

- 45mm high characters
- Designed for Police use only
- Amber LED's
- Steady Police messages as per the list at Appendix 1
- Simple latching switch control
- Impact resistant ABS case 5mm CD Fixed
- Approximate Height: 80mm Width: 240mm Depth: 40mm
- Voltage 9 to 14 volts
- EMC approval 10.4
- VIDG Spec 5 Issue 12



\*Fixed type shown above



\*Motorised tip up or tip down shown above

- Internal sign to comply with : Regulation 21 internal projections automotive
- External mounting (fixed sign): Regulation 26 external projections automotive

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## VMS legend

(Left Arrow)	Incident	Road blocked
(Right Arrow)	Incident control	Road check
20 mph	Keep back	Road clear
30 mph	Keep in lane	Road closed
40 mph	Keep your distance	Road works
50 mph	Lane clear	RVP
60 mph	Lane closed	Safe journey
70 mph	Lights on	Seat belt on
Accident	Load insecure	Security alert
Accident slow	Load loose	Skid risk
Armed police	Long delays	Slow
Bridge closed	Long load	Slow accident
Stranded vehicle	Long vehicle	Slow collision
Change lane	Map down	Slow diversion
Chemical hazard	Merge left	Slow down
Close windows	Merge right	Slow floods
Closures ahead	Motorway closed	Slow fog
Collision	Moving convoy	Slow fog patches
Collision slow	No high sided	Slow ice
Crosswind	No overtaking	Slow load
Debris	No smoking	Slow smoke
Delays	Observe speed limit	Slow spillage
Dip lights	Off phone	Slow queue
Diversion	Okay now	Slow vehicle
Divert left	Pass nearside	Snow
Divert right	Pass offside	Spinal injury
Do not overtake	Pass slowly	Stay back
Do not pass	Pass with care	Queue/Queue ahead
Door insecure	Phone down	Stop
Exit left	Police	Stop at next layby
Exit right	Police Accident	Stop using phone
Fasten belts	Police Collision	Thank you
Fasten seatbelts	Police Convoy	Too close
Floods	Police Convoy Keep	Towing
Flyover closed	back	Tunnel closed
Fog	Police Do not pass	Turn fog lights off
Fog patches	Police Follow me	Turn lights on
Fog lights off	Police Incident	Underpass closed
Fog lights on	Police Keep Back	Use hard shoulder
Follow diversion	Police Security	Use lane 1
Follow me	Police Slow	Use lane 2
Get in lane	Police Stop	Use left lane
Get off phone	Pull over	Use right lane
Headlamps off	Put your phone down	Warning diesel
Headlamps on	Reduce speed	Wide load
Strong winds	Rejoin motorway	
Ice		