

A quick reference table of major road signs in Japan



Understand the meaning of the signs and have a safe and enjoyable driving trip.

Road signs guide drivers on the road, alert them to drive safely, and inform them of things to be observed.

Ignoring traffic rules while driving can lead to traffic accidents.
















Observe the traffic rules and have a safe and secure driving trip.

Regulatory sign









 <p>Road Closed No pedestrians, cars or streetcars can pass.</p>	 <p>Closed to vehicles. Cars (automobiles, motorized bicycles, light vehicles) cannot pass.</p>
 <p>No parking or stopping Cars should not be parked here. The number above indicates the time of ban, in this case from 8:00 to 20:00.</p>	 <p>No Parking Do not park your car here. The number above indicates the time of ban, in this case from 8:00 to 20:00.</p>
 <p>Pause Cars must stop just before the stop line. If there is no stop line, you must stop before the intersection (sign).</p>	 <p>Slow down Vehicles must slow down (pass at a speed that allows the vehicle to stop immediately).</p>
 <p>Maximum speed Vehicles must not exceed the maximum speed indicated on the sign.</p>	 <p>Minimum speed Motor vehicles must not travel at less than the speed indicated.</p>
 <p>No vehicle entry car cannot enter (It is installed at one-way exits, etc.)</p>	 <p>Vehicle crossing prohibited Cars should not cross here. (Crossings that involve turning left to enter or exit off-road facilities or places are allowed.)</p>
 <p>Do not turn here Cars cannot turn here.</p>	 <p>No overtaking Cars (vehicles) must not overtake.</p>
 <p>Do not proceed outside the designated direction. The car must not proceed in any direction other than the direction of the arrow.</p>	
  <p>One Way Vehicles can travel in the direction indicated by the arrow. Passage from the opposite direction is not allowed.</p>	 <p>Exclusive Lane Indicates that the lane is for exclusive use by the vehicle indicated on the sign. In this case, dedicated traffic lanes for route buses, etc.</p>

Warning sign



Warning signs in Japan are diamonds.

 <p>Slippery Indicates that the road ahead is icy and slippery.</p>	 <p>Watch out for falling rocks Indicates that there is a risk of falling rocks on the road ahead.</p>	 <p>Uneven road surface Indicates that the road surface ahead is uneven.</p>
 <p>Road construction It shows that the road is under construction.</p>	 <p>There is a steep incline It indicates that there is a steep slope ahead.</p>	 <p>There is a steep slope down It indicates that there is a steep slope ahead.</p>
 <p>School zone Indicates that there is a school, kindergarten, nursery school, etc. ahead.</p>	 <p>Traffic light It indicates that there is a traffic light ahead.</p>	 <p>There is merging traffic Indicates that there is merging traffic ahead.</p>
 <p>Number of lanes Indicates that the number of lanes will decrease ahead.</p>	 <p>Width reduction Indicates that the road width will narrow ahead.</p>	 <p>Two-way traffic Indicates that the road is a two-way street.</p>
 <p>With railroad crossing It indicates that there is a railroad crossing ahead.</p>	 <p>Be careful of crosswind This indicates that crosswinds require caution.</p>	 <p>Beware of animals Indicates that animals may run into the road.</p>

instructional sign

 <p>Parking available You can park your car here.</p>	 <p>Can stop here Cars can be parked here.</p>	 <p>Priority road The sign indicates that the road is a priority road.</p>
 <p>Center lane Indicates that the position of the sign is in the middle of the road or on the center line</p>	 <p>Stop line The position of the sign indicates where the car should stop.</p>	 <p>Safe area This indicates a pedestrian safe zone and no vehicles are allowed.</p>
 <p>Pedestrian crossing Indicates a crosswalk.</p>	 <p>Bicycle crossing zone It shows a bicycle crossing.</p>	

Guide sign

 <p>東名高速 TOMEI EXPWY Indicates the direction of the highway entrance.</p>	 <p>国道 142 ROUTE It shows the number of the national highway.</p>	 <p>上馬 Kamiuma 日本橋 Nihonbashi 大森 Oomori Indicates a direction or direction.</p>	 <p>非常電話 Emergency phone</p>
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