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BTT Road Signs at a Glance

Singapore road signs are grouped by shape and colour, so you can tell what a sign wants before you can read it: **blue circles** tell you what you must do, **red circles** what you must not do, **red triangles** warn of a hazard, and **rectangles** give information. Signs and Signals is the biggest chapter of the BTT, with about a third of the questions.

The five kinds of sign



Mandatory: blue circle. You must do what it shows: keep left, turn left only, ahead only, split traffic. Disobeying is an offence. p.9



Prohibitory: red circle. You must not: no entry, no right turn, speed limits, no overtaking. Disobeying is an offence. p.11



Warning: red triangle. A hazard ahead: take extra care and slow down. p.14



Regulatory: a board with words, such as Reduce Speed Now, Keep Left Unless Overtaking, Single Lane Traffic. p.19-20



Information: mostly blue rectangles: bus stop, bus lane, U-turn facility, red light camera, taxi stand. p.21-23

Stop, give way and no entry



STOP (eight sides): stop before the white line, then give way to traffic from the right and left. p.10



Give way (upside-down triangle): slow down, stop if necessary, give way to traffic on the major road. p.10



No entry for all vehicles: red disc with a white bar. p.11



No stopping: blue with a red cross. **No waiting** (one red line): stop only to let people get in or out. p.11

Prohibitory signs: the numbers

- **Speed limit** signs show 40 to 90 km/h. With no sign, the limit is **50 km/h**. p.13, 52
- **Width, height, weight limits**: the numbers change by place; the handbook examples are 2.3 m wide, 4.5 m high, 10 tonnes. p.12
- Over **4.5 m** high or **10 tonnes** without a police escort is an offence. p.12
- **No sounding of horn**, except to prevent an accident. p.13
- No entry for lorries, for vehicles with 3 or more axles, for motorcycles. p.13

Warning signs: what to do



Bends, narrow roads: slow down, keep left; do not overtake, make a U-turn or park. p.14, 16



Junctions: slow down and look out for traffic joining from the side shown. p.14-15



Hump, uneven road: slow down, keep left, do not overtake. **Steep slope**: change to a lower gear. p.17

- **School zone, Friendly Street**: no more than **40 km/h**. Silver zone: watch for elderly pedestrians. p.18
- **Vehicle breakdown sign**: at least **20 m** behind the vehicle. p.17

Direction boards and EMAS



Green: directions. A chevron end = confirmation sign. p.27



Blue panel: an expressway destination. p.27



White, black border: facilities, or the road ahead. p.28, 34



Brown: places for tourists. p.34



Orange: work zone signs. p.73



EMAS electronic boards on expressways. p.29

EMAS travel times: green up to 50% longer than normal, yellow 50-125% longer, red more than 125%. Lanes are numbered from the fast lane. p.29, 32

Tunnels and crossings

- **Tunnel lane signals**: green arrow, lane open; flashing amber cross, obstruction ahead, slow down and be ready to change lane; red cross, lane closed. p.25
- Tunnel signs: switch on headlights and the radio; no vehicles with dangerous goods. p.25
- **Red Man**: do not cross. **Green Man flickering**: do not start to cross. A countdown shows the seconds left. p.24
- Long vehicles carry yellow reflective markings on each side and red at the rear; dangerous goods vehicles show hazard signs. p.34

Test traps

- **No waiting vs no stopping**: with one red line you may stop to let people get in or out; with a red cross you may not stop at all. p.11
- **Blue circle vs red circle**: blue tells you what you must do, red what you must not. p.9, 11
- **No speed sign**: the limit is 50 km/h. p.52
- **Flashing amber cross** in a tunnel: the lane is still open, but slow down for an obstruction. A red cross closes it. p.25
- **Green Man flickering**: do not start to cross. p.24

Penalties (car)

Unauthorised U-turn	$100, no points
Disobeying a police officer directing traffic	3 points, $150
Against the flow shown by traffic signs	6 points, $200
Not obeying traffic light signals	12 points, $400

In school and silver zones and Friendly Streets, some offences add 2 points and $100. p.6-7

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