

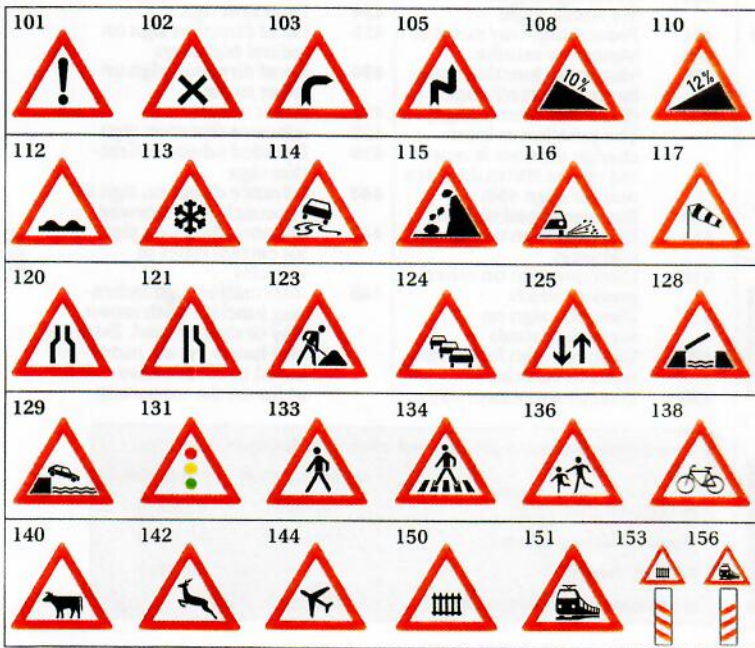
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## Road Signs and Signals in the Federal Republic of Germany (Highway Code – StVO)



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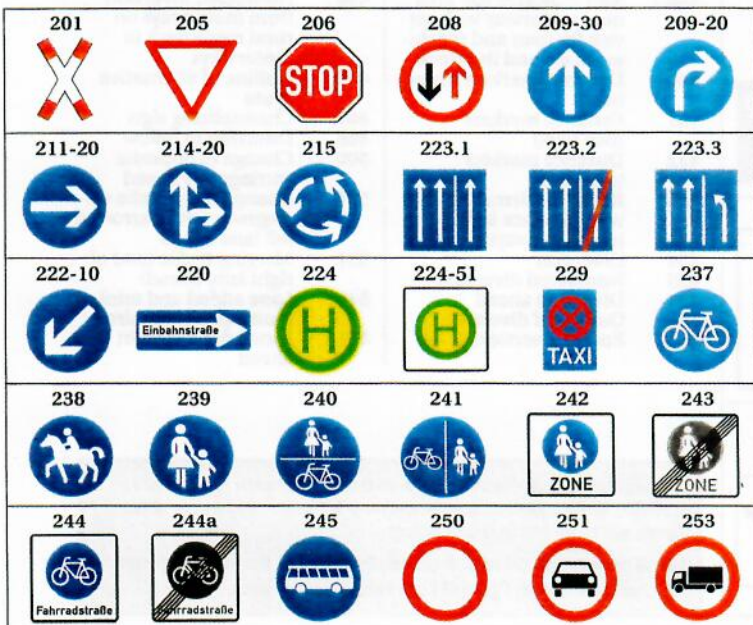
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### Article 40 Warning Signs

- |     |   |     |  |
|-----|---|-----|--|
| 101 | Danger/ Caution                                 | 140 | Cattle crossing  |
| 102 | Cross-road of junction with priority from right | 142 | Wild animals crossing  |
| 103 | Right bend                                      | 144 | Air traffic  |
| 105 | Double bend (first to right)                    | 150 | Level crossing with gate/barriers or half gates/half barrier ahead                         |
| 108 | Steep descent                                   | 151 | Level crossing without gate or barrier   |
| 110 | Steep ascent                                    | 153 | Triple bar countdown markers (left) at approach to level crossing with gate or barrier     |
| 112 | Uneven road                                     | 156 | Triple bar countdown markers (right) at approach to level crossing without gate or barrier |
| 113 | Danger of snow or ice                           |     |  |
| 114 | Road slippery when wet or dirty                 |     |  |
| 115 | Falling rocks                                   |     |  |
| 116 | Loose chippings                                 |     |  |
| 117 | Cross-wind                                      |     |  |
| 120 | Road narrows on both sides                      |     |  |
| 121 | Road narrows on right side                      |     |  |
| 123 | Road works                                      |     |  |
| 124 | Congestion                                      |     |  |
| 125 | Two-way traffic straight ahead                  |     |  |
| 128 | Opening bridge                                  |     |  |
| 129 | Quayside or river bank                          |     |  |
| 131 | Light signals                                   |     |  |
| 133 | Pedestrians                                     |     |  |
| 134 | Pedestrian crossing                             |     |  |
| 136 | Children  |     |  |
| 138 | Cyclists crossing                               |     |  |

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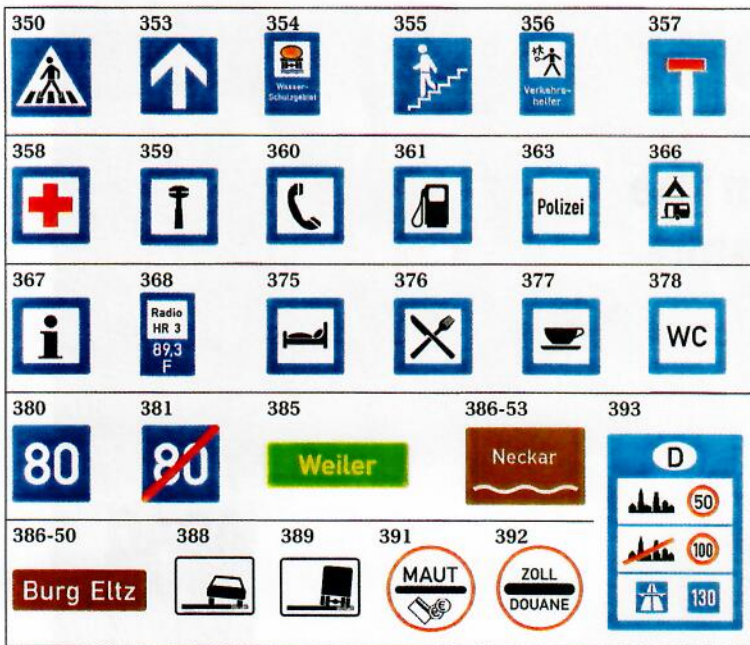


### Article 41 Signs Giving Orders

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|--------|--|------|--|
| 201    | St. Andrew's cross; rail-road traffic has priority | 239  | Pedestrians only   |
| 205    | Give way   | 240  | Pedestrians and cycles only, no separation   |
| 206    | Stop and give way                                  | 241  | Cycles and pedestrians only, separate track and path   |
| 208    | Oncomig traffic has priority                       | 242  | Beginning of a pedestrian zone   |
| 209-30 | Ahead only   | 243  | End of a pedestrian zone   |
| 209-20 | Turn right ahead                                   | 244  | Beginning of a street for cyclists only  |
| 211-20 | Turn right   | 244a | End of a street for cyclists only  |
| 214-20 | Ahead or right only                                | 245  | Bus lane   |
| 215    | Roundabout   | 250  | No vehicles  |
| 223.1  | Shoulder lane open to traffic                      | 251  | No motorcars or other multi-track motor vehicles   |
| 223.2  | Shoulder lane closed to traffic                    | 253  | No power-driven vehicles with a permissible total weight exceeding 3,5t, including their trailers and tractors except passenger cars and buses |
| 223.3  | Shoulder lane ends                                 |      |  |
| 222-10 | Pass on the left                                   |      |  |
| 220    | One-way-street                                     |      |  |
| 224    | Stop   |      |  |
| 224-51 | (tram/streetcar or bus)                            |      |  |
| 229    | Stop (school bus)                                  |      |  |
| 237    | Route for cycles only                              |      |  |
| 238    | Horse riders only                                  |      |  |

Alcohol – blood alcohol limit at 0.5‰.

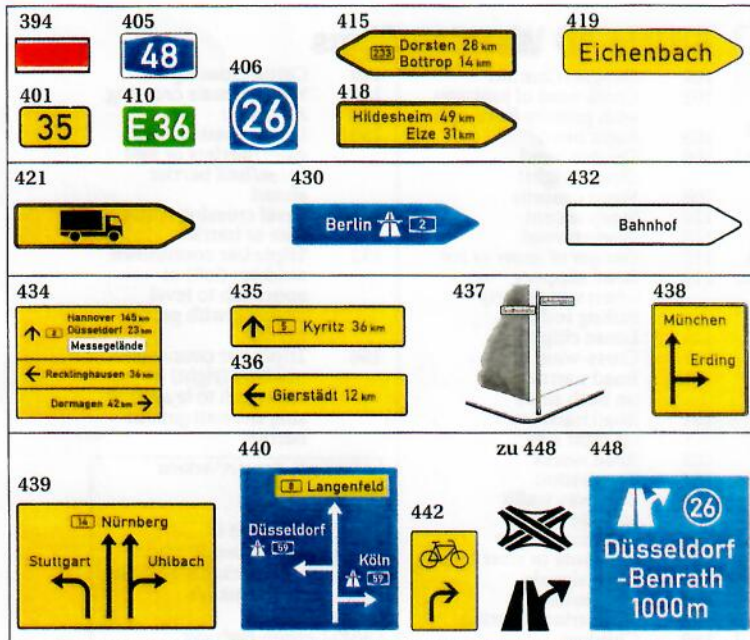




- 350 Pedestrian crossing
- 353 One-way street
- 354 Water protection area
- 355 Pedestrian subway or bridge
- 356 Guards
- 357 Dead-end street
- 358 First aid
- 359 Breakdown assistance
- 360 Public telephone
- 361 Filling station
- 363 Polizei
- 366 Camping and caravan site
- 367 Tourist office or information
- 368 Frequency of traffic information radio
- 375 Hotel or motel
- 376 Motorway restaurant
- 377 Refreshment or cafeteria
- 378 Toilets
- 380 Recommended speed
- 381 End of recommended speed
- 385 Name of place
- 386-53 Name of river
- 386-50 Tourist attraction
- 388 Shoulder unsafe for multi-track motor vehicles
- 389 Shoulder unsafe for goods vehicles exceeding a permissible total weight of 3.5t and for tractors
- 391 Toll road
- 392 Customs
- 393 Information panel at frontier crossing points

Special road signs call attention to the various filling stations, motels and roadhouses. Except for special circumstances, the filling stations, motels and roadhouses are open round the clock.

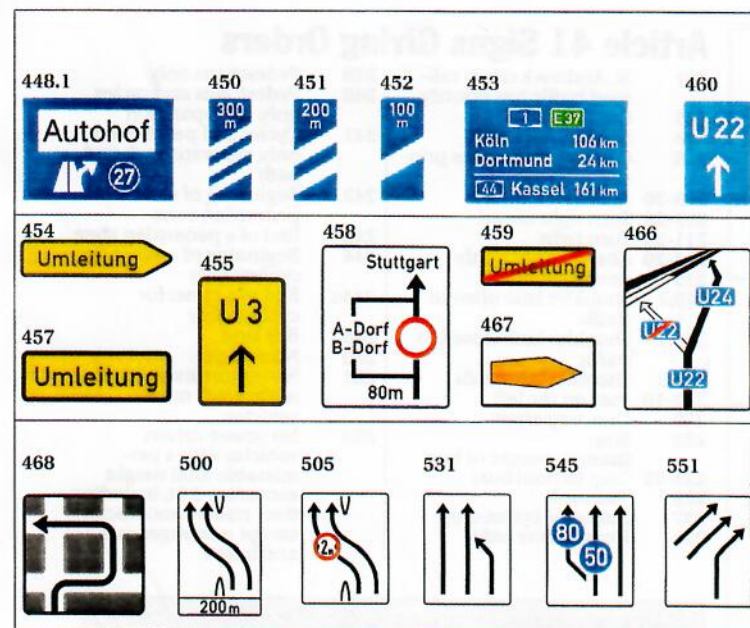
Overnight stays on parking lots are allowed, if no camping-like activities are initiated, i.e. tables and chairs may not be set up.



- 394 Street lighting not over the whole night
- 401 Federal highway number
- 405 Motorway number
- 406 Motorway junction number (exit, interchange, three-way interchange). The junction or interchange number is repeated on the 300 m distance marker (sign 450)
- 410 European road number
- 415 Direction sign on federal highways
- 418 Direction sign on other primary roads
- 419 Direction sign on secondary roads
- 421 Direction sign for certain types of vehicles
- 430 Direction to motorway
- 432 Local direction signs
- 434 Direction sign
- 435 Local direction sign on federal highways
- 436 Local direction sign on other roads
- 437 Street names
- 438 Advance direction sign
- 439 Detailed advance direction sign
- 440 Advance direction sign at approach to motorway
- 442 Advance direction sign for certain types of vehicles
- 448 Information sign indicating junction with motorway or similar road. Exits and junctions are numbered in consecutive order on the motorway

Speed limits for passenger cars and other vehicles up to 3.5t:

	without trailer	with trailer
In built-up areas:	50 km/h	50 km/h
Outside built-up areas:	100 km/h	80 km/h
On motorways:	130 km/h	80 km/h
recommended maximum speed	130 km/h	



- 448.1 Sign indicates rest area near motorway with service for man and machine all around the clock
- 450 Distance markers (three bars)
- 451 Distance markers (two bars)
- 452 Distance markers (one bar)
- 453 Route confirmatory sign with distance indication (on motorways)
- 454 Diversion
- 455 Numbered diversion
- 457 Diversion ahead
- 458 Outline of diversion
- 459 End of diversion
- 460 Numbered diversion from motorways on rural roads back to motorways
- 466 Outline of alternative route
- 467 Channelizing sign
- 468 Direction to follow
- 500 Change to opposite carriageway ahead
- 505 Change to opposite carriageway with narrowed left lane ahead
- 531 Merging traffic (end of right lane ahead)
- 545 Lane added and minimum speeds required
- 551 Lane added at right ahead

Fog regulation: on all streets a speed limit of 50 km/h applied when visibility in fog, snow or rain is less than 50 m. If visibility is worse, speed has to be reduced accordingly.

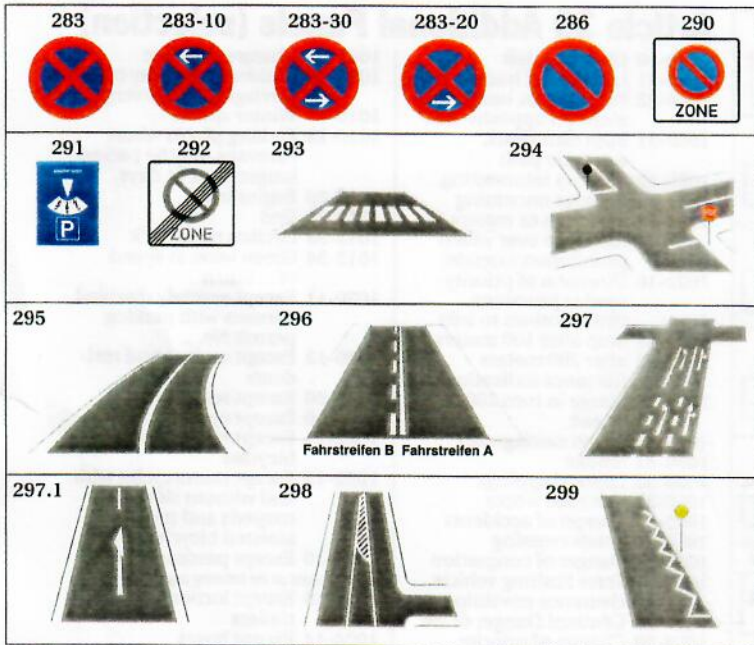
On all motorways vehicles may only be towed to the nearest garage. The hazard warning lights of both vehicles must be turned on.





254 No bicycles  
255 No motorcycles with or without side-car, mopeds or motor-assisted cycles  
256 No motor-assisted cycles  
258 No horse riders  
259 No pedestrians  
260 No motorcycles with or without side-car, no mopeds and motor-assisted bicycles and other multitrack power-driven vehicles  
261 No power-driven vehicles carrying dangerous goods  
262 No vehicles over weight shown in tonnes including load (total weight limit)  
263 Axle weight limit in tonnes  
264 No vehicles over width shown  
265 No vehicles over height shown  
266 No vehicles or combinations over length shown  
267 No entry

268 Snow chains mandatory  
269 No vehicles carrying water-polluting substances  
270.1 Traffic restriction zone for reduction of air pollution  
270.2 End of traffic restriction zone for reduction of air pollution  
272 No U-turn  
273 Keep minimum distance shown  
274 Maximum speed  
274.1 Beginning/  
274.2 End of speed limit zone  
275 Minimum speed  
276 No overtaking  
277 No overtaking for power-driven vehicles with a permissible total weight exceeding 3.5t, including their trailers or for tractors except passenger cars and buses  
278 End of speed limit  
279 End of minimum speed  
280 End of prohibition to overtake for all power-driven vehicles



281 End of prohibition to overtake for power-driven vehicles with a permissible total weight exceeding 3.5t, including their trailers, and for tractors except cars and buses  
282 End of all previous prohibitions and restrictions  
283 No stopping  
283-10 No stopping (beginning)  
283-30 No stopping (middle)  
283-20 No stopping (end)  
286 No parking  
290 Entrance to controlled parking zone

291 Parking disc  
292 End of controlled parking zone  
293 Pedestrian crossing  
294 Stop line  
295 Lane and carriageway delimitation  
296 One-lane delimitation ("Must not cross")  
297 Direction arrows  
297.1 Lane will be delimited or end  
298 Area not to be entered by vehicles (hatch markings)  
299 No parking area

The colours of directions signs are: On motorways blue  
Outside built-up areas yellow  
in built-up areas white

In accidents call 110 for police and 112 for ambulance.

ADAC breakdown assistance (landline): 0 180 2 22 22 22 (0.06 €/call for T-Home landline, rates for mobile networks may differ),  
ADAC breakdown assistance (from mobile phone): 22 22 22 (in all mobile networks)

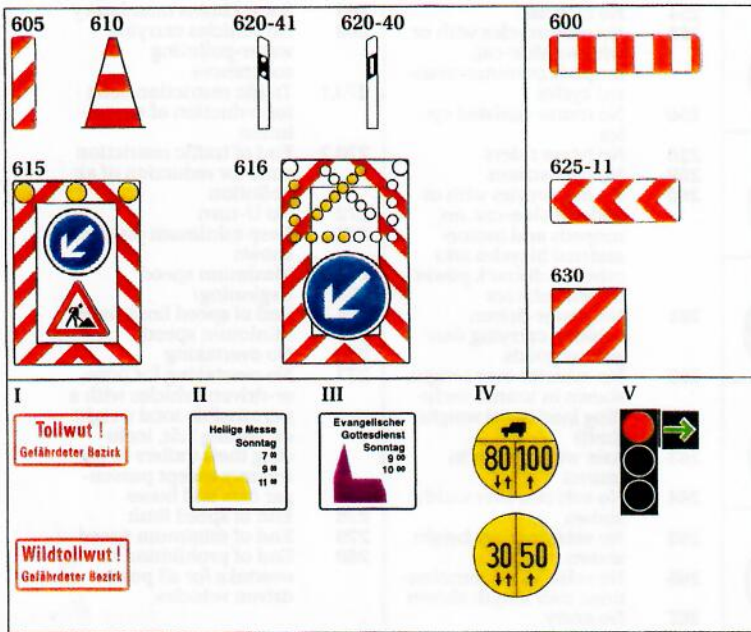


### Article 42 Information Signs

301 Priority at next intersection  
306 Priority road  
307 End of priority road  
308 Priority over vehicles from opposite direction  
310 Beginning of built-up area  
311-40 End of built-up area (two spaces with yellow backgrounds)  
311-41 End of built-up area (two spaces, one with white and one with yellow background)  
314 Parking place  
314-10 Parking place (beginning)  
314-20 Parking place (end)  
315 Parking place (end)  
316 Park and ride  
317 Park and hike  
325 Residential area, entry  
326 Residential area, exit  
327 Tunnel  
328 Tunnel  
330 Motorway  
331 Motor road  
332-20 Motorway exit  
332-21 Exit from other roads  
332-22 Exit to local destinations  
333-20 Motorway exit (arrow-shaped sign)  
333-21 Exit from other roads (arrow-shaped sign)  
334 End of motorway  
336 End of motor road  
340 Guiding line  
341 "Give way" line

- Fog lights may be used in fog, snow or conditions of generally impaired visibility. Rear fog lights may only be used in fog when visibility is less than 50 m.
- Motorcyclists must use their lights also during daytime.
- Motorcyclists and their passengers must wear a helmet while driving.
- Motorists reaching the end of a motorway traffic jam are recommended to turn on their hazard warning lights.





## Article 43 Traffic Control Devices

- 600 Barrier rail
- 605 Guiding beacon (warning beacon)
- 610 Guiding cone
- 615 Mobile barrier board (for roads with oncoming traffic)
- 616 Mobile barrier board with flashing arrow (for at least two lanes in one direction)
- 620-41 Delineator (on the left)
- 620-40 Delineator (on the right)
- 625-11 Sharp deviation of route to left/right
- 630 Warning plate for parking heavy goods vehicles

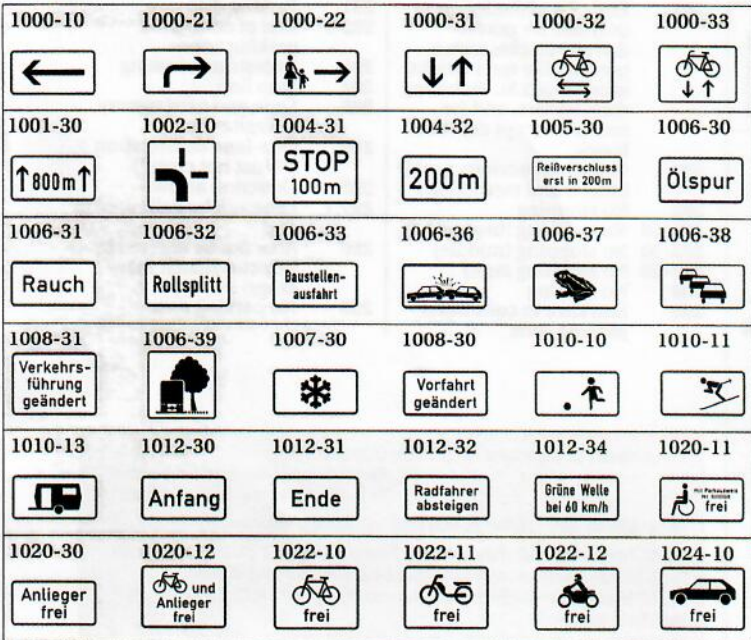
During journeys, all passengers have to fasten seat belts. Children must be carried in suitable child restraints until the age of 12 or size less than 150 cm. The fine for non-compliance is 30 Euro if the child restraint is not suitable and 40 Euro if a child is carried without any child restraint. It is also interdicted to use mobile phones without handsfree sets while driving power-driven vehicles and cycles. The fine for non-compliance is 40 Euro.

## Special Signs

- I Danger! Rabies!
- II Holy mass
- III Church service
- IV Signs indicating carrying capacity of bridge for NATO vehicles
- V Sign allows, if traffic lights are red, after stopping, to turn right from right lane

The tread depth of the tyres must be at least 1.6 mm. This also applies to foreign vehicles. Vehicle equipment must be compatible with the weather conditions. Make sure you use suitable tyres and have anti-freeze in your washer system.

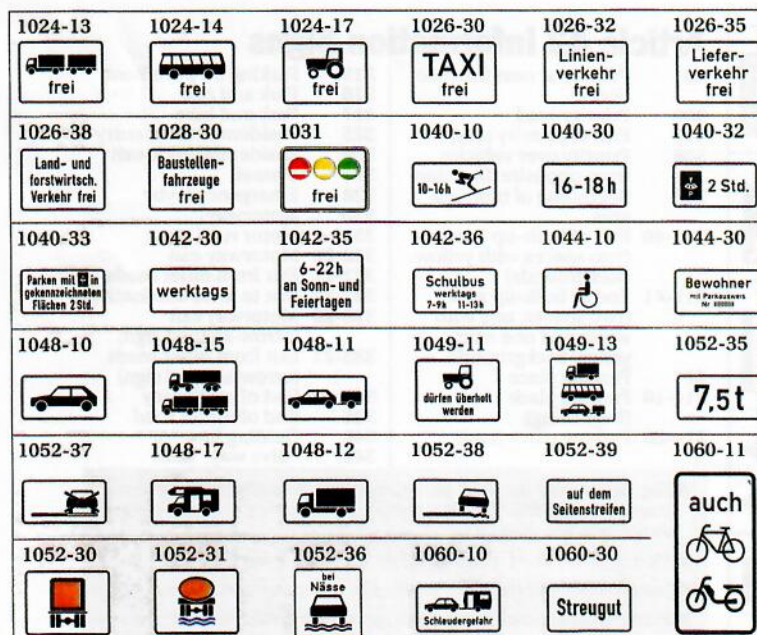
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## Article 39 Additional Panels (selection)

- 1000-10 Direction, left
- 1000-21 Location of hazard, right
- 1000-22 Pedestrians, use pavement on opposite side both directions, e.g. cycle path
- 1000-31 Bicycles intersecting
- 1000-32 Bicycles oncoming
- 1001-30 For ... km or meters (distance over which prohibition extends)
- 1002-10 Direction of priority road at junctions (from bottom to left)
- 1004-31 Stop after 100 meters (distance indication)
- 1004-32 after 200 meters (distance indication)
- 1005-30 Merge in turn 200 m ahead
- 1006-30 Oil on carriageway
- 1006-31 Smoke
- 1006-32 Loose chippings
- 1006-33 Exit road works
- 1006-36 Danger of accidents
- 1006-37 Toads crossing
- 1006-38 Danger of congestion
- 1006-39 Trees limiting vehicle clearance envelope
- 1007-30 Caution! Danger of ice
- 1008-30 Change of priority
- 1008-31 Change of layout
- 1010-10 Children may play on carriageway and verge
- 1010-11 Winter sports
- 1010-13 Parking places where caravans may be parked longer than 14 days
- 1012-30 Beginning
- 1012-31 End
- 1012-32 Cyclists must walk
- 1012-34 Green wave at speed of ... km/h
- 1020-11 Except severely disabled persons with parking permit No. ...
- 1020-12 Except cyclists and residents
- 1020-30 Except residents
- 1022-10 Except cyclists
- 1022-11 Except motor-assisted bicycles
- 1022-12 Except motorcycles with and without sidcar, mopeds and motor-assisted bicycles
- 1024-10 Except passenger cars
- 1024-13 Except lorries with trailers
- 1024-14 Except buses

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- 1024-13 Passenger cars with trailers only
- 1024-14 only for motor vehicles of 3.5t including their trailers, no cars and buses
- 1024-15 Articulated vehicles and vehicle combinations only
- 1024-17 Mobile homes only
- 1024-18 Power-driven vehicles with a max. permissible speed not exceeding 25 km/h, may be overtaken
- 1024-19 Lorries, buses and passenger cars with trailer only
- 1025-30 Road forbidden to vehicles carrying dangerous goods
- 1025-31 Road forbidden to vehicles carrying water-polluting substances
- 1025-35 Indication of weight
- 1025-36 "Wet surface" sign supplementing sign 274
- 1025-37 No stopping on carriage-way or shoulder
- 1025-38 Unsafe edge of road
- 1025-39 On shoulder
- 1026-10 Danger for towed caravans on steep hills in heavy cross-winds
- 1026-11 Also bicycles and motor-assisted bicycles
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