Traffic signs in Germany

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103  Bend to right
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108  Steep hill downwards
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112  Uneven road
113* Risk of snow or ice
114  Road slippery when wet or dirty
115* Falling or fallen rocks
116* Loose chippings
117  Side winds
120  Road narrows on both sides
121  Road narrows (right)
123  Road works
124  Traffic queues likely ahead
125  Two-way traffic
128* Opening or swing bridge ahead
129* Quayside or river bank
131  Traffic signals
133  Pedestrians in road ahead
134* Zebra crossing
136  Children crossing ahead
138  Cycle route ahead
140* Cattle
142  Wild animals
144* Low-flying aircraft or sudden aircraft noise
150** Level crossing with gate/barrier or half-barrier ahead
151  Level crossing without barrier or gate ahead
156  Countdown marker indicating that level crossing is approx. 240m ahead
159  Countdown marker indicating that level crossing is approx. 160m ahead
162  Countdown marker indicating that level crossing is approx. 80m ahead

* Its erection may only be authorised in special risk situations.
** For level crossings, one standard sign (151) will now be used
## Signs giving orders

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<td>Give way</td>
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<td>206</td>
<td>Stop and give way</td>
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<td>Give priority to vehicles from opposite direction</td>
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<td>Turn right ahead</td>
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<td>Ahead or right only</td>
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<td>Roundabout</td>
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<td>Pass by on right, i.e. keep right</td>
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<td>Shoulder lane open to traffic</td>
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<td>Shoulder lane ends</td>
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<td>Bus/tramway stop (also school buses)</td>
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<td>Taxi rank</td>
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<td>Horses only</td>
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<td>Buses only</td>
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<td>250</td>
<td>No vehicles</td>
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<td>Motor vehicles except solo motor cycles prohibited</td>
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Hazardous cargo prohibited (no vehicles transporting marked hazardous materials)

Weight limit (no vehicles over maximum gross weight shown)

Axle weight limit (no vehicles over weight on axle shown)

Horizontal clearance (no vehicles over width shown)

Vertical clearance (no vehicles over height shown)

Length restriction (no vehicle or combination of vehicles over length shown)

No entry for vehicular traffic

Snow chains required

Water polluting cargo prohibited

Traffic restriction zone for reduction of air pollution

End of traffic restriction zone for reduction of air pollution

No U-turns

Minimum following distance (vehicles shown are required to maintain the indicated minimum following distance)

Maximum speed

Entry to 30kph zone

End of 30kph zone

Minimum speed

No overtaking

No overtaking for vehicles with a permitted gross weight over 3.5t including their trailers, and for tractors except passenger cars and buses

End of speed limit

End of minimum speed

End of no-overtaking zone

End of no-overtaking zone for vehicles with a permitted gross weight over 3.5t including their trailers, and for tractors except passenger cars and buses

End of all speed and overtaking restrictions

No stopping

No waiting

No-waiting zone

End of no-waiting zone

Pedestrian crossing

Stop line
Fahrstreifen B Fahrstreifen A

Wilster
Kreis Steinburg

Schotten ↑ Wilster

P ZONE

P

P+R

P ZONE

Tunnel

Autobahn

Radweg

Weguntersuchung

Parkhaus

P+R Parkhaus

Wohngebiet

Bezirk

Verbot für Lastkraftwagen

Autobahn

P+R Parkhaus

P ZONE

Wohngebiet

Bezirk
295  No passing (solid centre line)
296  No passing in one direction
297  Intersection arrows
297.1 Merge arrow indicating lane restriction or end of lane ahead
298  Restricted zone (white diagonal lines)
299  No stopping/parking zone (zigzag lines next to the curb)

Information signs

301  Priority at next intersection
306  Priority road
307  End of priority road
308  Traffic has priority over oncoming vehicles
310  Town/city limit sign (front)
311-40 Town/city limit sign (back)
314  Parking area
314.1 Parking management zone (entry)
314.2 End of parking management zone
315  Parking on sidewalk allowed
316  Park & ride
317  Hiker’s parking
318  Parking disc
325.1 Traffic calming zone
325.2 End of traffic calming zone
327  Tunnel ahead
328  Emergency lay-by
330.1 Motorway entrance
330.2 End of motorway
331.1 Expressway entrance
331.2  End of expressway
332   Motorway exit ahead
332.1 Expressway exit ahead
333   Exit from motorway (arrow sign)
333-20 Exit from expressways (arrow sign)
340   Lane separator/centre line
341   Wait line
350   Pedestrian crossing
353*  One-way street
354   Water protection area
355   Pedestrian subway or bridge
356   Crossing guards
357   Dead-end street
358   First aid station
359   Repair service
360   Telephone
361   Filling station
363   Police station
366   Camping and caravan site
367   Tourist information
375   Hotel
376   Restaurant
377   Snack bar
378   Toilets
380*  Advisory speed limit
381*  End of advisory speed limit
385   Place name sign
386.1  Tourist attraction
386.2  Tourist route
386.3  Geographical area containing several tourist attractions

* Traffic sign deleted from the German Highway Code; its erection may no longer be authorised.
388* Shoulder unsafe for multi-track motor vehicles
389* Shoulder unsafe for vehicles with a permitted gross weight over 3.5t and for tractors
390 Toll motorway
391 Toll road
392 Customs post
393 Information sign posted at international borders
394 Red band on lamp posts indicate that streetlight does not stay on all night
401 Federal Highway route number
405 Motorway route number
406 Motorway interchange number (exits, three and four-way interchanges)
410 European route number
415 Federal highway direction sign
418 Primary road direction sign
419 Secondary road direction sign
421 Advance direction sign for designated type of vehicle
422 Routing for designated type of vehicle
430 Direction to motorway
432 Direction sign to important local destinations
434 Consolidated direction sign
437 Street name signs
438 Advance direction sign
439 Advance direction sign including lane configuration
440 Motorway entrance direction sign
442 Routing for designated type of vehicle

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448  Motorway exit, four or three-way interchange ahead
448.1 Sign indicating off-motorway truck stop
449  Motorway interchange advance directional sign
450  Motorway interchange countdown markers
     (three bars, two bars, one bar)
453  Motorway distance board
454  Diversion sign
455.1 Numbered diversion route
457.1 Diversion ahead
457.2 End of diversion
458  Diversion routing
460  Provisional diversion route ahead
466  Provisional diversion route schematic
467.1 Recommended alternate route
467.2 End of recommended alternate route
501  Lane crossover at contra-flow road works
505  Lane crossover at contra-flow road works with width
     restriction
531  The number of lanes reduces from three lanes to two
     (closure of one lane)
545  Extension from two to three lanes with minimum speed
     by lane
551  Lanes added to another roadway
590  Complicated traffic route
Traffic control devices

600 Barricade
605 Obstruction marker
610 Traffic cone
615 Mobile lane closure board
616 Mobile lane closure board with flashing arrow
620 Reflector guide posts (left, right)
625 Bend ahead
626-629 Hazard marker
630 Parking hazard

Special signs

I NATO military bridge classification signs indicating carrying capacity
II Green-arrow sign
   Right turn on red permitted after coming to a stop and yielding to all other traffic and pedestrians
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Supplemental signs (selection)

1000-10  Direction, left
1000-21  Location of hazard, right
1000-22  Use opposite sidewalk
1000-31  Two-way traffic e.g. bicycle lane
1000-32  Bicycles intersecting
1000-33  Bicycles travelling in either direction
1001-30  Distance (metres) to which prohibition applies
1002-10  Priority road turns left in the intersection
1004-31  Stop ahead (100m)
1004-32  ... 200m ahead
1005-30  Zipper merge 200m ahead
1006-30  Trail of oil
1006-31  Smoke
1006-32  Loose chippings
1006-36  Accident hazard
1006-37  Toads crossing
1006-38  Congestion hazard
1006-39  Tree overhang
1007-30  Snow/ice hazard
1008-30  Priority changed
1008-31  Routing changed
1010-10  Children allowed to play on the road and shoulder
1010-11  Winter sports along the road
1010-13  Caravans allowed to park for over 2 weeks
1012-30  Start
1012-31  End
1012-32  Cyclists must walk
1012-34  All green signals ("green wave") at ...kph

»Allowed«-signs

1020-11  Disabled persons with parking permit no. ... allowed
1020-12  Cyclists and residents allowed
1020-13  Inline skaters allowed
1020-30  Residents and local traffic allowed
1022-10  Cyclists allowed
1022-11  Mopeds allowed
1022-12  Motorcycles with and without sidecar and mopeds allowed
1024-10  Passenger cars allowed
1024-13  HGV with trailer allowed
1024-14  Buses allowed
1024-17  Motor vehicles and tractor vehicles with 25kph maximum (permissible) speed allowed
1026-30  Taxis allowed
1026-32  Public transport vehicles allowed
1026-35  Delivery vehicles allowed
1026-38  Agricultural and forestry vehicles allowed
1026-61  Electric vehicles allowed
1028-30  Construction vehicles allowed
1031  Exemption from traffic ban according to §40(1) of the Federal Immission Control Act
1040-10  Winter sports along the road between 10-16hrs
1040-30  Restricted times (16-18hrs)
1040-32  Parking disc 2hrs
1040-33  Parking with parking disc in designated area, 2hrs
1042-30  Restricted times (weekdays only)
1042-35  Restricted times (6-22hrs, Sundays and public holidays only)
1042-36  School bus (restricted to daytimes)
1044-10  Disabled and blind people only
1044-30  Residents with parking permit no. ... only
1048-10  Passenger cars only
1048-11  Passenger cars with trailer only
1048-12  Only vehicles over 3.5t and their trailers, excluding passenger cars and buses
1048-15  Only vehicles over 3.5t, also with trailers
1048-17  Motorhomes only
1049-11  Overtaking of slow-moving vehicles that cannot exceed 25kph
1049-13  Only vehicles over 3.5t, buses and passenger cars with trailers
1052-30  Speed and overtaking restrictions for the transport of hazardous goods
1052-31  Speed and overtaking restrictions for vehicles carrying water pollutants
1052-35  Indication of weight
1052-36  “Wet surface” sign supplementing sign 274
1052-37  No stopping/waiting on shoulder
1052-38  Soft verges
1052-39  On shoulder
1060-10  Sliding danger for vehicles pulling trailers on downhill section with strong side wind
1060-11  Also bicycles and mopeds
1060-30  Grit
Important traffic rules in Germany

- **Alcohol** – blood alcohol limit is 50mg per 100ml.
- **Direction sign colours:**
  - On motorways: blue
  - Outside built-up areas: yellow
  - In built-up areas: white
- **Emergency numbers:** 110 for the police, 112 for an ambulance.
- **Motorcyclists** must ride with their **headlights** on at all times.
- **Motorcyclists** and their passengers must ride with **helmets** on at all times.
- **Motorists approaching a motorway traffic jam** are recommended to switch on their hazard warning lights.
- **Special road signs** announce the approach of filling stations, motels and service areas. These are usually open 24hours/7days.
- While **overnight stays on parking areas** are allowed, camping activities such as putting up chairs and tables are not.
- **Speed limits** for passenger cars and vehicles up to 3.5t:
  - In built-up areas: 50kph
  - Outside built-up areas: 100kph
  - On motorways: 80kph
  - Recommended maximum speed: 130kph
- **Fog regulation:** a speed limit of 50kph applies on all roads if visibility in fog, snow or rain is less than 50m. If visibility is further reduced, the speed has to be adapted accordingly.
- **Fog lights** may be used in fog or snow or when visibility is generally reduced. Rear fog lights may only be used when visibility is less than 50m.
- **Vehicles breaking down on motorways** may only be towed to the nearest suitable garage. The hazard warning lights of both vehicles must be switched on. Immobilised vehicles are required to leave the motorway at the next exit.
- **Seatbelts** must be worn by drivers and all passengers. Children under 12 years old or shorter than 1.5m must use an approved child seat.
Tyre tread depth must be at least 1.6mm. This also applies to foreign-registered vehicles. Vehicle equipment must be appropriate to weather conditions. Make sure you use suitable tyres and have antifreeze in your washer system.

Priority to the right: At crossroads, intersections or junctions where traffic is not controlled by traffic signs (signs nos. 205, 206, 301, 306), traffic lights or policemen, the priority-to-the-right rule applies. This rule does not apply to road users coming from the right and exiting a traffic calming area (sign no. 325), or emerging from a driveway with a dropped kerb, or joining a road from a field or forest track.

Signalling at roundabouts: Do not signal when approaching a roundabout, but before exiting it.

Low Emission Zones: Numerous cities in Germany have Low Emission Zones, restricting access to vehicles with the mandatory windscrean sticker. Traffic sign no. 270.1 shows where the Low Emission Zone begins. Additional sign no. 1031 identifies the colours of the stickers and the related access rights.