Japan's main road sign quick reference



Understanding the meaning of signs so you have a safe and enjoyable drive trip

Road sign guide the directions to drivers, alert them to drive safely and let you know what rules to follow. Driving ignoring the traffic rules leads to traffic accidents. Follow the traffic rules to have secure and safe driving trips.

Regulatory signs



Road closed to all

All of pedestrians / Vehicles / Trams are not allowed to pass.



Road Closed to Vehicles

Vehicles (Vehicles / Small motor vehicles / Light Vehicles) are not allowed to pass.



No parking or stopping

Vehicles are not allowed to stand and park. (The numbers above indicate the time of prohibition, in this case it's from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm)



No parking

Vehicles are not allowed to park. (The numbers above indicate the time of prohibition, in this case it's from 8:00am to 8:00pm)



Stop

The vehicles must pause just before the stop line. When there is no stop line, you must pause before the intersection (sign).



Slow

Vehicles must drive slowly (a speed in which a vehicle stopped immediately).



Maximum speed limit

Vehicles may not drive faster than indicated.



Minimum speed limit

Vehicles may not drive slower than indicated.



No vehicles

Vehicles are now allowed to enter. (It is often seen at one way exits)



No right turn crossing ahead

Vehicles are not allowed to cross the road. (Vehicles can cross the road with a left turn to enter and exit facilities outside the road)



No U-turn

Vehicles are not allowed to perform a U-turn.



No overtaking

Vehicles are not allowed to overtake.













Directions permitted

Vehicles may not go beyond the direction of the arrows.





One way

Vehicles must follow the direction indicated by the arrow. Travelling the opposite direction is not allowed.



Dedicated traffic zone

It is a dedicated traffic zone for vehicle types displayed on the sign. (In this case, it is dedicated zone for buses)