

## Chapter Hy 13

## SPEED LIMIT SIGNS

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**Hy 13.01 General.** (1) **AUTHORITY FOR THESE REGULATIONS.** Pursuant to authority contained in section 85.40(3)(c), Wis. Stats., the commission herewith prescribes the standard types of speed limit signs.

(2) **GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS AND STANDARDS.** These signs shall conform to the detailed design specifications given herein. Minor variations in size, stroke and shape of letters will be permitted.

**Hy 13.02 Detailed design of speed limit sign.** (1) **SHAPE.** A rectangle with the longest sides set vertically.

(2) **SIZE.** Not less than 18" by 24" nor more than 24" x 32".

(3) **WORDING.** (a) *Numerals.* White, rounded type numbers on black background. Height 10" and stroke 1½" on 18" x 24" size sign.

(b) *Speed limit.* Black, rounded type letters on white background. Height 2¾" and stroke ½" on 18" x 24" size sign.

(c) *Lettering.* On signs larger than 18" x 24", the height and stroke of letters and numerals shall be increased in proportion to the increase in the dimensions of the sign.

(4) **BORDER.** The sign shall have a white border one-half inch in width and in addition the portion of the sign having a white background shall have a black border one-half inch in width.

**Hy 13.03 Detailed design of school speed limit sign.** See section Hy 12.02 for the design of this sign.

**Hy 13.04 Detailed design of sign designating state-wide rural day, night and truck speed limits.** (1) **SHAPE.** A rectangle with the longest sides set vertically.

(2) **SIZE.** Minimum, approximately 18" x 48" or larger in the same proportion.

(3) **WORDING.** "65 Day Speed Limit—55 Night—Trucks Over 5 Tons—45."

(4) **SIZE OF LETTERING AND NUMERALS.** (a) *Numerals.* Numerals "65" and "55" shall be not less than 8 inches in height on minimum sign, and the numerals "45" shall be not less than 5½ inches in height. Other numerals shall be of suitable and reasonable height.

(b) *Words.* The words "Speed Limit" and "Trucks" shall be not less than 3 inches in height. Other words shall be of suitable and reasonable height.

(c) *Colors.* All letters and numerals shall be black, except the numerals "65" and the word "Day," which shall be white. The border shall be black and the background shall be white, except that the portion of the background surrounding the numerals "65" and the word "Day" shall be white.

(d) *Border.* The sign shall have a white border one-half inch in width, and in addition, the portion of the sign having a white background shall have a black border one-half inch in width.

(e) *Design.* Width and stroke of letters and numerals shall be consistent with over-all size of sign and height of major words and numerals given herein. When size of sign is increased, size of lettering and numerals shall be increased in similar proportion.

(5) **STANDARDS.** The standards for detailed design of sign designating statewide rural day, night, and truck speed limits as set forth in section Hy 13.04 of these regulations are optional after publication in the official state paper, and on and after January 1, 1961, the standards prescribed in the said section are the standard signs prescribed by the commission for this purpose pursuant to section 85.40, Wis. Stats.

**Hy 13.05 Permissive interim standards for sign designating statewide rural day, night and truck speed limits.** (1) **APPROVED TYPE.** Prior to January 1, 1961, the use of speed limit signs of the type described in this section is approved.

(2) **SHAPE.** A rectangle with the longest sides set vertically.

(3) **SIZE.** Minimum approximately 18" x 54" or larger in the same proportion.

(4) **WORDING.** "Speed Limit Radar Enforced—55 Night, 65 Day—Trucks Over 5 Tons, 45."

(5) **SIZE OF LETTERING AND NUMERALS.**

(a) *Numerals.* Numerals "55" and "65" shall be not less than 7 inches in height and the numerals "45" not less than 6 inches in height on the minimum sign.

(b) *Words.* The words "Speed Limit Radar Enforced" and "Trucks" shall be not less than 2¾ inches in height, the words "Day" and "Night" not less than 2 inches in height, and the words and numeral "Over 5 Tons" not less than one inch in height, on the minimum size sign.

(c) *Colors.* The letters, numerals and border shall be black on a white background.

(d) *Design.* The width and stroke of letters and numerals shall be consistent with their height as given herein. When size of sign is increased, the size of letters and numerals shall be increased proportionately.