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Chapter Hy 14

WEIGHT LIMIT SIGNS

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**History:** Chapter Hy 14 as it existed on August 31, 1962 was repealed and a new chapter Hy 14 was created effective September 1, 1962.

**Hy 14.01 General.** (1) **AUTHORITY FOR THESE RULES.** Pursuant to authority contained in section 349.16 (2), Wis. Stats., the commission prescribes these rules relating to the design of Weight Limit signs.

(2) **COMPLIANCE WITH STANDARDS.** Signs which comply with chapter Hy 14 as published in the Wisconsin Administrative Register for June, 1967, may be used before January 1, 1978, but after December 31, 1972 all new Weight Limit sign installations and after December 31, 1977, all signs covered by these rules shall comply with these rules.

(3) **MINOR VARIATIONS IN SIGN DESIGN.** Signs shall conform to the detailed design specifications given in these rules. Minor variations in size, stroke and shape of letters and numerals, the width of borders, and the size of signs are permitted.

(4) **"TANDEM AXLES."** The term "tandem axles" when used on Weight Limit signs under this rule shall be construed to mean any 2 consecutive axles less than 8 feet apart.

(5) **NUMERALS.** In this chapter the designation (X) shall indicate the numerical value of the weight limitation in whole numbers or in whole numbers and a fraction as determined by the officer of the unit of government in charge of the maintenance of the restricted highway.

**History:** Cr. Register, August, 1962, No. 80, eff. 9-1-62; am. (2), Register, April, 1967, No. 136, eff. 5-1-67; am. (2), Register, September, 1970, No. 177, eff. 10-1-70; am. (2), Register, June, 1972, No. 198, eff. 7-1-72; am. (2), Register, October, 1976, No. 250, eff. 11-1-76.

**Hy 14.02 Shape, size and colors of signs.** (1) **SHAPE.** These signs shall be a rectangle with the longer sides vertical.

(2) **SIZE.** The minimum and standard size of these signs shall be 24 inches, by 30 inches. The height and width of signs larger than the standard size may be adjusted for the space requirements of the message.

(3) **COLORS.** The background shall be reflective white or silver and the letters, numerals and border shall be black.

(4) **WORDING COMMON TO ALL WEIGHT LIMIT SIGNS.** In all cases the last lines at the bottom shall read "By Order Of" (the governmental unit in the name of which the weight restrictions are established) in letters

at least ½ inch high. (Example: "Adams County Highway Committee" or "State Highway Commission of Wisconsin.")

**History:** Cr. Register, August, 1962, No. 80, eff. 9-1-62; am. (2), Register, June, 1972, No. 198, eff. 7-1-72.

**Hy 14.03 Sign designating maximum gross vehicle weight.** (1) **WORDING.** The wording on this sign shall be "Weight Limit (X) Tons By Order Of The \_\_\_\_\_."

(2) **SIZE OF LETTERS AND NUMERALS.** The height and stroke of the letters and numerals on this sign shall be:

<i>Words</i>	<i>Height</i>	<i>Stroke</i>
"Weight Limit"-----	3"	½"
(X) (in whole numbers)-----	6"	11/32"
(X) (each numeral in a fraction)-----	2½"	7/16"
"Tons"-----	4"	¾"

**History:** Cr. Register, August, 1962, No. 80, eff. 9-1-62.

**Hy 14.04 Signs designating maximum axle weights.** (1) **WORDING.** The wording on these signs shall be "Axle Weight Limit—(X) Tons By Order Of \_\_\_\_\_", or "Axle Weight Limit—One Axle (X) Tons—Tandem Axles (X) Tons By Order Of \_\_\_\_\_."

(2) **SIZE OF LETTERS AND NUMERALS.** The height and stroke of the letters and numerals on these signs shall be:

<i>Words</i>	<i>Height</i>	<i>Stroke</i>
"Axle Weight Limit"-----	3"	½"
"One Axle," "Tandem Axles"-----	2"	½"
(X) (in whole number)-----	4"	¾"
(X) (each numeral in a fraction)-----	1½"	⅛"
"Tons"-----	4"	¾"

**History:** Cr. Register, August, 1962, No. 80, eff. 9-1-62.

**Hy 14.05 Signs designating class B highways.** (1) **WORDING.** The wording on this sign shall be "Weight Limit Class B By Order Of \_\_\_\_\_."

(2) **SIZE OF LETTERS.** The height and stroke of the letters on this sign shall be:

<i>Words</i>	<i>Height</i>	<i>Stroke</i>
"Weight Limit"-----	3"	½"
"Class"-----	4"	¾"
"B"-----	6"	11/32"

**History:** Cr. Register, August, 1962, No. 80, eff. 9-1-62.

**Hy 14.06 Signs designating weight restrictions reduced below class B.**

(1) **WORDING.** The wording on this sign shall be "Weight Limit Class B Reduced (X) % By Order Of \_\_\_\_\_."

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(2) SIZE OF LETTERS. The height and stroke of the letters on this sign shall be:

<i>Words</i>	<i>Height</i>	<i>Stroke</i>
"Weight Limit" -----	3"	½"
"Class B" -----	4"	¾"
"Reduced (X) %" -----	3"	½"

**History:** Cr. Register, August, 1962, No. 80, eff. 9-1-62.