

1968. No. 93

[C]

## MOTOR VEHICLES

## Direction Indicators and Stop Lights

REGULATIONS, DATED THE 5TH DAY OF APRIL 1968, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS FOR NORTHERN IRELAND UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE ROAD TRAFFIC ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1955.

The Ministry of Home Affairs, in exercise of the powers vested in it by Section 4 of the Road Traffic Act (Northern Ireland) 1955(a) and all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

*Citation*

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Motor Vehicles (Direction Indicators and Stop Lights) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1968.

*Regulations Revoked*

2. The Motor Vehicles (Direction Indicators) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1954(b), the Motor Vehicles (Stop Lights) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1954(c) and the Motor Vehicles (Stop Lights) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1957(d) are hereby revoked.

*Interpretation*

3. In these Regulations, and in the Schedule thereto, the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them, that is to say:—

- (a) "direction indicator" means a device fitted to a motor vehicle or to a trailer for the purpose of intimating the intention of the driver to change the direction of the vehicle to the right or to the left;
- (b) "trailer" means a vehicle drawn by a motor vehicle;
- (c) "close-coupled" in relation to a trailer means that the wheels on the same side of the trailer are so fitted that at all times while it is in motion they remain parallel to the longitudinal axis of the trailer, and that the distance between the centres of their respective areas of contact with the road surface does not exceed 33 inches;
- (d) "stop light" means a device fitted to a motor vehicle or to a trailer drawn by a motor vehicle for the purpose of intimating the intention of the driver of the vehicle to stop or slow down.

*Direction Indicators*

4.—(1) Save as provided in paragraph (3) of this Regulation, every motor vehicle registered on or after 1st January 1936 which is fitted with a direction indicator shall—

- (a) if it is a vehicle fitted with electric lighting equipment, comply with the provisions relating to direction indicators contained in either Part I or Part II or Part III of the Schedule to these Regulations, or

(a) 1955. c. 27.

(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1954, No. 75,

(c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1954, No. 76.

(d) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1957, No. 248.

(b) if it is a vehicle not so fitted, comply with the provisions relating to direction indicators contained in Part V of the said Schedule.

(2) Save as provided in paragraph (3) of this Regulation, every trailer manufactured after 1st July 1955 which is fitted with a direction indicator shall comply with the provisions relating to direction indicators contained in either Part III or Part VI of the Schedule.

(3) Every motor vehicle (other than a two-wheeled motor cycle with or without a sidecar attached) registered on or after 1st October 1968 which is fitted with a direction indicator shall comply with the provisions relating to direction indicators contained in Part III of the Schedule, and any trailer drawn by such a motor vehicle, or by a motor vehicle registered before that date and fitted with direction indicators in accordance with those provisions, shall be fitted with direction indicators in accordance with those provisions.

#### *Stop Lights*

5.—(1) Every stop light fitted to a motor vehicle registered on or after 1st January 1936 or to a trailer shall be fitted at the rear of the vehicle and not to the left of the centre thereof and when in operation shall show a red or amber light:

Provided that nothing in this paragraph shall prevent the fitting of a duplicate stop light on the left or near side of the vehicle which (except when the stop light fitted on the right or offside of the vehicle is showing a flashing light as a direction indicator) comes into operation at the same time as the stop light fitted at the centre or on the right or offside of the vehicle:

(2) Every light shown by a stop light shall be diffused by means of frosted glass or other adequate means and shall be a steady light.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland this 5th day of April 1968 in the presence of

(L.S.)

*W. G. Robinson,*  
Assistant Secretary.

## SCHEDULE

## Direction Indicators

*Alternative provisions in Part I or II as respects direction indicators on motor vehicles registered before, as well as on certain motor cycles registered after, 1st October 1968 fitted with electric lighting equipment.*

## PART I

1. Every direction indicator fitted to a vehicle in compliance with this Part of this Schedule shall be, when in operation, in the form of an illuminated sign of a minimum illuminated length of 6 inches and a maximum illuminated breadth not exceeding one-fourth of the illuminated length, and shall show either a steady or a flashing light.

2. Save as provided in the next following paragraph as respects additional indicators, every direction indicator shall be so designed and fitted that—

(a) it is not more than 6 feet behind the base of the wind-screen; and

(b) when in operation—

(i) it temporarily alters the outline of the vehicle to the extent of at least 6 inches measured horizontally;

(ii) the outermost point of the direction indicator is at least 6 inches further from the longitudinal axis of the vehicle than is the outermost point of the driver's cab, or of the side of the body immediately behind the driver's seat;

(iii) the illuminated surface is visible at a reasonable distance both from the front and the rear of the vehicle; and

(iv) it remains steady:

Provided that sub-paragraph (a) of this paragraph shall not apply in the case of a pillarless saloon motor car if the direction indicator is not situated behind the widest part of the body. For the purposes of this proviso a pillarless saloon motor car means a motor car which has an enclosed body and four doors and no vertical pillar between the doors on either side and is a passenger vehicle adapted to carry not more than seven passengers exclusive of the driver.

3.—(1) An additional indicator may be fitted at the rear of any vehicle on any side to which there is fitted an indicator not being an additional indicator. Such additional indicator shall either—

(a) be in the form specified in paragraph 1 of this Part of this Schedule and shall, except when a trailer is being drawn, be visible at a reasonable distance from any point to the rear of the vehicle; or

(b) comply with the requirements of sub-paragraph (1) of paragraph 3 and of paragraph 5 of Part II of this Schedule as respects indicators showing a flashing light to the rear.

(2) An additional indicator may be fitted at the front of any vehicle on any side to which there is fitted an indicator not being an additional indicator. Such additional indicator shall comply with the requirements of sub-paragraph (1) of paragraph 3 and of paragraphs 4 and 5 of Part II of this Schedule as respects indicators showing a flashing light to the front.

4. Any direction indicator intended to indicate a right hand turn shall be fitted only to the right of the longitudinal axis of the vehicle and one intended to indicate a left hand turn shall be fitted only to the left of that axis:

Provided that this paragraph shall not apply to any direction indicator being an additional indicator fitted to a vehicle before 1st April 1955.

5. Every direction indicator shall be at a height of not more than 7 feet 6 inches nor less than 1 foot 5 inches above the level of the ground.

6.—(1) The illuminated colour of every direction indicator shall—

(a) if it shows both to the front and to the rear, be amber;

- (b) if it shows only to the front, be amber or white; and
- (c) if it shows only to the rear, be amber or red.

(2) The light emitted by every direction indicator shall be diffused by frosted glass or other adequate means.

7. Every direction indicator showing a flashing light shall when in operation show a light which flashes constantly at the rate of not less than 60 nor more than 120 flashes per minute, each flash being of such duration as to permit the light to achieve its full brightness and to be fully observable to the eye at a reasonable distance. The light shall begin to flash not later than one second after the switch of the indicator is operated and between each flash there shall be an interval observable to the eye.

8. The following requirements shall be complied with as respects the direction indicators on a vehicle—

- (a) not less than one indicator on each side to which indicators are fitted shall be so designed and fitted that the driver when in his seat can readily be aware when it is in operation; or
- (b) the vehicle shall be equipped with a device or devices so designed and fitted that, when the switch actuating the indicator or indicators on one side of the vehicle is operated, the device or devices shall—
  - (i) if and so long as every indicator not being an additional indicator fitted on that side of the vehicle is in operation, together with the indicator on that side, if a trailer is drawn, of the trailer (or if more than one trailer is drawn, the rearmost trailer), give a warning readily visible or audible to the driver when in his seat; and
  - (ii) in any other case give no warning or a warning different from that given if the conditions of head (i) of this sub-paragraph are satisfied.

9. Every direction indicator shall be so fitted that when not in operation it will not be likely to mislead the driver of any other vehicle or any person controlling traffic.

10. Any reference in this Schedule to the side of a vehicle shall be taken to include that part of the front or the back of the vehicle which is on that side of the vehicle.

11. Every direction indicator fitted to either side of a vehicle together with every indicator on that side of any trailer drawn by the vehicle, while so drawn, shall be operated by one and the same switch and not otherwise.

In this Schedule the term "switch" includes any control or device by which a direction indicator can be operated or its operation cancelled.

## PART II

1. Subject to the provisions of paragraph 3 of this Part of this Schedule, every direction indicator fitted to a vehicle in compliance with this Part of this Schedule shall be in the form of a lamp which, when in operation, shows a flashing light visible at a reasonable distance from both the front and rear of the vehicle.

2. Every such indicator shall be so designed and fitted that—

- (a) it is not more than 6 feet behind the base of the wind-screen;
- (b) both the minimum illuminated area showing to the front and the minimum illuminated area showing to the rear shall—
  - (i) be not less than  $3\frac{1}{2}$  square inches in extent in the case of either a vehicle the unladen weight of which does not exceed 2 tons or a passenger vehicle adapted to carry not more than 12 passengers, exclusive of the driver, if in either case the vehicle is not being used, except in a case of emergency, to draw a trailer other than one with less than four wheels or a four-wheeled trailer having two close-coupled wheels on each side;
  - (ii) be not less than 12 square inches in extent in any other case.

3.—(1) Subject to the provisions of sub-paragraph (2) of this paragraph, in lieu of a direction indicator in respect of which the provisions of paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Part of this Schedule are complied with, two indicators may be fitted to any side of a vehicle and shall be so designed and fitted that—

- (a) when in operation one of the indicators on one side shall show a flashing light visible from a reasonable distance to the front of the vehicle and the other indicator on that side shall, except when a trailer is being drawn, show a flashing light visible from a reasonable distance to the rear of the vehicle;
  - (b) every such indicator shall be so placed that the centre of its illuminated area is not more than 16 inches nearer to the longitudinal axis of the vehicle than is the outermost part of the vehicle which is comprised in the overall width of the vehicle on the side on which the indicator is placed, except that in the case of a public service vehicle having combined rear and side entrances the rear side indicator showing a flashing light to the rear of the vehicle may be so placed that the centre of its illuminated area is not more than 30 inches nearer to the longitudinal axis of the vehicle than the said outermost part of the vehicle; and
  - (c) the minimum illuminated area showing to the front or rear as the case may be shall be that prescribed in paragraph 2 of this Part of this Schedule.
- (2) Whilst a vehicle is drawing a trailer or trailers the preceding provisions of this paragraph shall have effect subject to the following modifications:—
- (a) there shall be carried on either side of the trailer or the rearmost trailer as the case may be an indicator so designed and fitted that when in operation it complies with the provisions of Part III or Part VI of this Schedule; and
  - (b) it shall not be necessary for an indicator showing a flashing light to the rear to be carried on either side of the vehicle.

This sub-paragraph shall not apply where the trailer or the rearmost trailer as the case may be is of an unladen weight not exceeding 2 hundredweight or was manufactured before 1st January 1955, or is a broken down motor vehicle being drawn in consequence of the breakdown.

4.—(1) Save as provided in sub-paragraph (2) of this paragraph, a direction indicator fitted in compliance with this Part of this Schedule and showing a flashing light to the front shall not be combined with nor obscure any lamp showing to the front a white light being a lamp required to be carried by or under any enactment.

(2) In the case of a vehicle on either side of which two direction indicators are fitted in accordance with the preceding paragraph an indicator showing a flashing light to the front may be combined with an electric lamp showing a white light to the front being a lamp required to be carried by or under any enactment provided that—

- (a) the power of the lamp does not exceed 7 watts; and
- (b) the indicator is fitted with a separate electric circuit and either a separate electric bulb or a separate electric filament.

5. The total rated wattage of the bulb or bulbs illuminating any indicator carried in compliance with this Part of this Schedule shall be not less than 15 watts nor more than 36 watts.

6.—(1) Where a vehicle is equipped on any side with a direction indicator in respect of which the provisions of paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Part of this Schedule are complied with, an additional indicator may be carried on that side provided that any such indicator complies with the provisions of paragraph 3 of Part I of this Schedule.

(2) Where a vehicle is equipped on any side with direction indicators in respect of which the provisions of paragraph 3 of this Part of this Schedule are complied with, an additional indicator may be carried on that side (excluding the front or rear of the vehicle). Any such indicator shall be in the form of a lamp which, when in operation, shows a flashing light visible at a reasonable distance to road users alongside the vehicle.

7. Every direction indicator shall be at a height of not more than 7 feet 6 inches nor less than 1 foot 5 inches above the level of the ground:

Provided that a direction indicator fitted to any side of a public service vehicle in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Part of this Schedule may be fitted at a height of not more than 8 feet 6 inches above the level of the ground if on the same side of the vehicle and at a height of not more than 6 feet 6 inches above the level of the ground there is also fitted an additional direction indicator which complies with the provisions of paragraph 3 of Part I of this Schedule.

8. The provisions of paragraphs 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 of Part I of this Schedule shall apply as respects direction indicators fitted in compliance with this Part of this Schedule, as they apply as respects direction indicators fitted in compliance with that Part.

*Provisions as respects direction indicators on motor vehicles (other than certain motor cycles) registered on or after the 1st October 1968 (which may be complied with by vehicles registered before that date) and on trailers drawn thereby.*

### PART III

1.—(1) In this Part of this Schedule and in the diagram set out in Part IV of this Schedule the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them:—

“inboard angle”, in relation to a direction indicator, means an angle, within which light from the indicator is visible, measured horizontally inwards from a line parallel to the longitudinal axis of the vehicle and passing through the centre of the illuminated area of the indicator;

“outboard angle”, in relation to a direction indicator, means an angle, within which light from the indicator is visible, measured horizontally outwards from a line parallel to the longitudinal axis of the vehicle and passing through the centre of the illuminated area of the indicator;

“blind angle”, in relation to a direction indicator, means an angle, throughout which no light from the indicator need be visible, measured horizontally outwards from a line parallel to the longitudinal axis of the vehicle and passing through the centre of the illuminated area of the indicator.

(2) In this Part of this Schedule the expressions “front indicator”, “shoulder indicator”, “side indicator”, “flank indicator” and “rear indicator” mean respectively a direction indicator to which diagram 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 set out in Part IV of this Schedule applies and which being of a kind mentioned in column 1 of the following Table is when fitted to a vehicle in compliance with the provisions of this Part of this Schedule capable of being seen by an observer on the road standing in the position or, in turn, in each position in relation to that vehicle indicated in column 2 of that Table:—

		TABLE			
		1		2	
		<i>Kind of direction indicator</i>		<i>Observer's position in relation to the vehicle</i>	
Front	..	..	..	In front	
Shoulder	..	..	..	In front and alongside	
Side	..	..	..	In front, alongside and in rear	
Flank	..	..	..	Alongside	
Rear	..	..	..	In rear	

2. Every direction indicator fitted to a vehicle in compliance with this Part of this Schedule shall be in the form of a lamp which, when in operation, shows a flashing amber light.

3.—(1) On each side of a motor vehicle there shall be fitted either—

- (a) a single rear indicator and a single front indicator;
- (b) a single rear indicator and at least one shoulder indicator; or
- (c) at least one side indicator.

(2) A motor vehicle to which front indicators have been fitted in accordance with the preceding sub-paragraph shall in addition have fitted on each side of the vehicle at least one flank indicator, if the distance between the nearest part of the illuminated area of the front indicator and the nearest part of the illuminated area of the rear indicator on either side of the vehicle exceeds 19 feet 8 inches or if the motor vehicle is the drawing vehicle forming part of an articulated vehicle.

(3) Where one or more flank indicators are fitted on each side of a motor vehicle in accordance with the last preceding sub-paragraph, at least one shall be so fitted on that side that the distance between the foremost part of the motor vehicle which is comprised in the overall length of the vehicle and the rearmost part of the illuminated area of that indicator is not more than  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the overall length of the motor vehicle or, where the motor vehicle is the drawing vehicle forming part of an articulated vehicle, not more than  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the overall length of the articulated vehicle.

(4) Where, in accordance with the foregoing provisions of this paragraph more than one kind of direction indicator is required to be fitted on a side of a motor vehicle, it shall be a sufficient compliance with those provisions if the vehicle is fitted on that side with either one direction indicator which satisfies or with two or more direction indicators which together satisfy the requirements of paragraph 8 of this Part of this Schedule in relation to each kind of direction indicator with which that vehicle would otherwise be required to be fitted on that side.

4.—(1) Subject to the provisions of the next sub-paragraph, in the case of a combination of a motor vehicle drawing one or more trailers and in the case of an articulated vehicle, where that motor vehicle or the motor vehicle forming part of the articulated vehicle is fitted with direction indicators in compliance with this Part of this Schedule, the rearmost trailer in that combination and the trailer forming part of that articulated vehicle shall be fitted on each side with a single rear indicator in compliance with this Part of this Schedule.

(2) No rear indicator shall be required to be fitted to a trailer which is being drawn by a motor vehicle to which are fitted direction indicators in compliance with this Part of this Schedule if—

- (a) the trailer is a broken down motor vehicle or forms part of a broken down articulated vehicle and no vehicle apart from that motor vehicle or that articulated vehicle is being drawn;
- (b) the trailer forms part of an articulated vehicle and was manufactured before the 1st October 1968; or
- (c) the trailer is one as respect which—
  - (i) its rearmost part comprised in its overall length is not more than 12 feet from the rearmost part comprised in the overall length of the motor vehicle by which it is being drawn, and
  - (ii) that motor vehicle is fitted with side indicators in compliance with this Part of this Schedule or with rear indicators which would comply with that Part if the inboard angle shown in diagram 5 were to be varied by the substitution of 5 degrees for 45 degrees.

5. No motor vehicle drawing a trailer, being a trailer to which is fitted on each side a rear indicator in compliance with this Part of this Schedule, need be fitted with any rear indicator under (a) or (b) of sub-paragraph (1) of paragraph 3 of this Part of this Schedule if—

- (a) the motor vehicle forms part of an articulated vehicle; or
- (b) the motor vehicle is owned by the Secretary of State for Defence or the Ministry of Aviation and is used for naval, military or air force purposes:

Provided that if the overall length of a motor vehicle owned and used as aforesaid exceeds 19 feet 8 inches it shall be fitted on each side with a flank indicator in compliance with this Part of this Schedule.

6.—(1) One or more additional indicators may be fitted on the side (excluding the front or rear) of any motor vehicle or trailer to which direction indicators have been fitted in accordance with the foregoing provisions of this Part of this Schedule:

(2) The requirements of paragraph 13 of this Part of this Schedule as respects the minimum total rated wattage of the bulb or bulbs illuminating any indicator shall not apply to an additional indicator.

7. Every direction indicator other than a flank indicator or an additional indicator shall be so designed and fitted to a vehicle that the minimum illuminated area showing to the front and the minimum illuminated area showing to the rear in accordance with the diagram relating to that indicator shall be—

- (a) not less than  $3\frac{1}{2}$  square inches in extent in the case of either a motor vehicle the unladen weight of which does not exceed 2 tons or a passenger vehicle adapted to carry not more than 12 passengers, exclusive of the driver, if in either case the vehicle is not being used, except in a case of emergency, to draw a trailer other than one with less than four wheels or a four-wheeled trailer having two close-coupled wheels on each side;
- (b) not less than  $3\frac{1}{2}$  square inches in extent in the case of a trailer which has less than four wheels or is a four-wheeled trailer having two close-coupled wheels on each side; and
- (c) not less than 12 square inches in extent in any other case.

8. Every direction indicator of a kind to which a diagram in Part IV of this Schedule applies and which is fitted to a vehicle in compliance with this Part of this Schedule shall have an illuminated area of at least  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a square inch visible within a reasonable distance at any point between not less than 15 degrees above and not less than 15 degrees below the horizontal throughout at least each inboard angle and at least each outboard angle (excluding any blind angle not exceeding 10 degrees) shown in the diagram relating to that kind of indicator:

Provided that in the case of any indicator fitted to a motor vehicle drawing one or more trailers the foregoing provisions of this paragraph shall be treated as being satisfied if the said illuminated area of the indicator would have been visible as aforesaid but for the presence of the trailer or trailers.

9. Every direction indicator shall be so placed that no part of its illuminated area is more than 16 inches nearer to the longitudinal axis of the vehicle than is the outermost part of the vehicle which is comprised in the overall width of the vehicle on the side on which the indicator is placed, except that in the case of a public service vehicle having combined rear and side entrances a nearside rear indicator may be so placed that no part of its illuminated area is more than 30 inches nearer to the longitudinal axis of the vehicle than the said outermost part of the vehicle.

10. No part of the illuminated area of any direction indicator fitted to either side of a vehicle shall be less than 12 inches from the longitudinal axis of the vehicle.

11.—(1) No part of the illuminated area of any direction indicator shall be at a height of more than 7 feet 6 inches above the level of the ground; except that in the case of a public service vehicle to which are fitted rear indicators in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 3 of this Part of this Schedule, if no part of the illuminated area of each of the rear indicators is at a height of more than 6 feet 6 inches above the level of the ground, then any shoulder indicator or flank indicator may be fitted to that vehicle so that no part of its illuminated area is at a height exceeding 8 feet 6 inches above the level of the ground.

(2) No part of the illuminated area of a front indicator or a rear indicator shall be below a height of 1 foot 3 inches above the level of the ground when the vehicle is unladen and no part of the illuminated area of any other indicator shall be below a height of 1 foot 8 inches above the level of the ground when the vehicle is unladen.

12. A direction indicator fitted to a vehicle in compliance with this Part of this Schedule shall be optically separated from any other lamp carried by the vehicle.

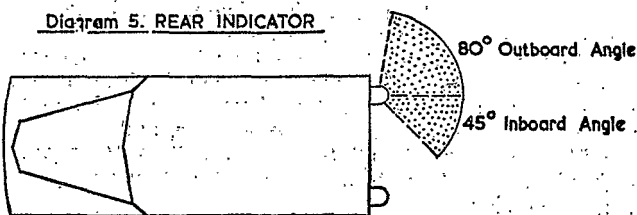
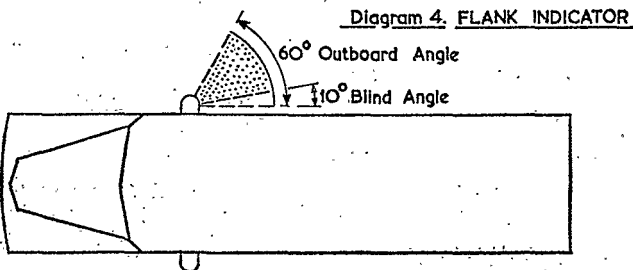
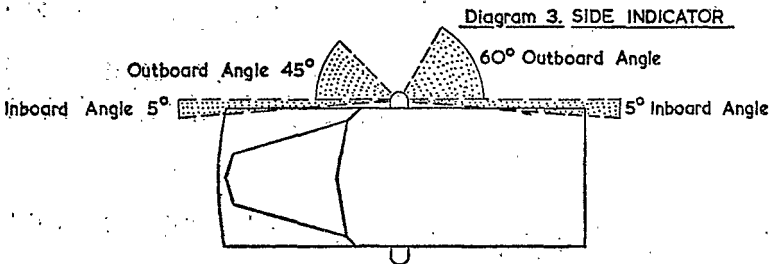
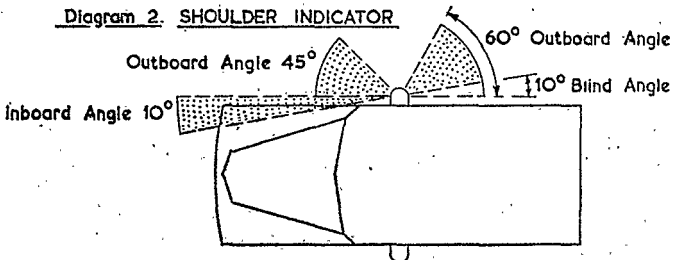
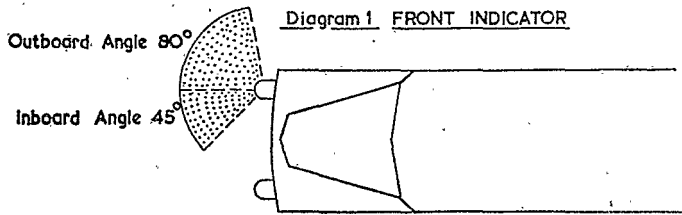
13. Save as provided in sub-paragraph (2) of paragraph 6 of this Part of this Schedule, the total rated wattage of the bulb or bulbs illuminating any direction indicator fitted to a vehicle in compliance with this Part of this Schedule shall not be less than 15 watts nor more than 36 watts and the rated wattage of each bulb shall be indelibly marked upon the glass or the metal cap thereof in a readily legible manner.



Diagrams applicable to Direction Indicators mentioned in Part III, paragraph 1

PART IV

Note: Positional requirements are set out in paragraphs 9, 10 and 11 of Part III.



14. Any direction indicator intended to indicate a right hand turn shall be fitted only to the right of the longitudinal axis of the vehicle and one intended to indicate a left hand turn shall be fitted only to the left of that axis.

15. Where more than one direction indicator is fitted on the same side of a motor vehicle, an articulated vehicle or a combination of vehicles comprising a motor vehicle and one or more trailers they shall be so designed and fitted that the light emitted by such indicators flashes at the same time.

16. The provisions of paragraphs 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 of Part I of this Schedule shall apply as respects direction indicators fitted in compliance with this Part of this Schedule as they apply as respects direction indicators fitted in compliance with that Part.

*Provisions as respects direction indicators on motor vehicles registered before, as well as on certain motor cycles registered after, 1st October 1968 not fitted with electric lighting equipment.*

#### PART V

1. Subject to the provisions of the next following paragraph, every direction indicator fitted to a vehicle in compliance with this Part of this Schedule shall be in the form of a hand not less than 6 inches in length, presenting a white surface visible both from the front and rear of the vehicle and shall comply with the requirement of paragraph 2 of Part I of this Schedule other than the requirements of sub-paragraph (b)(iii) of that paragraph.

2. Additional indicators may be fitted at the rear of a vehicle if they are in the form of a hand not less than 6 inches in length presenting a white surface visible at a reasonable distance from any point to the rear of the vehicle.

3. The provisions of paragraphs 4, 5, 8, 9, 10 and 11 of Part I of this Schedule shall apply as respects direction indicators fitted in compliance with this Part of this Schedule as they apply as respects direction indicators fitted in compliance with that Part.

*Provisions as respects direction indicators on trailers drawn by certain motor vehicles registered before 1st October 1968.*

#### PART VI

1. Every direction indicator fitted to a trailer shall comply with the following provisions of this Part of this Schedule:

Provided that nothing in this Part of this Schedule shall apply to a broken down vehicle being drawn in consequence of the breakdown.

2. Every direction indicator shall either—

(a) when in operation be in the form of an illuminated sign of a minimum illuminated length of 6 inches and a maximum illuminated breadth not exceeding one fourth of the illuminated length, and shall show either a steady or a flashing light; or

(b) be such that—

(i) when in operation it shall show a flashing light,

(ii) the total rated wattage of the bulb or bulbs illuminating the indicator shall be not less than 15 watts nor more than 36 watts,

(iii) the minimum illuminated area shall be not less than  $3\frac{1}{2}$  square inches in extent if the trailer to which it is fitted has less than 4 wheels or is a four-wheeled trailer having two close-coupled wheels on each side and not less than 12 square inches in extent in any other case, and

(iv) the centre of the illuminated area shall be not more than 16 inches nearer to the longitudinal axis of the trailer than is the outermost part of the trailer on the same side.

3. Every direction indicator shall, when in operation, be visible at a reasonable distance from any point to the rear of the trailer:

Provided that, where two or more trailers are being drawn by the same motor vehicle, this paragraph shall apply only in relation to the rearmost trailer.

4. The provisions of paragraphs 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10 and 11 of Part I of this Schedule shall apply as respects direction indicators fitted in compliance with this Part of this Schedule as they apply as respects direction indicators fitted in compliance with that Part.

---

#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations but is intended to indicate their general purport.)*

These Regulations prescribe the conditions with which Direction Indicators and Stop Lights are required to comply when fitted to motor vehicles and trailers and bring the law on these matters into line with that in Great Britain.