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Be aware of these signs when operating a bicycle or other vehicle on roads in Japan.

Standard Bicycle-Only Lane



Meaning

Standard bicycles must use the designated lane.

Also, vehicles other than standard bicycles may not drive in the standard bicycle-only lane, although light road vehicles are allowed as an exception.

* Standard bicycles are bicycles that meet the following conditions.

Body size: 190 cm long or less and 60 cm wide or less

Body structure: No sidecars, no seating other than that of the person operating the bicycle (except for child seats)

The brakes are located so they can be used easily while cycling

No sharp protrusions

* Light road vehicles include bicycles, carts, horses, and cattle.

Exclusive Lane



Meaning

These are designated lanes that specified vehicles must use. Other vehicles may not use these exclusive lanes.

* This sign shows a traffic lane for fixed-route buses and other specified vehicles, meaning that those vehicles must use this exclusive lane.

This also means other vehicles may not use this exclusive lane, although they may enter just before turning left at an intersection.

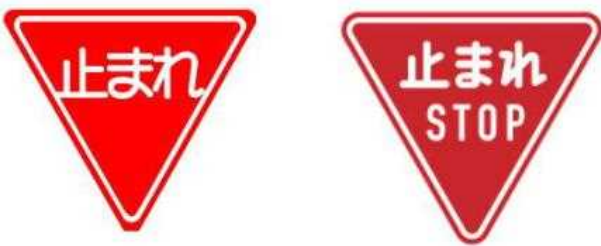
Priority Lane for Fixed-Route Buses and Other Specified Vehicles



Meaning

This is a designated traffic lane where specified vehicles must be given priority. Other vehicles may use the priority lane, but when there is a fixed-route bus or other specified vehicle about to depart from the bus stop, the bus, etc. has the right of way.

Stop



The two signs on the left have the same meaning

Meaning

Vehicles must stop just before a stop line or intersection.

* When doing so, vehicles must not obstruct traffic at the intersecting roads.

Slow



* The two signs on the left have the same meaning

Meaning

Vehicles must drive at a speed where it is possible to stop immediately.

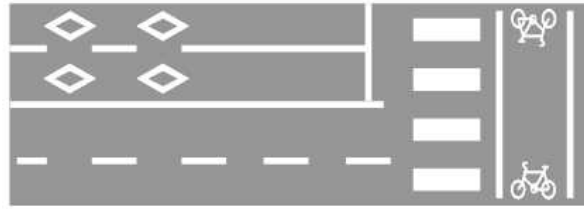
No Crossing



Meaning

Pedestrians must not cross in areas of the road where crossing is prohibited by signs.

Pedestrian or bicycle crossing ahead



Example

This marking indicates that there is a pedestrian or bicycle crossing ahead.

*Upon reaching this marking, drivers should slow down and pay extra attention to the safety of pedestrians and cyclists.

Bicycle-only lane



This marking indicates a mandatory bicycle-only lane for ordinary bicycles, designated so that the safety and smoothness of road traffic will be ensured.

*If this marking is present, it is mandatory for cyclists to ride their ordinary bicycles on this lane.

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