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NPR 713 Placing temporary speed signs

Description

This document describes the procedure for placing temporary speed signs.

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Introduction

Temporary speed signs are placed to tell Drivers and Track Vehicle Operators about speed restrictions that have been placed on portions of track.

Sign types

FIGURE 1: Temporary speed signs.

WARNING



White text on blue background

A flashing blue light is fitted to the top of the signs.

Signs have one or two speed plates at the bottom.

INTERMEDIATE WARNING

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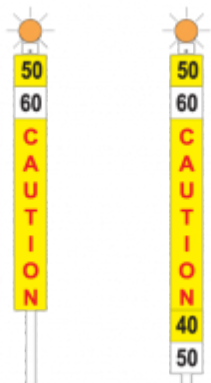


White text on blue background.

A flashing blue light is fitted to the top of the signs.

Signs have one or two speed plates at the bottom and a distance to **CAUTION** plate.

CAUTION



Red text on yellow background.

A flashing amber light is fitted to the top of the signs.

Signs have one or two speed plates at the top.

They may also have one or two speed plates at the bottom.

CLEARANCE

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Black text on white background.

A flashing white light is fitted to the top of the signs.

Signs have no speed plates.

A speed plate at the bottom of a sign shows the speed that is going to apply between the next **CAUTION** sign and the following **CAUTION** or **CLEARANCE** sign.

A speed plate at the top of a **CAUTION** sign shows the speed that applies from that sign to the next sign.

Additional plates at the bottom of a sign qualify the speed restrictions by:

- limiting the time for the restriction, or
- providing for a reduced distance between the **WARNING** and **CAUTION** signs, or
- indicating the line to which the restriction applies.

General

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- 1 Confirm the areas where speed is to be restricted, the routes that include them, and the speeds to be imposed.
- 2 Temporary speed signs must be placed for each route allowing entry to areas where speed is to be restricted.
- 3 Assemble the temporary speed signs.
- 4 Make sure that the signs are placed as close as possible to the track without being a danger to rail traffic or its crew.

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- 5 Place signs in clear view on the left hand side of the track, in the direction of travel.
- 6 If the line is bidirectional, place a second set of signs for the opposite running-direction:
 - for single lines, on the left hand side, or
 - for double lines, on the right hand side.
- 7 If a platform is located between the **warning** sign and the **caution** sign place an **intermediate warning** sign beyond the departure end of the last platform before the restricted area.
- 8 Tell the affected Signallers that the signs are in place.
- 9 Arrange for the speed restrictions to be advertised.

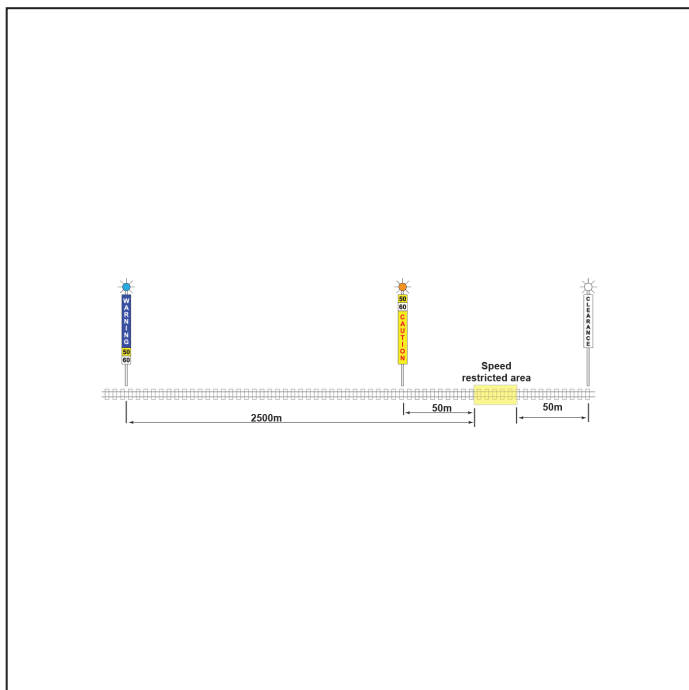
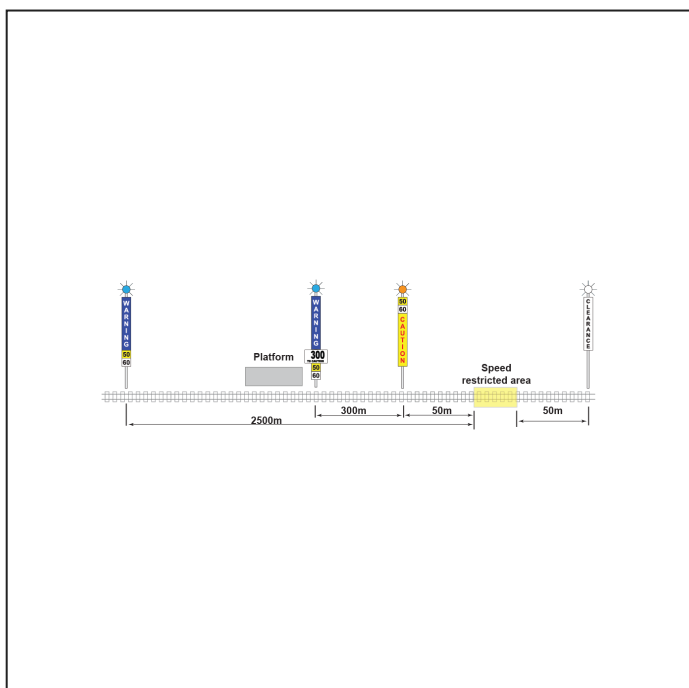
Single speed restricted area

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- 1 On each route that requires temporary speed signs:
 - (a) Place the **WARNING** sign on the approach side 2500m from the speed restricted area.
 - (b) Place the **CAUTION** sign on the approach side 50m from the speed restricted area.
 - (c) Place the **CLEARANCE** sign on the departure side 50m beyond the speed restricted area.
 - (d) As necessary place an **INTERMEDIATE WARNING** sign with an additional plate that indicates the distance to **CAUTION**.

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FIGURE 2: Placement of temporary speed signs for a single speed restricted area.**FIGURE 3: Placement of temporary speed signs where a platform is located before the single speed restricted area.**

Multiple speed restricted areas

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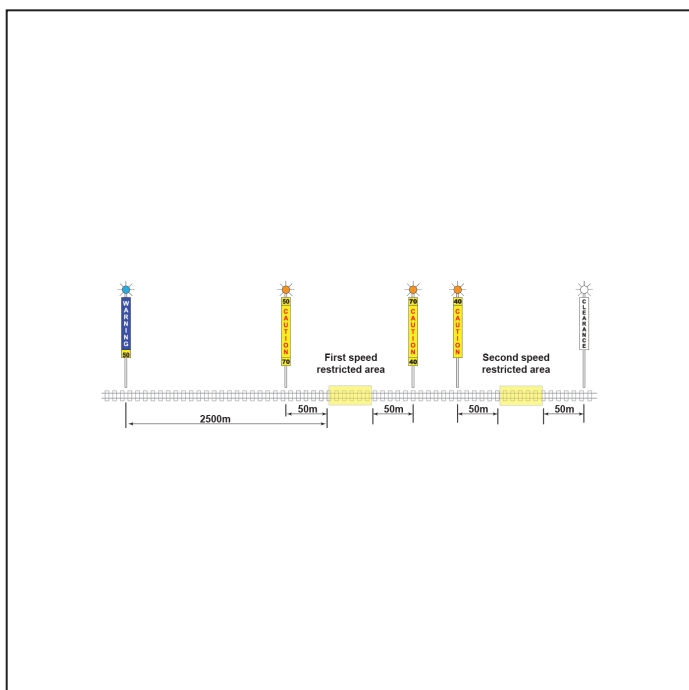
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If multiple speed restricted areas are less than 2500m apart, a single **WARNING** sign is placed before them and **CAUTION** signs are placed before and after each speed restricted area.

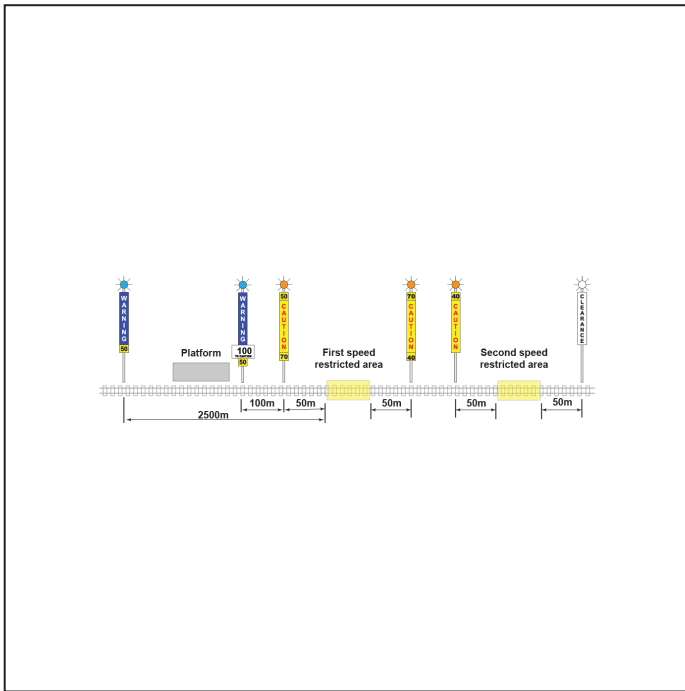
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- 1 On each route that requires temporary speed signs, place a **WARNING** sign 2500m before the first speed restricted area.

FIGURE 4: Placement of temporary speed signs for a multiple speed restricted area.



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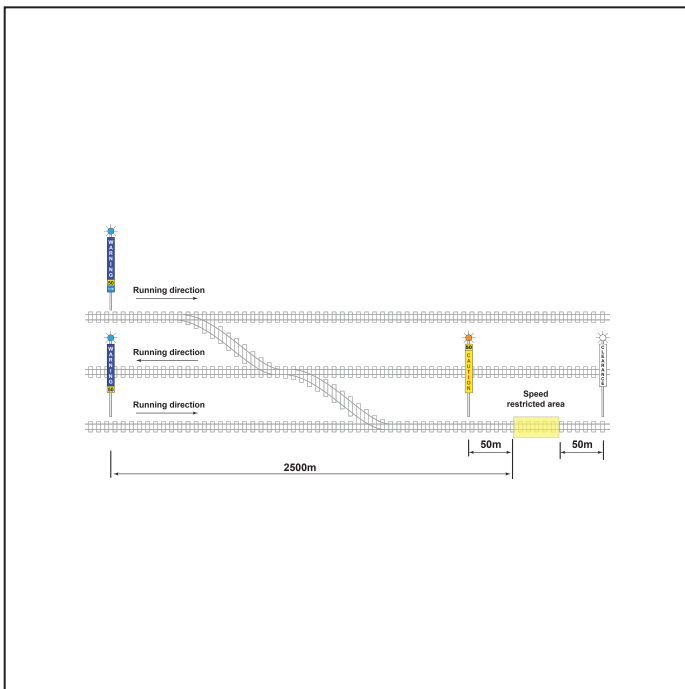


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- 2 Place additional plates that indicate the line to which a temporary speed restriction applies.
- 3 Place a **CAUTION** sign on the approach side 50m before the speed restricted area.
- 4 Place a **CLEARANCE** sign on the departure side 50m beyond the speed restricted area on all lines that lead from the speed restricted area.
- 5 As necessary place an **INTERMEDIATE WARNING** sign with an additional plate that indicates the distance to **CAUTION**.

FIGURE 6: Placement of temporary speed signs for speed restricted area with multiple routes.



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FIGURE 7: Location of temporary speed signs where a platform is located before a multiple route speed restricted area.

