

Chapter Hy 11

STOP SIGNS

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Hy 11.01 Authority for regulations. (1) Pursuant to section 85.71 (2), Wis. Stats., the commission prescribes these regulations relating to the design and installation of stop signs.

(2) These regulations supersede all previously prescribed regulations of the commission relating to stop signs.

Hy 11.015 Effective date of regulations. The standards for stop signs set forth in sections Hy 11.02 and 11.03 are optional 30 days after publication in the official state paper, and on and after October 1, 1961, all stop signs in place on all streets and highways within this state shall conform thereto.

Hy 11.02 Design of standard stop sign. (1) **SHAPE.** The standard stop sign shall be a true octagon positioned with two sides horizontal.

(2) **SIZE.** The minimum size of a stop sign shall be 24 inches between any two parallel edges. (In rural districts a minimum size of 30 inches is recommended.)

(3) **WORDING.** The word "STOP" shall be in rounded letters having a height of at least one-third of the vertical dimension of the sign. Except for the use of the message "4-Way" where appropriate, secondary messages, such as "Thru Traffic," are not permitted on this sign.

(4) **COLORS OF BACKGROUND AND LETTERING.** The color of the background of the stop sign shall be a bright, clear red, and the letters shall be white or silver.

(5) **ILLUMINATION OR REFLECTORIZATION.** (a) All stop signs shall be illuminated or reflectorized, at least in the lettering.

(b) Illumination may be by white floodlight, or by fixed white light in the letters. In addition to illumination or reflectorization, a single flashing red signal in operation both by day and by night may be placed just above the sign. Such flashing signal shall comply with chapter Hy 16.

(c) Reflectorization shall be by white, silver or clear reflecting units or reflecting material in the letters, with or without red reflecting material on the background.

(d) To meet the requirements of these regulations, the reflecting units or material shall be specifically designed for and capable of redirecting light falling on a sign from a motor vehicle's headlamps back to the driver of the vehicle, and such reflectivity shall be considerably greater than that of a surface covered with a conventional paint or enamel of the same color.