Road signs in Uganda and their meanings

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Red triangle
Warning: a hazard is ahead.

Red circle
Prohibitory: something you must not do.

Blue circle
Mandatory: something you must do.

Octagon, upside-down triangle
Priority: Stop and Give way.

Rectangle
Information and guidance.

Warning signs

Triangles with a red border. They warn you about a hazard ahead so you can slow down and get ready. They do not give an order.



Hairpin curve W02
A very sharp bend ahead. Slow down before you reach it.



Crossroad W04
A crossroads ahead, with traffic able to join from both sides.



Side road W05
A side road joins the main road ahead. Watch for vehicles pulling out.



T-intersection W06
The road ends at a T-junction ahead. You will have to turn left or right.



Y-intersection W07
The road forks ahead.



Staggered intersection W08
Two side roads ahead, offset from each other rather than directly opposite.



Roundabout ahead W09
A roundabout ahead. Slow down and be ready to give way.



Traffic signals ahead W10
Traffic lights ahead. Be ready to stop.



Two-way traffic W15
Traffic ahead runs in both directions, often after a one-way stretch or a dual carriageway.



Other danger W21
A hazard not covered by another sign. A plate underneath usually says what it is.



Height restriction W22
Low headroom ahead, such as a bridge. Tall vehicles may not fit.



Uneven road W23
Bumps or a damaged surface ahead.



Hump ahead W24
A speed hump ahead. Slow down.



Drift W25
A dip where water can flow across the road.



Narrow bridge W26
The road narrows over a bridge ahead. There may only be room for one vehicle.

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Loose gravel W27
Loose stones on the surface. Slow down and keep your distance.



Slippery road W28
The road can be slippery, especially when wet. Brake and steer gently.



Falling rocks W29
Rocks may fall or lie on the road ahead.



Steep descent W30
A steep downhill ahead. Use a lower gear.



Steep ascent W31
A steep uphill ahead.



Quay or river bank W32
The road runs to the edge of water ahead.



Low flying aircraft W33
Aircraft may fly low over the road, often near an airfield.



Crosswinds W34
Strong side winds can push your vehicle.



Railway crossing with gate W41
A level crossing with a gate or barrier ahead.



Railway crossing without gate W42
A level crossing with no gate or barrier. Look both ways for trains.



Pedestrian crossing ahead W43
A pedestrian crossing ahead. Be ready to stop for people crossing.



Pedestrians W44
People may be walking on or beside the road.



Children W45
Children may be crossing or near the road, often by a school.



Agricultural vehicles W47
Slow farm vehicles may be on the road.



Wild animals W49
Wild animals may cross the road.



Chevron W61
Marks the outside of a sharp bend and shows the direction it turns.



Roadworks W81
Roadworks ahead. Slow down and follow any temporary signs.



Traffic control ahead W85
People or signals are controlling traffic ahead, often at roadworks.

Prohibitory signs

Circles with a red border. They tell you what you must not do. A sign showing a vehicle bans that vehicle.



No entry R01
No vehicle may enter, usually the wrong end of a one-way road.



No motor vehicles R02
Motor vehicles may not enter.



No motor vehicles except motorcycles R03
Motor vehicles may not enter, but motorcycles may.



No trucks R04
Goods vehicles may not enter.



No buses R05
Buses may not enter.



No motorcycles R06
Motorcycles, including boda bodas, may not enter.



No tractors or slow vehicles R07
Tractors and other slow-moving vehicles may not enter.



No bicycles R08
Bicycles may not enter.



No pedestrians R09
People on foot may not enter.



No animal-drawn vehicles R10
Carts pulled by animals may not enter.



Length limit R21
No vehicle longer than the length shown.



Height limit R22
No vehicle taller than the height shown.



Width limit R23
No vehicle wider than the width shown.



Gross weight limit R24
No vehicle heavier than the weight shown.



Axle weight limit R25
No vehicle with more weight on one axle than shown.

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No left turn R41
You may not turn left here. A mirrored sign bans right turns.



No U-turns R42
You may not turn around here.



No overtaking R43
You may not overtake other motor vehicles.



No overtaking by goods vehicles R44
Goods vehicles may not overtake.



No parking or waiting R47
You may not park or wait here.



No stopping or standing R48
You may not stop here at all, even briefly.



Speed limit R49
Do not drive faster than the number shown, in kilometres per hour.



End of speed limit R52
The speed limit shown no longer applies from here.

Priority signs

These decide who goes first at a junction or a controlled point.



Stop R61
Stop completely at the line, then go only when it is safe.



Give way R62
Let traffic on the main road go first. Slow down, and stop if you need to.



Temporary control: stop R63
Held by a person controlling traffic, often at roadworks. Stop.



Temporary control: go R64
Held by a person controlling traffic. You may proceed with care.

Mandatory signs

Blue circles. They tell you what you must do.



Go straight ahead R71
You must go straight on.



Turn left R72
You must turn left. A mirrored sign means turn right.



Turn left ahead R73
You must turn left ahead.



Go straight or turn left R74
You must go straight on or turn left.



Pass on the left R75
Keep to the left of the obstruction or island.



Pass either side R76
You may pass the obstruction on either side.



Roundabout R77
Follow the roundabout in the direction of the arrows.



Buses only R81
Only buses may use this lane or road.



Bicycles only R82
Only bicycles may use this path.



Pedestrians only R83
Only people on foot may use this path.

Information signs

Rectangles that tell you about the road or the services nearby.



Pedestrian crossing I01
Marks the crossing itself. Give way to people on it.



Hump I02
Marks a speed hump.



No through road I03
The road is a dead end.

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Parking I04
Parking is allowed here.



Bus stop I05
A place for buses to stop.



Priority over oncoming traffic I06
On a narrow stretch, you have priority over vehicles coming the other way.



One-way traffic I07
Traffic on this road flows only in the direction of the arrow.



Police control I08
Police are controlling traffic ahead.



Start of extra lane I09
An extra lane begins.



End of extra lane I10
The extra lane ends. Merge with care.



Hospital I21
A hospital nearby. Drive quietly and watch for emergency vehicles.



First aid I22
A first aid point.



Filling station I25
Fuel is available.



Workshop I26
A vehicle repair workshop.



Rest area I30
A place to stop and rest.

Guidance signs

Direction signs that help you choose a route. Uganda uses different versions for primary roads and other roads.



Advance direction: roundabout G01
Shows the exits of the roundabout ahead and where each one goes.



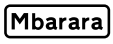
Lane preselection G05
Shows which lane to be in for each destination.



Direction sign G11
Points the way to a place at the junction.



Confirmatory sign G21
Confirms the road you are on and the distances to places ahead.



Place identification G22
Marks where you enter a town or place.



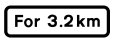
Diversion ahead G31
The usual route is closed ahead. Follow the diversion.

Supplementary plates

Small plates under a main sign that add detail to it.



Distance plate S01
How far ahead the hazard or rule starts.



Extension plate S02
How far the hazard or rule continues.



Direction plate S03
The sign above applies in the direction of the arrow.



Vehicle category plate S14
The sign above applies only to the vehicle shown, here motorcycles.



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