COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

AUSTRALIAN DESIGN RULE 6
FOR
DIRECTION TURN SIGNAL LAMPS

As Endorsed by the
Australian Transport Advisory Council

The intention of this Australian Design Rule is to specify the requirements for direction turn signal lamps which will provide adequate warning to other road users of the intention to perform a turning manoeuvre. (The requirements in respect of the rear lamps are also adequate for lamps used to warn pedestrians and other road users that the vehicle is about to move in the reverse direction).

The Australian Transport Advisory Council has recommended to Commonwealth, State and Territory Governments that all motor vehicles specified below shall be equipped with direction turn signal lamps complying with Australian Design Rule 6 - Direction Turn Signal Lamps.

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N/A - Not Applicable
GROSS VEHICLE MASS - Abbreviated to 'GVM'

The Australian Transport Advisory Council has also recommended to Commonwealth, State and Territory Governments that motor vehicles which comply with the requirements of ADR 6A - Direction Turn Lamps, need not comply with the requirements of ADR 6.

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6.1 Definitions

6.1.1 Direction Turn Signal Lamps - Lamps located at the front and rear to indicate the intention of performing a turning manoeuvre.

6.1.2 Test Points - Specific points indicated on the diagram in Clause 6.4 by percentage luminous intensity values and from which photometric measurements are taken. These points are located by angular displacement from the reference axis with an origin selected at a point on the reference axis between the geometric centre of the light sources and the outer surface of the lens.

6.2 Requirements

6.2.1 Front Lamps

6.2.1.1 The luminous intensity measured on the reference axis shall be not less than 175 cd.

6.2.1.2 The luminous intensity in any direction shall not exceed 700 cd.

6.2.1.3 The luminous intensity at any test point when expressed as a percentage of 175 cd shall be not less than the values indicated in Clause 6.4.

6.2.1.4 The luminous intensity at any test point located more than 5 degrees inboard or more than 5 degrees outboard of the reference axis shall not exceed 400 cd.

6.2.1.5 The luminous intensity at any point in a horizontal plane through the reference axis from 45 degrees inboard to 80 degrees outboard shall be not less than 0.3 cd.

6.2.1.6 In addition to the requirements of Clause 6.2.1, truck tractors and motor vehicles having a length in excess of 7.5 m, shall have front lamps which give a signal to the rear. The luminous intensity of the signal at any point in a horizontal plane through the reference axis measured from the reference axis to 50 degrees outboard shall be not less than 0.3 cd.

6.2.2 Rear Lamps with Single Levels of Intensity

6.2.2.1 The luminous intensity measured on the reference axis shall be not less than 50 cd in the case of passenger cars, derivatives thereof and multipurpose passenger cars, and 150 cd in the case of other vehicles.

6.2.2.2 The luminous intensity in any direction shall not exceed 200 cd in the case of passenger cars, derivatives thereof and multipurpose passenger cars, and 400 cd in the case of other vehicles.

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6.2.2.3 The luminous intensity at any test point when expressed as a percentage of the minimum figure prescribed for the vehicle in Clause 6.2.2.1 shall not be less than the value indicated for the test point in Clause 6.4.

6.2.2.4 The luminous intensity at any point in a horizontal plane through the reference axis from 45 degrees inboard to 80 degrees outboard shall be not less than 0.3 cd.

6.2.3 Rear Lamps with Two Levels of Illumination

6.2.3.1 The luminous intensity measured on the reference axis shall be not less than 175 cd for the day setting and 40 cd for the night setting.

6.2.3.2 The luminous intensity in any direction shall not exceed 700 cd for the day setting and 120 cd for the night setting.

6.2.3.3 The luminous intensity at any test point when expressed as a percentage of 175 cd for day and 40 cd for night shall be not less than the values indicated in clause 6.4.

6.2.3.4 The luminous intensity in the night setting, at any test point located more than 5 degrees inboard, or more than 5 degrees outboard of the reference axis shall not exceed 100 cd.

6.2.3.5 The luminous intensity at any point in a horizontal plane through the reference axis from 45 degrees inboard to 80 degrees outboard shall be not less than 0.3 cd for the day setting and 0.07 cd for the night setting.

6.2.4 Optional Side Turn Signal Lamps

6.2.4.1 Lamps designed to signal intention to turn in addition to the prescribed lamps are permitted provided:

(a) they are mounted on the side of the vehicle;

(b) they are operated simultaneously with the prescribed lamps on the same side of the vehicle;

(c) the luminous intensity in any direction shall not exceed 200 cd except that if the lamp is designed for two levels of illumination the luminous intensity in any direction shall not exceed 700 cd for the day setting and 120 cd for the night setting.

6.2.4.2 If the distance between the geometric centres of the light sources of a direction turn signal lamp and its complementary optional side turn signal lamp is not more than 380 mm the lamps shall be considered in combination with respect to the maximum luminous intensity requirements of Clauses 6.2.1.2, 6.2.1.4, 6.2.2.2, 6.2.3.2 and 6.2.3.4 when luminous intensity measurements are taken of each lamp relative to its own reference axis and with the other lamp not illuminated.

6.2.4.3 If the distance between the geometric centres of the light sources of a direction turn signal lamp and its complementary optional side turn signal lamp is not more than 380 mm the two lamps may be used in combination to meet the minimum luminous intensity requirements of Clauses 6.2.1.1, 6.2.1.3, 6.2.1.5, 6.2.2.1, 6.2.2.3, 6.2.2.4, 6.2.3.1, 6.2.3.3 and 6.2.3.5 provided that the prescribed value at any test point is met by at least one of the lamps when luminous intensity measurements are taken of each lamp relative to its own reference axis and with the other lamp not illuminated.
6.2.5 Colour of Emitted Light from Prescribed and Optional Side Turn Signal Lamps

6.2.5.1 The colour of emitted light measured by using a source of light with a colour temperature of 2856°K ± 50°K shall be within the following limits expressed in trichromatic co-ordinates of the International Commission of Illumination.

Limit towards yellow \( y \) \( \leq 0.429 \)

Limit towards red \( y \) \( \geq 0.398 \)

Limit towards white \( z \) \( \leq 0.007 \)

6.3 Test Procedure

6.3.1 All measurements shall be carried out with colourless standard bulbs of the types recommended for the device adjusted to produce the normal luminous flux prescribed for those types of bulbs.

6.3.2 The photometric intensities measured at the various test points shall be those that would be obtained when the lamp is mounted in the vehicle.

6.3.3 During photometric measurements stray reflections shall be avoided by appropriate masking.

6.3.4 The distance of measurement shall be such that the law of the inverse of the square of the distance is applicable.

6.3.5 The measuring equipment shall be such that the aperture of the receiver shall subtend an angle between 10 minutes and 1 degree at the origin on the reference axis defined in clause 6.1.2.

6.3.6 The intensity requirement of a particular direction of observation shall be deemed to be satisfactory if that requirement is met in a direction deviating not more than one quarter of a degree from the direction of observation.

6.3.7 Further testing may be required to ensure that for a minimum specification no measurement taken between two test points is below 50 per cent of the lower of the minimum intensities required at the adjoining test points and that for a maximum specification no measurement taken between two test points shall be greater than that calculated from a linear function based on the intensities allowed at the adjoining test points.

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6.4 Standard Light Distribution

6.4.1 The minimum luminous intensity expressed as percentages of the minimum intensity along the reference axis are as follows for the various test points.

The direction $H = 0^\circ$ and $V = 0^\circ$ corresponds to the reference axis.