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2003 Illinois Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices

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The 2003 edition of the Illinois Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (ILMUTCD) was adopted by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) in November 2004. The ILMUTCD consists of the December 2003 edition of the national Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), including subsequent official revisions thereto, as amended by the Illinois Supplement to the MUTCD. The ILMUTCD and a link to the MUTCD on the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) web site is available on the IDOT web site at [www.dot.il.gov/mutcd/utcdmanual.html](http://www.dot.il.gov/mutcd/utcdmanual.html).

Any newly installed traffic control device should be in conformance with the standards contained in the 2003 ILMUTCD. Figure 1 includes a list of phase-in compliance dates established by the FHWA for several items that may be pertinent to local agencies. A complete list of compliance dates is listed in the introduction to the MUTCD.

It is anticipated that revisions will be made periodically to the MUTCD. These revisions will be reviewed by IDOT and revisions made to the Illinois Supplement when appropriate.

The MUTCD makes reference to the Uniform Vehicle Code (UVC). However, the Illinois Vehicle Code (625 ILCS 5/1-100 et seq.) (IVC) shall govern over the UVC. Section 5/11-301 of the Illinois Vehicle Code contains the authority for the ILMUTCD. Sections 5/11-301 and 303 establish the responsibility for the erection and maintenance of traffic control devices on state highways and on local roads. Various other sections of the Illinois Vehicle Code, particularly in Chapter 11, deal with specific traffic regulations and control devices.

In the interest of statewide uniformity, requests for interpretations, experimentation, and changes to the MUTCD should be forwarded to the Federal Highway Administration through the Engineer of Operations, Illinois Department of Transportation, 2300 South Dirksen Parkway, Springfield, Illinois 62764.

Local agencies should download or print a copy of the Illinois Supplement from the internet; however, a limited number of hard copies of the Illinois Supplement are available to local agencies that do not have internet access. Please contact the Illinois Technology Transfer Center at 217/785-5048 to obtain a hard copy. Hard copies of the MUTCD may be purchased from various national associations such as the American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials (AASHTO), Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE), and American Traffic Safety Services Association (ATSSA).

If you have any questions, please contact your district office or Gary Galecki at 217/785-8564.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charles J. Ingersoll". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "C".

Charles J. Ingersoll  
Engineer of Local Roads and Streets

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## COMPLIANCE DATES FOR 2003 MUTCD

| Section | Effected Device or Practice                                                                    | Compliance Date   |
|---------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 2B.03   | Increased size of certain regulatory signs                                                     | December 22, 2013 |
| 2B.09   | Yield sign applications                                                                        | January 17, 2011* |
| 2B.11   | Yield Here to Pedestrian Signs (R1-5,R1-5a)                                                    | December 22, 2013 |
| 2B.37   | One way signs leaving alleys                                                                   | January 17, 2008* |
| 2C.04   | Minimum size of warning signs – W4-1,W5-2,W6-3,W12-1                                           | January 17, 2008* |
| 2C.04   | Minimum size of warning signs – W1 series,W7,W12-2p,W10-1                                      | December 22, 2013 |
| 2C.07   | Combination Horizontal Alignment/Advisory Speed Signs (W1-1a,W1-2a)                            | Optional          |
| 2C.10   | No border on Chevron Alignment Sign (W1-8)                                                     |                   |
| 2C.11   | Truck Rollover Warning Signs (W1-13,W1-13a)                                                    | December 22, 2013 |
| 2C.16   | Narrow Bridge Sign (W5-2) - delete symbol                                                      | December 22, 2013 |
| 2C.25   | Pavement Ends Sign (W8-3) - delete symbol                                                      | January 17, 2011* |
| 2C.26   | Shoulder Signs (W8-4,W8-9,W8-9a) - delete symbol                                               | January 17, 2011* |
| 2C.28   | Bridge Ices Before Road Sign (W8-13)                                                           | Optional          |
| 2C.30   | Speed Reduction Signs – remove R2-5 series, replace with W3-5,W3-5a                            | December 22, 2018 |
| 2C.31   | Merge Sign (W4-1,W4-5) design                                                                  | December 22, 2013 |
| 2C.32   | Added Lane Signs (W4-3,W4-6) design                                                            | December 22, 2013 |
| 2C.33   | Lane Ends Signs (W4-2,W9-1,W9-2) design                                                        | December 22, 2013 |
| 2C.34   | Two-way Traffic Sign (W6-3)                                                                    | December 22, 2008 |
| 2C.40   | New Vehicular Traffic signs – W11-1,W11-5, W11-5a, W11-6, W11-11, W11-14                       | December 22, 2013 |
| 2C.41   | Nonvehicular signs – diagonal downward arrow (W16-7p), delete crosswalk on signs               | January 17, 2011* |
| 2D.38   | Letter size on street name signs (D3-1) (should condition)                                     | January 9, 2012*  |
| 2D.38   | Letter sizes for various placements of street name signs (should condition)                    | December 22, 2018 |
| 3A.04   | Black markings for contrast                                                                    | Optional          |
| 3B-17   | Crosswalk markings-gap between transverse lines                                                | December 22, 2013 |
| 4D.01   | Location of signalized mid-block crosswalks                                                    | December 22, 2013 |
| 4D-05   | Application of steady signal applications                                                      | December 22, 2008 |
| 4E.06   | Accessible pedestrian signals                                                                  | January 17, 2005  |
| 4E.10   | Pedestrian clearance time to far side of roadway                                               | December 22, 2008 |
| 6D-01   | Work zone pedestrian considerations                                                            | December 22, 2008 |
| 6D.02   | Work zone accessibility considerations                                                         | December 22, 2008 |
| 6D.03   | Worker safety considerations – high-visibility apparel                                         | December 22, 2006 |
| 6E.02   | High-visibility apparel requirements for flaggers                                              | December 22, 2006 |
| 7B.09   | School crossing warning assembly (S1-1) with diagonal arrow, delete crosswalk lines from signs | January 17, 2011* |
| 7B.12   | Reduced Speed School Zone Ahead Sign (S4-5,S4-5a) design                                       | December 22, 2018 |
| 8B.03   | Retroreflective strip on crossbuck support                                                     | January 17, 2011* |
| 8B.04   | Size of Highway-Rail Grade Crossing, Advance Warning Sign (W10-1)                              | December 22, 2013 |
| 8D.07   | Traffic signals at or near railroad crossings – pre-signals                                    | December 22, 2013 |
| 9B.04   | Delete “diamond” lane marking for bicycles                                                     | January 17, 2006* |
| 9B.17   | Bicycle Warning Sign (W11-1) – delete crosswalk from crossing sign, use diagonal arrow         | January 17, 2011  |

\*Denotes compliance dates established with the 2000 MUTCD that are still in effect.

**FIGURE 1**