	STOP LINE SIGN		<i>Issued: APR 2013</i>
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General

A stop line, when used, should be placed 1.0 metres in advance of and parallel to the nearest crosswalk line (if crosswalk is present). In the absence of a marked crosswalk, the stop line should be placed at the desired stopping point, in no cases more than 10 metres or less than 1.2 metres from the nearest edge of the intersecting roadway.

Particularly at rural stop-controlled intersections it can sometimes be challenging to find an appropriate location to install the Stop sign. Intersection geometrics may require the Stop sign to be a significant distance back from the stop line in order for it to be in the sightline of approaching motorists.

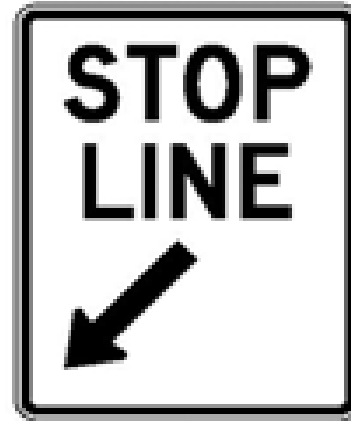
To accommodate the turning path of large vehicles at signalized intersections, it may be necessary to locate the stop line at a non-standard location to avoid conflicts between turning traffic and stopped traffic.

The Stop Line sign indicates the point at which drivers approaching a traffic control device must stop their vehicle.

Standard

A standard Stop Line (RC-4) sign consists of a black message on a white background.

The appropriate version (RC-4-R or RC-4-L) should be used depending on whether the sign is installed on the right side or left side of the road.



RC-4-R/L	600 mm x 750 mm	
Colour	Symbol and border Background	Black White
Sheeting	ASTM Type III or IV	

Guidelines for Use

The Stop Line sign may be used where the location of the stop line is non-standard, or where the required stopping position may not be obvious to drivers and there is a resulting concern with compliance to the stopping location.

The Stop Line sign may be used at signalized intersections when the stop line for one or more lanes must be set back to accommodate the turning path of large vehicles at the intersection.

At stop-controlled intersections, the Stop Line sign should be considered when the Stop sign location is more than 15 metres from the stop line location.

Guidelines for Placement

When used, a Stop Line sign should be placed at or as near as possible to the point where a vehicle is to stop (at stop line location, if present) and facing the approaching traffic.

Sign placement should be in accordance with the Recommended Practices Placement of Signs guideline.

References to Standards

<i>Recommended Practices, Section: Regulatory</i>	Stop Sign
<i>Recommended Practices, Section: General</i>	Placement of Signs
<i>Highway Pavement Marking Guide, 2003</i>	Section C3.2 Stop Lines