

8830.0800 STOP SIGNS.

Subpart 1. **Location.** The installation of stop signs, numbered R1-1, at a grade crossing must be authorized by the commissioner in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section 219.20. The use of stop signs at a grade crossing must comply with the MMUTCD.

Subp. 2. **Size.** The standard size of the stop sign used at grade crossings is 36 inches (900 millimeters) by 36 inches (900 millimeters). Where the commissioner determines that greater emphasis or visibility is desired, a larger size is recommended and may be used.

Subp. 3. **Installation and maintenance.** A stop sign must be mounted on the crossbuck, in accordance with part 8830.9901, subpart 2. The installation, maintenance, and costs of the stop sign are responsibilities of the rail carrier.

Subp. 4. **"Stop ahead" sign.** The road authority shall install a "stop ahead" sign, numbered W3-1a and shown in part 8830.9941, subpart 2, in advance of the stop sign. The installation, maintenance, and costs of the "stop ahead" sign are responsibilities of the road authority.

Subp. 5. **Reflectorization.** By January 1, 1997, existing stop signs and "stop ahead" signs at grade crossings will be replaced with stop signs that are reflectorized with wide-angle, prismatic, retroreflective sheeting or with a material that is equivalent.

After a stop sign or "stop ahead" sign reflectorized with wide-angle, prismatic, retroreflective sheeting or its equivalent is installed, future replacement of that stop sign by the rail carrier or "stop ahead" sign by the road authority must be to at least the same level of reflectorization.

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