

CIVILIAN PROTECTION  
AIR RAID PRECAUTIONS

# Traffic Instructions



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## PRECAUTIONARY BLACKOUTS:

(1) Headlights of motor vehicles and motorcycles (except as stated in Nos. 3 and 4 hereunder) must be completely blacked out with the exception of a **horizontal** slit three inches in length and one-quarter inch in width, the top of which must be located one inch below the centre of the headlight lens.

(2) Every motor vehicle other than a motor cycle must have two of such masked headlights, and every motorcycle must have one of such masked headlights when operating.

(3) Motor vehicles and motorcycles owned and operated by Police and Fire Departments may be operated under special permit with headlights completely masked, with the exception of a **horizontal** slit  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches in length, and  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch in width, the top of which must be located  $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch below the centre of the source of light, and such slit must be hooded over as required by the permit. These motor vehicles and motorcycles have a red light  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch in diameter located on the headlight mask 2 inches above the horizontal slit for ready identification, and no attempt must be made to stop them as soon as they are recognized by the red lights in the masks.

(4) Motor vehicles and motorcycles operated by doctors, key personnel, and as ambulances, for which special permits are issued, have headlight masks similar to those referred to in No. 3 (above), with the exception that they have a green light in the mask instead of a red light. These also should not be interfered with as soon as recognized by the green light in the mask.



(5) All tail lights on motor vehicles, motorcycles and trailers must be completely blacked out with the exception of a circle  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch in diameter, the light rays from which are projected on as near a horizontal plane as possible.

(6) Motor vehicles and motorcycles equipped with masks as referred to in (1) above, must not be operated at a speed in excess of 15 miles per hour.

(7) Motor vehicles and motor cycles whose headlights and tail lights are not masked as stated herein, should not be allowed to operate, with the exception of those belonging to the National Defence forces, and those of the personnel of such forces who have permits from their commanding officer, and whose headlights are blacked out in accordance with paragraph 14 hereof. Motor vehicles and motorcycles which are equipped with the National Defence type of headlight mask are not to be interfered with.

(8) Bicycles should not be allowed to be ridden unless they have a lighted front light which is completely blacked out with the exception of a **horizontal** slit  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches in length and  $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch in width, located in the centre of the light, the rays from which must be directed downwards.

(9) Flashlights must not be used unless the lights of the same have been dimmed by at least one thickness of newspaper print, or material having a like effect. At no time must the light from a flashlight be directed upwards, but always downwards.

#### **IMMINENT DANGER BLACKOUTS:**

(10) All vehicles, motor vehicles, motorcycles, and bicycles, except as stated in (11) below, must immediately pull into the right-hand side of the street or road, clear of intersections, and come to a complete stop, whether during the daytime or at night. If at night they must immediately extinguish all lights. They must remain there until the "change to precautionary" signal, unless ordered to move

by a senior police official or some person acting under his authority.

(11) Motor vehicles, motorcycles, and bicycles for which special permits have been issued, may proceed in accordance with the conditions of their permits; and motor vehicles, motorcycles, and bicycles of the National Defence forces and those of the personnel of such forces who have permits from the Commanding Officer, have the right to proceed also. Should these operate at night, they are subject to the same conditions as to the masking of headlights and tail lights as in precautionary blackouts.

(12) Motor vehicles (other than National Defence vehicles and vehicles of the personnel of the National Defence forces who have been granted special permits by their commanding officer) which have had special permits issued to them, will display for identification purposes a small yellow sticker on the lower left-hand side of the windshield, bearing the initials "A.R.P.", and the permit number in black. Motor vehicles other than National Defence vehicles and those of the personnel of the National Defence forces as above referred to operating during an Imminent Danger period without so displaying such sticker, should be checked up and stopped from operating if they have not the right to do so.

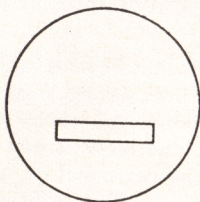
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#### **GENERAL**

(14) For your information the following is a rough outline of the type of headlight masks above referred to:

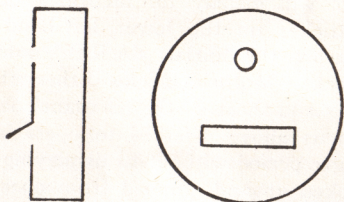


(a)



Civilian and A.R.P. personnel during precautionary blackouts, also for A.R.P. personnel during imminent danger blackouts when in possession of a special permit. Speed not in excess of 15 miles per hour. Specifications: Horizontal slit 3 inches in length, and  $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch in width, located so that the top of same is 1 inch below the centre of the headlight lens.

(b)



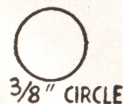
Side View

Front View

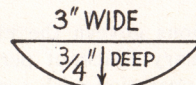
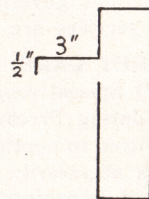
Police or Fire (red dot), Doctors, key A.R.P. personnel, and ambulances (green dot). All blackouts. Speed up to 25 miles per hour. Use permissible under special permit only. Specifications: Horizontal slit  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches in length,  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch in width, located so that the top of same is  $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch below the centre of the source of light. Slit must be hooded over to prevent light rays rising more than  $8^\circ$  above horizontal line. Circular hole located 2 inches above top of horizontal slit is  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch in diameter and shows red or green as above.

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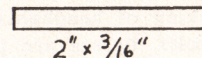
TYPE 1.



Right Headlight

Front View  
Left HeadlightSide View  
Left Headlight

TYPE 2.

 $\frac{3}{8}$ " Circle  
Right Headlight

Left Headlight

National Defence Forces are equipping their motor vehicles as illustrated, type one, type two. In both cases the type of outlet may be or may not be shielded, and these diagrams will be subject to change from time to time. It would be a safe practice, however, for all personnel not to interfere with or stop any naval or military vehicles during any blackout.

## STEAM RAILWAYS AND INTERURBAN ELECTRIC RAILWAYS:

(16) These run under special regulations arrived at by the Board of Transit Commissioners of Canada, in consultation with the Advisory Council. Such regulations may be subject to change from time to time. It is no part of the duties of Auxiliary Police, Wardens' Service, or Fire Service to interfere in any way with the conduct of steam railways or interurban electric railways. Traffic inspectors alone are responsible for the reporting of any infractions of the



regulations governing these services and also to see that such services are living up to the regulations themselves.

### **STREET CARS:**

(17) Special regulations govern the movements of street cars during Precautionary Blackout periods. The cars are permitted to continue operation with a minimum of lighting which necessarily includes destination signs. Properly appointed inspectors are responsible that the regulations are carried out and all infractions drawn to the attention of the proper authorities.

### **BUSSES:**

(18) During a Precautionary Blackout, while subject to the masking of headlights as in the case of all other motor vehicles, busses are permitted to show destination signs and also clearance lights. The operation of busses should be interfered with as little as possible. Conduct of busses during Imminent Danger Blackout is governed by the conditions of the permits issued to them.

