MICHIGAN DOT PERMANENT SIGNING STANDARDS, DESIGN, FABRICATION & INSTALLATION

## MICHIGAN HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE CONFERENCE

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# WHY DO WE REPLACE SIGNS?

 MDOT Info Flyer "Why Traffic Signs are Replaced"





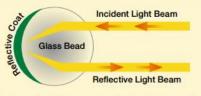
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#### MDOT'S TRAFFIC SIGNING PROGRAM: WHY TRAFFIC SIGNS ARE REPLACED

#### While only one-quarter of all travel occurs at night, about half of all traffic fatalities occur after dark.

Many clues are available to drivers during the day to make driving a relatively easy task. At night, however, few clues remain, making the task more difficult. In addition, signs near the end of their service life that are visible during daylight hours may be hard to see at night.

National traffic sign retroreflectivity standards have been established to address this disparity. MDOT routinely replaces traffic signs on highway corridors as part of a 100 percent federally funded statewide sign replacement program.



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Retroreflectivity is a scientific term that describes the ability of an object to redirect light back to its source. Retroreflective traffic signs use small glass beads or microprismatic reflectors to return light from a vehicle's headlights back to the driver's eyes. The brighter the sign, the sooner a driver can see and read it. The retroreflective properties of traffic signs deteriorate over time, due to weather, exposure to the sun, damage, and other factors. Unless traffic signs are replaced on a timely basis, they become difficult to see and read at night.



Retroreflective signs are especially beneficial to older drivers. By 2030, one in five drivers will be age 65 or older. A 65-year-old needs eight times the amount of light a 25-year-old does. Bright, highly reflective traffic signs are more visible at night and can reduce nighttime crashes by helping older drivers – and motorists of all ages – to quickly read and react

#### It's all about SAFETY

Supports for traffic signs, frequently placed close to the roadway, can become deadly hazards when struck by a vehicle if not designed, manufactured, and constructed to break away upon impact. Even relatively small sign supports can be deadly if not designed to break away. When replacing old traffic signs, MDOT also replaces sign posts to ensure safety. Coordinating the replacement of sign posts with traffic sign replacement also minimizes costs.

In addition to replacing old traffic signs, MDOT updates all signs along a corridor due to changing traffic patterns and the latest federal and state standards for location and message.

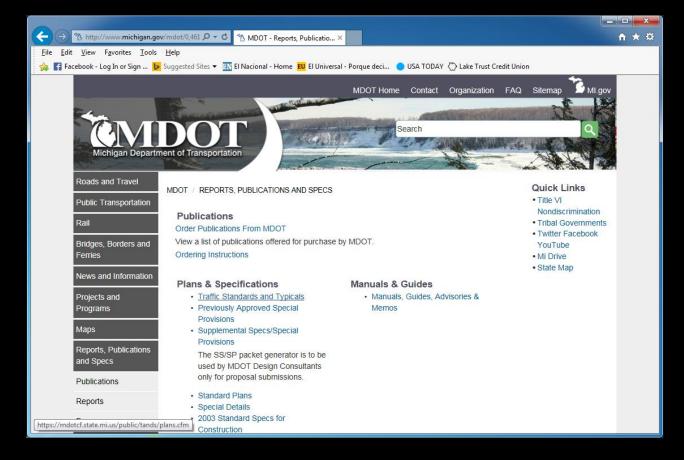
# SIGN RETROREFLECTIVITY

- MUTCD Requirement
  - Nighttime Visual Inspection
  - Measured Retroreflectivity
  - Expected Sign Life
  - Blanket Replacement
  - Control Signs
- MDOT Methods & Data Collection



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# MDOT TRAFFIC & SAFETY STANDARDS

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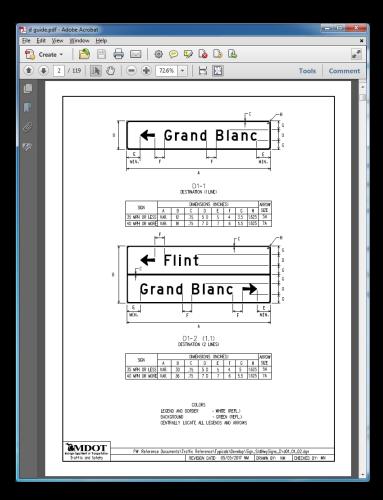
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# MEMORIAL HIGHWAY SIGNING

- Michigan Memorial Highway Act (Act 142 of 2001)
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- Paid for by Requestor
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- D7-3 (in SHS)
  - Freeway
  - Non-Freeway
- Sign MUST Match what Law Says!

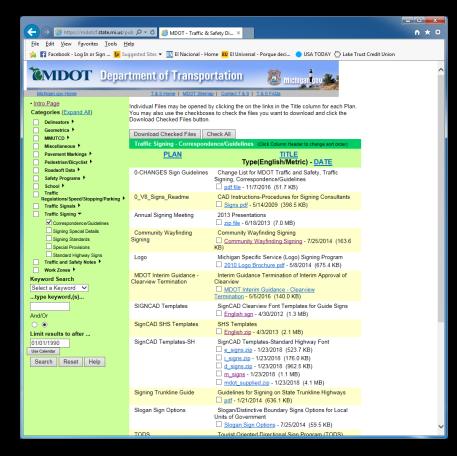
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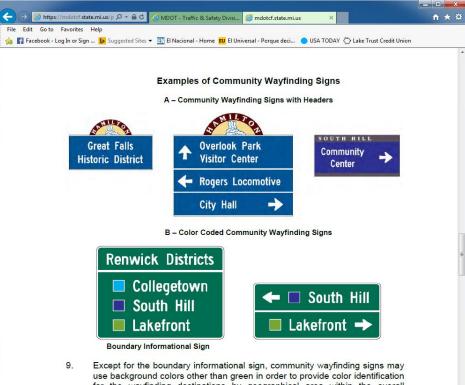
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The sign system should be established on a local municipal or equivalent jurisdictional level or an urbanized area of adjoining municipalities or equivalent that form an identifiable geographic entity that is conducive to a cohesive and continuous system of signs. Community wayfinding signs shall not be used on a regional or statewide basis

Signing for attractions, as noted above, is considered secondary to primary signing needs. Community wayfinding signs shall not interfere with other signs of greater importance as outlined in Signing Priorities and shall not be installed where adequate spacing cannot be provided between the community wayfinding sign and other higher priority signs. Community wayfinding signs shall not be installed in a position where they would obscure the road users' view of other traffic control devices and shall not be mounted overhead.

Highway signing is not intended for the purpose of advertising for the facility, but to direct and guide unfamiliar traffic seeking the attraction or destination. Community wayfinding signs should not be used to provide direction to primary destinations eligible for signs in other sections of this Guideline or highway routes or streets. Destination or other guide signs should be used for this purpose and shall have priority over any community wayfinding sign in placement, prominence, and conspicuity. If destinations that would be eligible for signs in other sections of this Guideline are part of an established community-wide plan, then all existing Department non-freeway signs shall be removed once the community wayfinding signs are in place.

# COMMUNITY WAYFINDING SIGNING



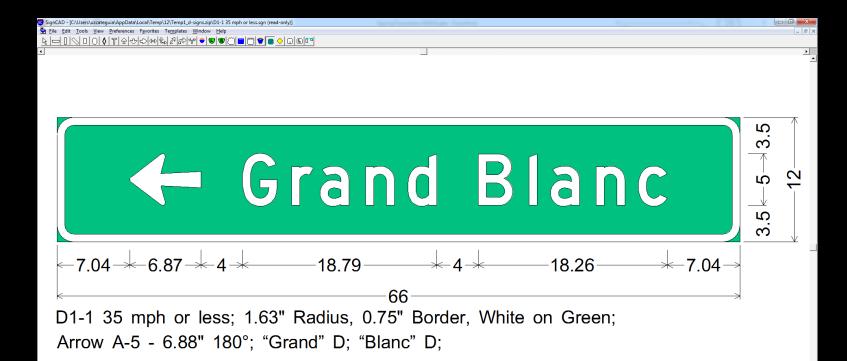
9. Except for the boundary informational sign, community wayfinding signs may use background colors other than green in order to provide color identification for the wayfinding destinations by geographical area within the overall wayfinding system. Color coded community wayfinding signs may be used with or without the boundary informational sign displaying corresponding color coding panels described above in number 8. In order to minimize possible confusion with critical, higher-priority regulatory and warning sign color meanings readily understood by road users, the standard highway sign colors of red, orange, yellow, purple, or the fluorescent versions thereof: fluorescent yellow-green and fluorescent pink, shall not be used as background colors for community wayfinding signs.

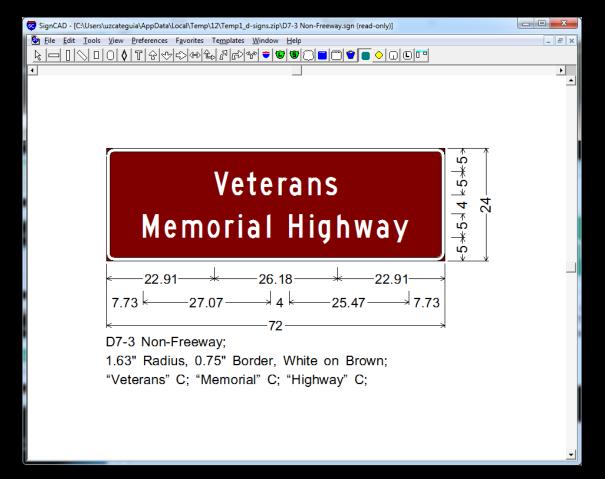
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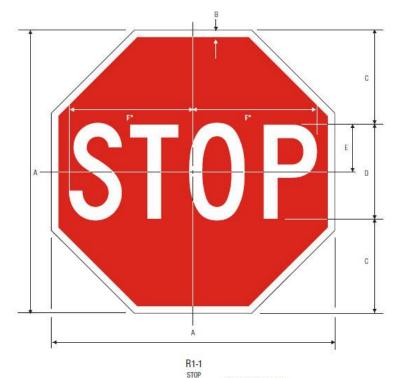




# SIGNS FABRICATION

By the Michigan DOT Central Sign Shop

## STANDARD HIGHWAY SIGNS



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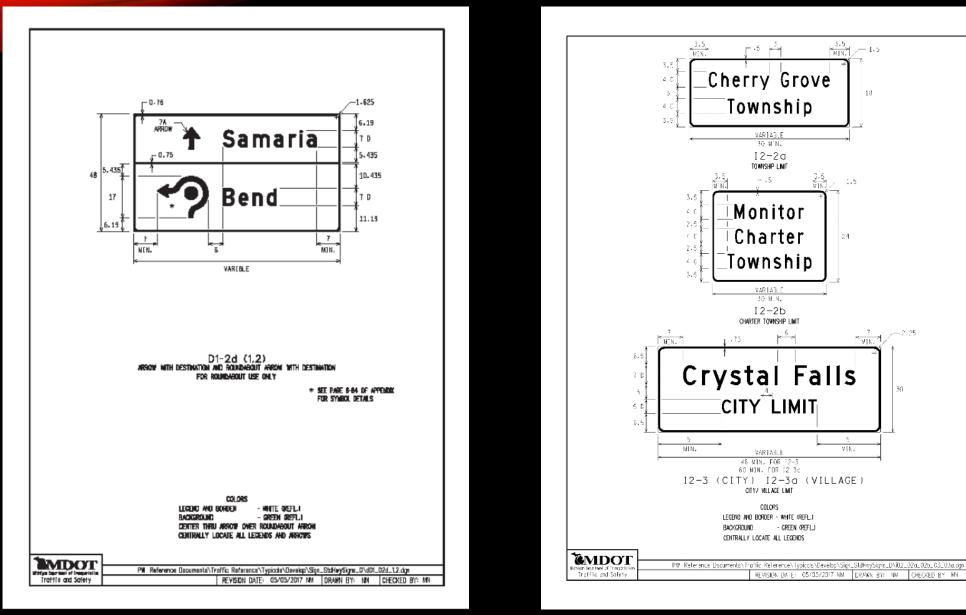
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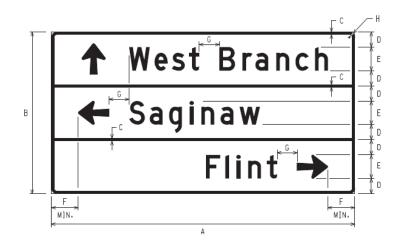


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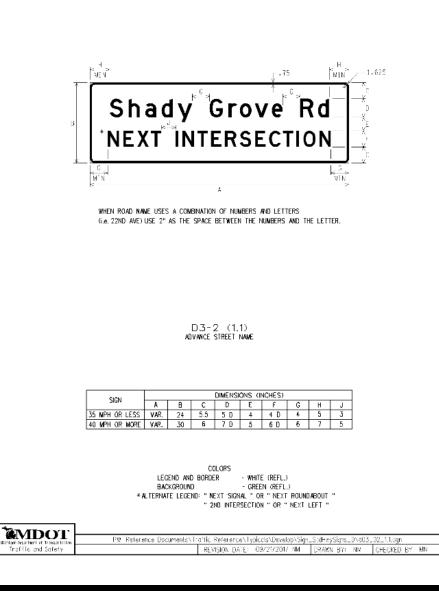
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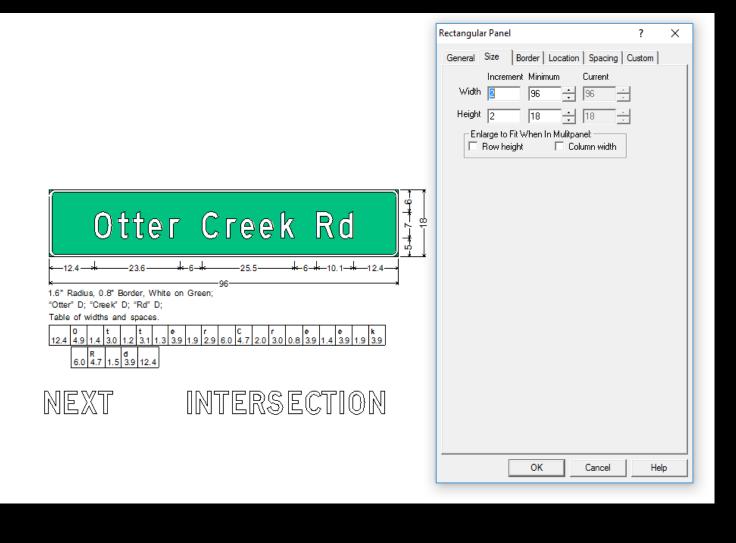
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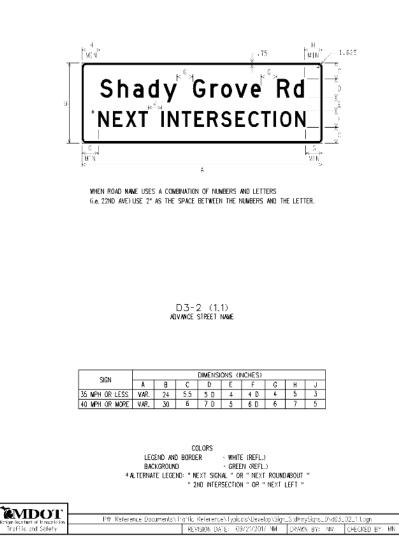
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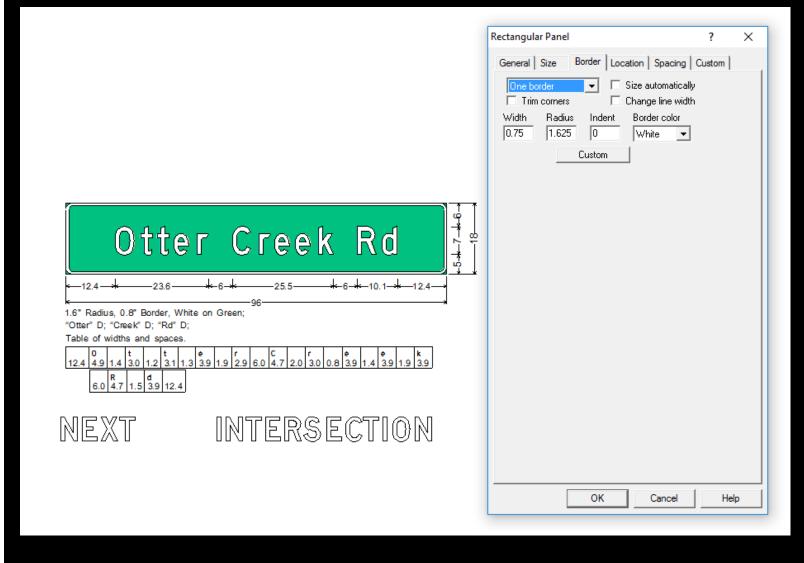
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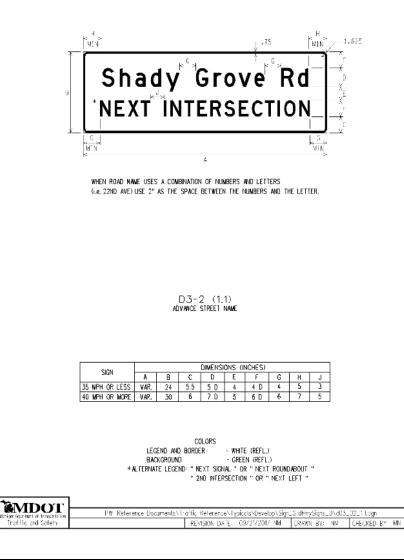
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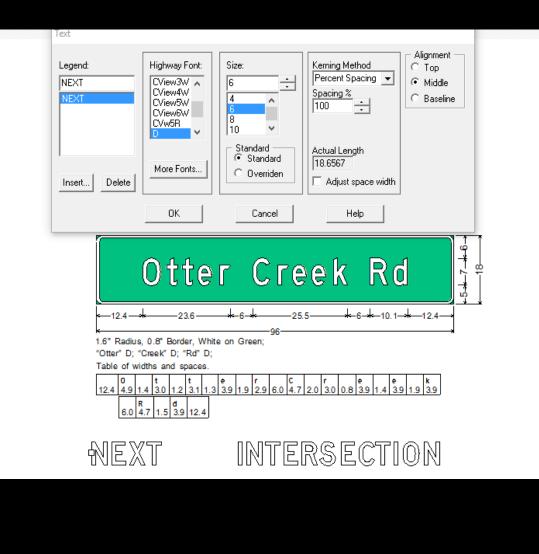


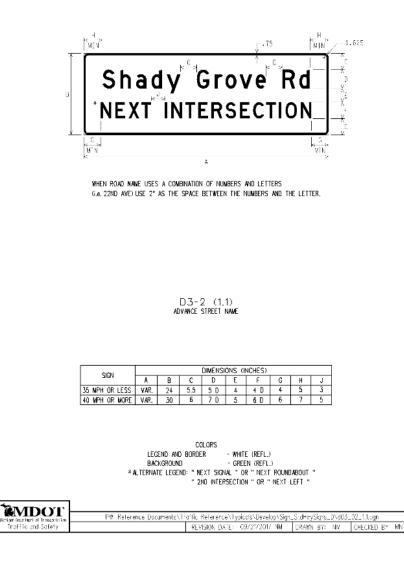


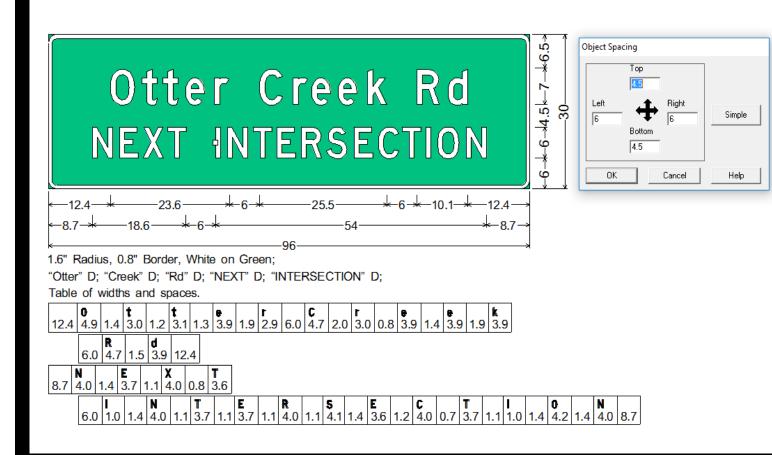


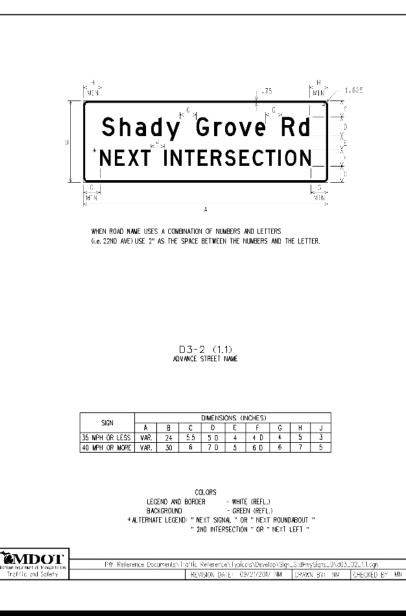


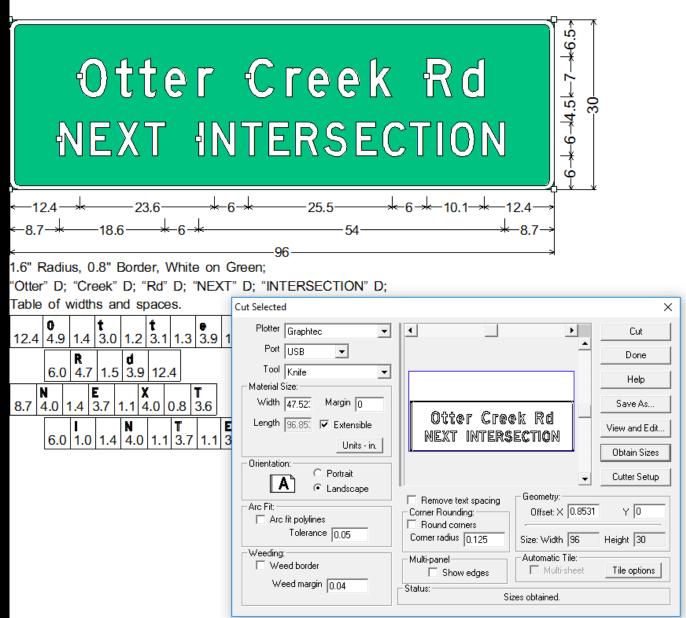












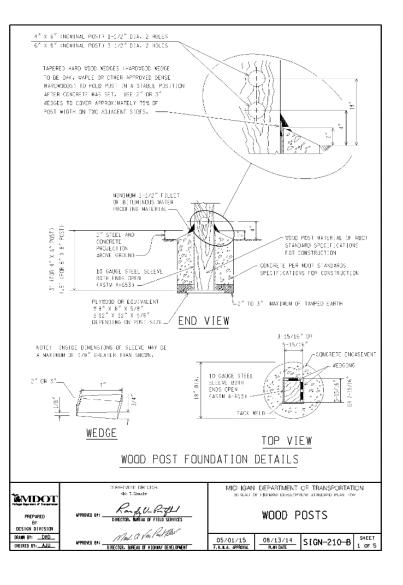
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# SIGNS INSTALLATION

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- A wooden "cookie" is placed in the bottom of the hole
- The sleeves are set in and plumbed



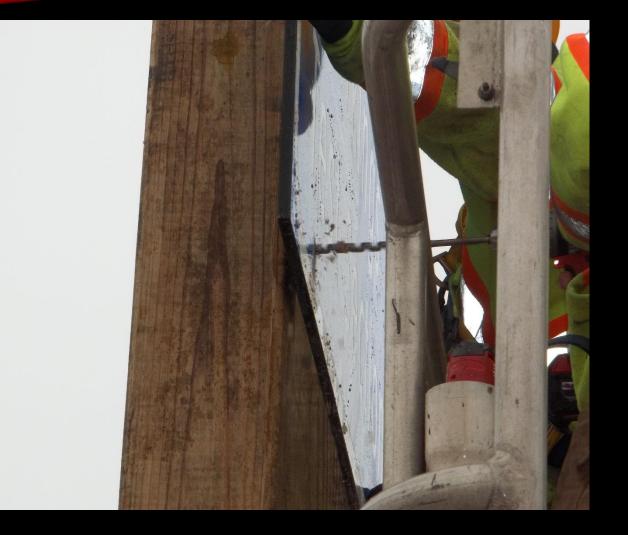
- Sleeves are aligned and held in place with an angle and locking pliers
- Spacing is determined by the size of the sign
- 1/6 from each end leaving 2/3 in the middle
- An easier way is to take the length of the sign in feet and multiply by 8 inches



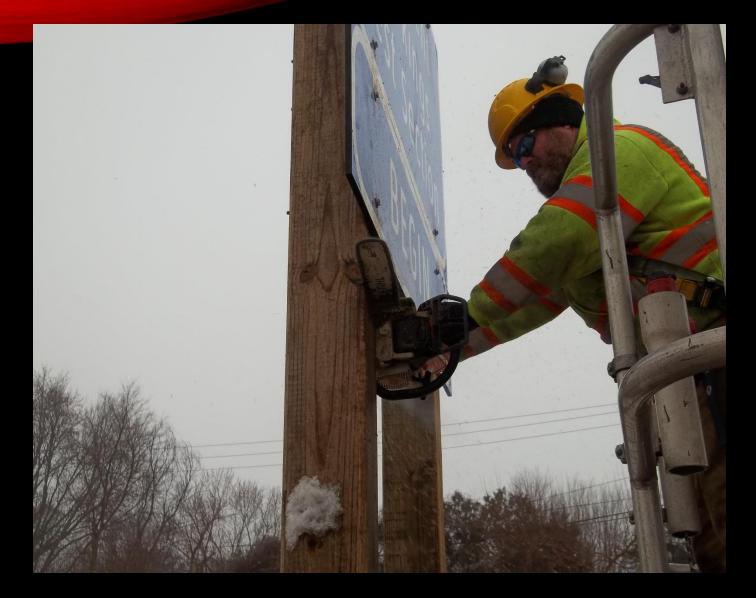
- Wedges installed wedges should cover approximately 75% of the post on 2 adjacent sides.
- Tar should be applied to adhere to the post and the sleeve. Ensure the tar encapsulates the wedges.
- Sign 210 states in the Notes that the foundations should set 24 hours before the signs are installed.



- Level tops of the posts.
- Drill mounting hole approximately 1" down from top of post, use level to mark and drill the second hole.



- Hang sign then drill bottom holes.
- Use stainless steel bolts, nuts and washers.
- Use a nylon washer against the face of the sign.



- Place ¼" saw cut approximately 6" below bottom of sign on traffic approach side.
- 1" deep for 4"x6" post
- 1 1/2" deep for 6"x8" post



- Install date tags.
- On two panel signs, make sure there is a date tag on both panels.

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