

ROAD SIGNS

All road signs' and traffic officers' instructions must be obeyed, particularly as concerns speed limits.

FINE for non-compliance (article 146, paragraph 2, Italian Highway Code): 41 to 168 Euros. PENALTY POINTS on driving licence: -2 out of 20 full starting points except for waiting restriction infringements (no parking and no stopping signs).

In particular, direction signs can be distinguished by their background colour:





SPEED LIMITS

Motor-vehicles

Maximum allowed speed, unless otherwise indicated:

- 130 km/h (80.78 mph) on motorways; a speed limit of 150 km/h (93.21 mph) can be indicated on some motorway sections with 3 lanes + emergency lane in each direction, equipped with speed detectors
- 110 km/h (68.35 mph) on main roads outside built-up areas
- 90 km/h (55.92 mph) on secondary roads and local roads outside built-up areas
- 50 km/h (31.07 mph) in built-up areas; a speed limit of 70 km/h (43.498 mph) can be indicated on some main urban roads

Note: In bad weather conditions, the maximum speed is 110 km/h (68.354 mph) on motorways and 90 km/h (55.92 mph) on roads outside built-up areas.

FINE for non-compliance of speed limits (article 142, paragraph 7-11, Italian Highway Code): 41 to 3.287 Euros.

PENALTY POINTS on driving licence: -3 to -10 out of 20 full starting points.

Camper Van

Speed limits for camper vans:

- 50 km/h in built-up areas; 80 km/h outside built-up areas; 100 km/h on motorways (laden weight between 3.5 and 12 t)
- 50 km/h in built-up areas; 70 km/h outside built-up areas; 80 km/h on motorways (laden weight over 12 t);



Mopeds and micro cars

Maximum speed limit for mopeds and micro cars up to 50 cc is 45 km/h (27.96 mph), unless a lower limit is indicated.



Micro cars have small size and reduce habitability.

The driver can be a minor provided he/she holds a valid national entitlement to drive a moped, an AM driving licence for EU nationals, or a proper and valid driving licence for non-EU nationals.

Only passenger is allowed if this is mentioned in the moped registration certificate and only on condition that the driver is on age and holds a driving licence.

Seat belts are compulsory for the driver and passenger of micro cars.

FINE for non-compliance with seat belt wearing (article 172, paragraph 10, Italian Highway Code): 80 to 323 Euros.

PENALTY POINTS on driving licence: -5 out of 20 full starting points.

Mopeds and micro cars are not allowed on motorways as well as on main extra-urban roads and any road affording no thoroughfare for mopeds and micro cars.

FINE for non-compliance (article 175, paragraph 16, Italian Highway Code): 41 to 168 Euros.

LIGHTS

The use of parking lights and dim lights is compulsory outside built-up areas for all motor vehicles, day and night. Full beam headlights can be used in poor visibility making sure not to dazzle other road users with special regard to oncoming and preceding vehicles.

In built-up areas the use of parking lights and dim lights is compulsory from half an hour after sunset to half an hour before sunrise or in case of poor visibility (e.g. rain, fog, snow).

Mopeds and motorcycles must have their parking lights and dim lights on at all times even in builtup areas.

Vehicles equipped with daytime running lights are allowed to use them during daytime (but not in tunnels) in good-visibility.

FINE for failure to use lights (article 152, paragraph 2, Italian Highway Code): 41 to 168 Euros.

FINE for improper use of lights (article 153, paragraph 11, Italian Highway Code): 41 to 168 Euros. PENALTY POINTS on driving licence: -1 out of 20 full starting points.