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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 169 Euros. Fine is increased by one-third if the violation is committed between 10 pm and 7 am.

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:

Green:	direction sign indicating a motorway.	
Blue:	direction sign indicating extra urban roads.	
White:	direction sign indicating specific local destinations such as airports or hotels in city centres.	
Yellow:	temporary direction sign indicating current road works, mandatory detours and possible alternative routes.	
Brown:	direction sign indicating historic, artistic, cultural and tourist destinations; also used to indicate ecological protected areas, camping sites and recreational sites.	



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Black:	direction sign indicating factories, industrial areas, handicraft businesses and shopping centres on the outskirts of a city or town.	
Orange:	sign indicating taxi and school bus stopping areas outskirts of a city or town.	

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 3,316 Euros.

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

Camper vans

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).



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Mopeds and micro cars

Maximum speed limit for mopeds and micro cars up to 50cc 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 document enabling to drive a moped, an AM driving licence for EU nationals, or a proper and valid driving licence for non-EU nationals.

Only one 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): 81 to 326 Euros.

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

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

FINE for non-compliance (article 175, paragraph 16, Italian Highway Code): 41 to 169 Euros.

PENALTY POINTS on driving licence: -2 out of 20 full starting points

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 built-up 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 169 Euros.

PENALTY POINTS on driving licence: 0

FINE for improper use of lights (article 153, paragraph 11, Italian Highway Code): 41 to 169 Euros.

PENALTY POINTS on driving licence: -1 out of 20 full starting points.

