

6.14 Advance Warning of Restrictions

6.14.1 Several restrictions on the types of traffic permitted on a road are indicated by regulatory signs at the location where the restriction applies. For the use of these regulatory signs see Chapter 5. These restrictions may indicate limits on vehicle height, weight, length, width or number of axles. This section describes the use of the appropriate warning signs.

6.14.2 It is important to warn drivers in advance of these restrictions, by using warning signs, so they can use alternative routes if necessary. The regulatory signs should not be used as advance warning, as it would be an offence for a driver of a vehicle exceeding the limit to pass such signs: this would prevent legitimate access to premises or side roads between the sign and the beginning of the restriction.

6.14.3 For advance warning of height restrictions, see Section 6.13.

- 6.14.4 Apart from restricted headroom, the following signs are available for advance warning:
- Sign W 112: Maximum Vehicle Length;
  - Sign W 113: Maximum Vehicle Width;
  - Sign W 114: Maximum Gross Weight (Traffic Management);
  - Sign W 115: Maximum Gross Weight (Safety);
  - Sign W 116: Maximum Axle Weight; and Sign W 117: Prohibited Number of Axles (for Goods or Other Non-Passenger Vehicles).

6.14.5 These signs shall not be provided unless the relevant regulatory sign is provided at the restriction.

6.14.6 The relevant advance warning sign should be erected immediately after the last place where an alternative route could be chosen to avoid the restriction. It may also be appropriate to warn of a restriction down a side road. Supplementary Plates P 001, P 003 or P 004, as appropriate, may be used with the signs to indicate the distance and/or direction to the restriction.

6.14.7 The warning signs shall depict the same restriction as the regulatory sign to which they refer. Sign W 112 shall show the maximum dimension to the nearest 0.5m and Sign W 113 to the nearest 0.05m.



W 112: Maximum Vehicle Length

Requirement:	Shall show the maximum length to nearest 0.5m.
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W 113: Maximum Vehicle Width

Requirement:	Shall show the maximum width to nearest 0.05m.
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6.14.8 Signs W 114 and W 115 shall show one of the following gross vehicle weights:

3.5t, 7.5t, 10t, 12.5t, 18t, 26t and 32t.

6.14.9 Sign W 116 shall show the maximum axle weight to the nearest tonne. Sign W 117 shall show the prohibited number of axles as x3, x4, x5 or x6 axles.



**W 114: Maximum Gross Weight (Traffic Management)**

Requirement:	Shall show the maximum weight in accordance with Paragraph 6.14.8.
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**W 116: Maximum Axle Weight**

Requirement:	Shall show the maximum weight to the nearest tonne.
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**W 115: Maximum Gross Weight (Safety)**

Requirement:	Shall show the maximum weight in accordance with Paragraph 6.14.8.
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**W 117: Prohibited Number of Axles (for Goods or Other NonPassenger Vehicles)**

Requirement:	Shall show x3, x4, x5 or x6 axles.
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