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## Road vehicles — Symbols for controls, indicators and tell-tales

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## 1 SCOPE

This International Standard specifies the symbols, i.e. conventional signs, with which certain controls, indicators and tell-tales of a road vehicle are to be provided in order to ensure their identification and facilitate their utilization.<sup>1)</sup>

It also indicates the colours of possible optical tell-tales which warn the driver of the operation or malfunctioning of the devices and equipment connected to the corresponding controls.

## 2 FIELD OF APPLICATION

This International Standard is applicable to those controls which are fitted on the instrument panel, or in the immediate vicinity of the driver.

## 3 GENERAL

**3.1** The symbols shall be as given in clause 4, except for deviations necessary to reproduce an accurate representation to the driver's line of sight.

**3.2** If, in a symbol, a vehicle or parts of a vehicle are shown in a side view, a vehicle driving from right to left shall be assumed.

**3.3** Symbols on controls and tell-tales shall contrast well with their background (preferably light symbol on dark background).

**3.4** The symbols and tell-tales shall be recognizable by the driver from his seated position.

**3.5** Focused light shall be represented by parallel rays and diffuse light by divergent rays.

**3.6** If colour is used on heating and cooling systems, the colour red shall be used to indicate hot and the colour blue to indicate cold.

**3.7** When the following colours are used on the optical tell-tales, they shall have the meanings indicated below :

Red : Danger

Yellow<sup>2)</sup> : Caution








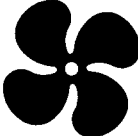

Green : Safe

(Blue shall be used only for the driving light tell-tales.)

1) Prints of these symbols for reproduction purposes may be obtained from the ISO Central Secretariat.

2) The colour yellow includes amber.











4 DESIGNATION AND ILLUSTRATION OF SYMBOLS

No.	Control, indicator or tell-tale designation	Symbol	Additional specifications
4.1	Upper beam <sup>1)</sup>	<sup>3)</sup> 	Steady blue tell-tale
4.2	Lower beam <sup>1)</sup>	<sup>3)</sup> 	
4.3	Turn signals	<sup>3)4)</sup> 	Flashing green light(s)
4.4	Hazard warning <sup>2)</sup>	<sup>3)</sup> 	Simultaneous operation of both green turn signal tell-tales, or separate red signal
4.5	Windshield wiper		
4.6	Windshield washer		
4.7	Windshield wiper and washer		
4.8	Ventilating fan		
4.9	Parking lights		





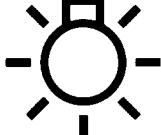


2) This symbol applies only to the control and to the separate red tell-tale.

3) Framed areas of this symbol may be solid.

4) It is permissible to separate the left and right arrows.

No.	Control, indicator or tell-tale designation	Symbol	Additional specifications
4.10 <sup>1)</sup>	Front hood (bonnet)		
4.11 <sup>1)</sup>	Rear hood (boot)		
4.12	Choke (cold starting aid)		
4.13	Horn		
4.14	Fuel		
4.15	Engine coolant temperature		
4.16	Battery charging condition		
4.17	Engine oil		
4.18	Seat belt		
4.19	Headlamp cleaner		

1) The dark part of this symbol may be replaced by its outline, in which case the portion shown here as white will be entirely in a dark colour.

No.	Control, indicator or tell-tale designation	Symbol	Additional specifications
4.20	Lighter		
4.21	Front fog light <sup>1)</sup>		
4.22	Rear fog light <sup>1)</sup>		
4.23	Master lighting switch		
4.24	Windscreen demisting and defrosting		
4.25	Rear window demisting and defrosting		

1) If one control is used for both front and rear fog lights, the symbol used shall be the one designated "front fog light".



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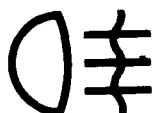
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**ERRATUM**

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Add the following footnote, which was unintentionally omitted when reprinting ISO 2575/1-1973 as part of ISO 2575-1976 :

"1) The control operating the upper beam and the lower beam alternately may include two symbols, one for each of the positions : upper beam; lower beam."

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