

Technical Circular T-7/00
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To: All HQ Directors: Operations, Planning and Major Projects
All Regional Directors
All District Highways Managers

**Subject: USE OF SIGN ILLUMINATION ON SHOULDER AND OVERHEAD
MOUNT GUIDE SIGNS**

Background:

Shoulder mount guide signs are sufficiently illuminated by vehicle headlights such that sign lighting is not required.

The Ministry has also determined that overhead mounted guide signs do not require illumination if at least one colour of the sign is made from encapsulated lens sheeting or higher grade sign material.

The above practices are consistent with other jurisdictions' practices in North America.

Policy:

THE MINISTRY WILL NOT INSTALL SIGN LIGHTING ON ANY NEW SHOULDER MOUNT GUIDE SIGNS OR ON ANY OVERHEAD GUIDE SIGNS HAVING ONE OR MORE COLOURS OF ENCAPSULATED LENS SHEETING OR HIGHER GRADE OF REFLECTIVITY SIGN MATERIAL.

THE MINISTRY WILL INITIATE THE REMOVAL OF ALL SIGN LIGHTING ON EXISTING SHOULDER MOUNTED GUIDE SIGNS AND ON EXISTING OVERHEAD GUIDE SIGNS HAVING ONE OR MORE COLOURS OF ENCAPSULATED LENS SHEETING OR HIGHER GRADE OF REFLECTIVITY SIGN MATERIAL.

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