

South Carolina Department of Transportation  
Traffic Engineering Guidelines

**NUMBER:** TG-32

**SUBJECT:** Shooting Range Noise Signs

**BACKGROUND:** The state legislature passed an act in 2000, cited as the “South Carolina Shooting Range Protection Act of 2000”, which provides guidance on shooting ranges, including the signing needed for notifying the public that a shooting range is in the area. This guideline was developed for shooting range noise signs to provide a consistent and uniform method for installing these signs across the state, since they are not specifically addressed in the MUTCD.

**GUIDEANCE:** Shooting ranges are defined as areas where firearms are frequently being used for recreational activity or competitions. Shooting range signs are used to distinguish an area around these ranges in order to warn motorists of the loud noises. Shooting Range noise signs are addressed in Section 31-18-60 of the South Carolina Code of Laws which reads as follows:

*SECTION 31-18-60. Notification of proximity of shooting range.*

*Each county in this State in which there is an existing shooting range or in which a shooting range is established must prominently display a sign at a one-mile radius of each shooting range on all primary highways to notify the public that they are entering the area of a shooting range which shall bear the following inscription:*

*"SHOOTING RANGE--NOISE AREA"*

*The sign must conform to the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices and the policies of the Department of Transportation. The cost of fabricating the sign must be paid by the shooting range. Any shooting range in existence prior to January 1, 2000, must have a sign installed by January 1, 2001.*

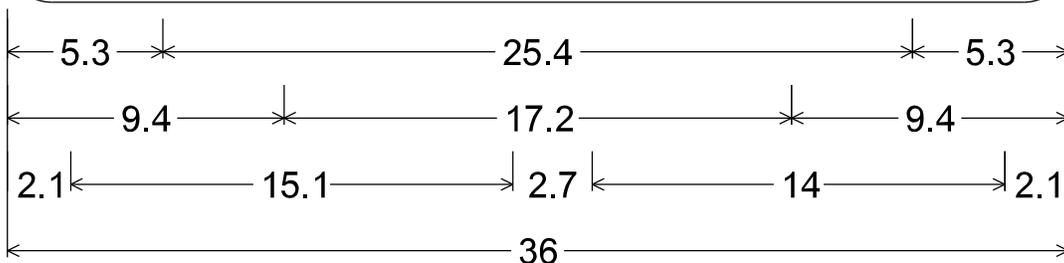
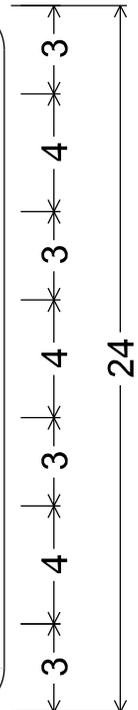
A layout for this sign is included as part of this guideline. These signs shall be installed under encroachment permit at no cost to the Department. These signs are required by law on primary highways (SC or US Routes) within a one-mile radius of a shooting range but may also be allowed on secondary routes as well. All sign locations shall be approved by the District Traffic Engineer to insure that the signs do not interfere with existing signing.

Approved:

  
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Director of Traffic Engineering

March 11, 2014

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Date



1.5" Radius, 0.6" Border, White on Green;  
 [SHOOTING] D; [RANGE] D; [NOISE] D; [AREA] D;  
 Table of distances between letter and object lefts.

	S	H	O	O	T	I	N	G	
5.3	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.1	1.6	3.6	2.7	5.3

	R	A	N	G	E	
9.4	3.4	4.1	3.6	3.7	2.4	9.4

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2.1	3.7	3.7	1.6	3.6	5.2	4.0	3.7	2.9	3.4	2.1

SIGN NO.: N/A

DATE: February 20, 2014