

Safety BULLETIN

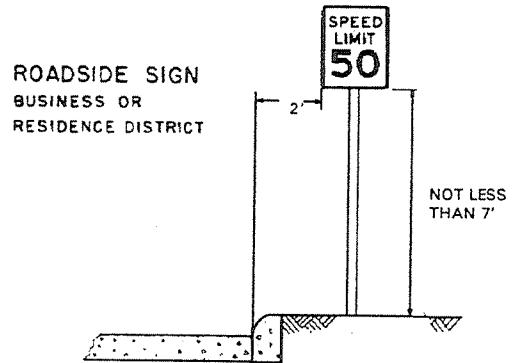
Sign-Height Measuring Device Assures Accuracy

The *Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices* is the guide to proper sign mounting and location. For urban areas, a seven-foot minimum height to the bottom of a sign panel is used. For rural areas, a five-foot minimum height to the bottom of the sign is used. If you add a supplementary sign, it can be no less than four feet high.

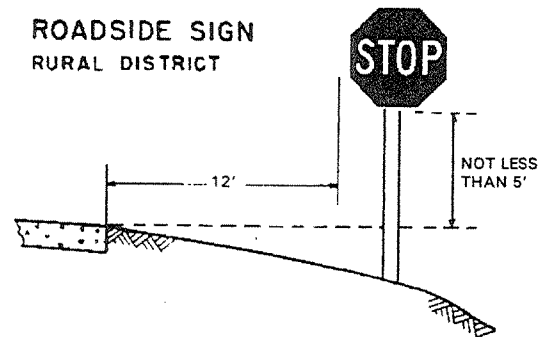
A sign-height measuring device can quickly determine whether a sign is in compliance with MUTCD standards. This device consists of two 2-inch boards hinged together such that, when unfolded, form a 90 degree angle. The bottom board is twelve feet long and should be placed along the outer edge of the road. This will help to determine whether or not the inside edge of a sign is located at least twelve feet from the edge of a road.

A level is located on the bottom board to keep both ends at the same elevation. The second board should be five feet long and rise 90 degrees from the first board. If the bottom of a sign falls below this five foot board, steps should be taken to correct the situation immediately.

The manual entitled *Maintenance of Small Traffic Signs: a Guide for La DOTD District Highway Maintenance Personnel* is available from the T² Center. To obtain a copy, call 504-767-9117 or 800-256-1567.



Urban or City Area



Rural or Country Area

