



**National Committee on
Uniform Traffic Control Devices**

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Markings No. 1

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE: Markings
TOPIC: Channelizing Devices
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ORIGIN OF REQUEST: NCUTCD Edit Committee
AFFECTED PORTIONS OF MUTCD: Section 3H.01

Summary:

At the June 2011 NCUTCD meeting in Boise, Idaho, the Council approved a definition for traffic control devices that was developed through the Edit Committee. During Council deliberations on the ballot item, a Council member identified a discrepancy between the proposed traffic control device definition and language in Section 3H.01 regarding channelizing devices. This ballot proposes changes in the language of Section 3H.01 to make the section consistent with the new definition for traffic control devices. These changes were suggested during the Council discussions on the traffic control device ballot item prior to its approval.

Recommendation:

Based on the Edit Committee recommendations described above, the Markings Technical Committee determined that changes shown in the following page should be made to Section 3H.01, Channelizing Devices.

Recommended Changes to the MUTCD:

The proposed changes to Section 3H.01 are shown in the following pages. Additions are indicated by blue double underline, ~~deletions~~ are indicated by red double strikethrough.

1 **Section 3H.01 Channelizing Devices**

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3 Option:

4 01 Channelizing devices, as described in Sections 6F.63 through 6F.73, and 6F.75, and as
5 shown in Figure 6F-7, such as cones, tubular markers, vertical panels, and drums, ~~lane~~
6 ~~separators, and raised islands~~, may be used for general traffic control purposes such as adding
7 emphasis to reversible lane delineation, channelizing lines, or islands. Channelizing devices may
8 also be used along a center line to preclude turns or along lane lines to preclude lane changing, as
9 determined by engineering judgment.

10 **Standard:**

11 02 **Except for color, the design of channelizing devices, including but not limited to**
12 **retroreflectivity, minimum dimensions, and mounting height, shall comply with the**
13 **provisions of Chapter 6F.**

14 03 **The color of channelizing devices used outside of temporary traffic control zones shall**
15 **be either orange or the same color as the pavement marking that they supplement, or for**
16 **which they are substituted.**

17 04 **For nighttime use, channelizing devices shall be retroreflective (as described in Part 6)**
18 **or internally illuminated. On channelizing devices used outside of temporary traffic**
19 **control zones, retroreflective sheeting or bands shall be white if the devices separate traffic**
20 **flows in the same direction and shall be yellow if the devices separate traffic flows in the**
21 **opposite direction or are placed along the left-hand edge line of a one-way roadway or**
22 **ramp.**

23 *Guidance:*

24 05 *Channelizing devices should be kept clean and bright to maximize target value.*

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