



## Road Signs

If you've taken your driving test, you've probably studied pages of road signs in the Highway Code, but new signs are added all the time and if you ever hire a car when on holiday you'll know just how different some International signs can be. In the first of its driving tips series carrentals.co.uk highlights some of the stranger road signs you could come across on your travels:



**Seismic Retrofit, California, USA.** Not one you're likely to see outside of the USA, this sign indicates repair of buildings or structures such as bridges, following damage by earthquakes or explosions.



**Environmental study area, USA.** This sign indicates an area that is undergoing environmental research for various reasons. The aim is to inform visitors not to damage the area.



**Obligatory snow chain, Europe.** This sign is found around the World in various forms, in areas of severe frost or heavy snow. It informs drivers that they must fit snow chains for their own safety.



**Traffic Calming Zone, Europe.** This sign is common throughout Europe and indicates that traffic calming measures have been put in place, which could mean a lower speed limit than usual, or physical measures such as speed humps.



**No Push-Carts, France.** An unusual sign found in France, this informs all those people with push-carts that they are not allowed to use them in specific areas.



**No vehicles with explosives, Europe.** Found in various parts of Europe, including the UK, this sign indicates that vehicles carrying explosives are prohibited in specific areas - causing all drivers to panic about being in an area where cars are allowed to carry explosives!



**Mechanic ahead, Brazil.** Not a particularly self-explanatory sign, indicating a car mechanic is ahead and usually accompanied by a sign showing the distance in miles or kilometres.



**No hitching, USA.** Only found in the US, this sign shows areas where hitch-hiking is prohibited.

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