

Sign Location Gimmicks

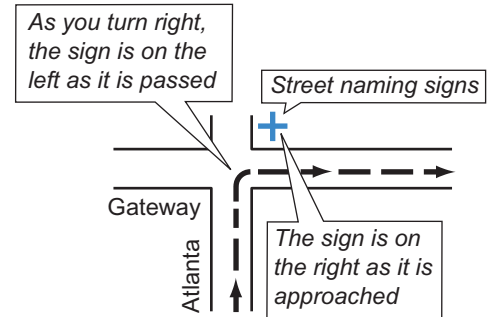
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Gimmicks based upon the location of signs appear in many A-B rallyes. Often, signs with unacceptable locations are easy to determine. Examples of bad signs could be anything painted on the asphalt, attached to a fence or building roof, displayed on a vehicle or truck trailer. The gimmicks are harder to catch when the location of the sign seems to change as the route instructions are done. Depending upon how the particular sign is 'passed' or 'approached' will determine whether the sign is good or bad.

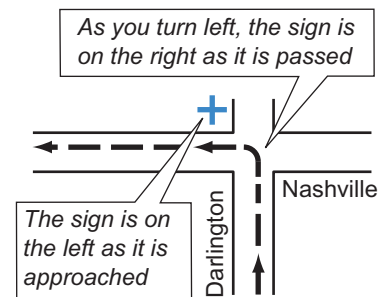
To explain these gimmicks, we will start with the GIs. Most often, the GIs will say "Signs will appear on the right as they are passed unless SOL or SA is used. If SOL is used, the sign will appear on the left as it is passed. If SA is used, the sign will be on the left or right or be difficult to see." The terms SOL means 'Sign on Left' and SA means 'Sign Anywhere'.

Most of the time, this works as you might expect. Things get interesting when the sign is on the far corner and you are making a turn. Depending on the instruction, the sign may move from one side to the other.

Hint: Making turns can change the sign's location. Expect gimmicks when signs are on the opposite street corner and the signs need to be passed.



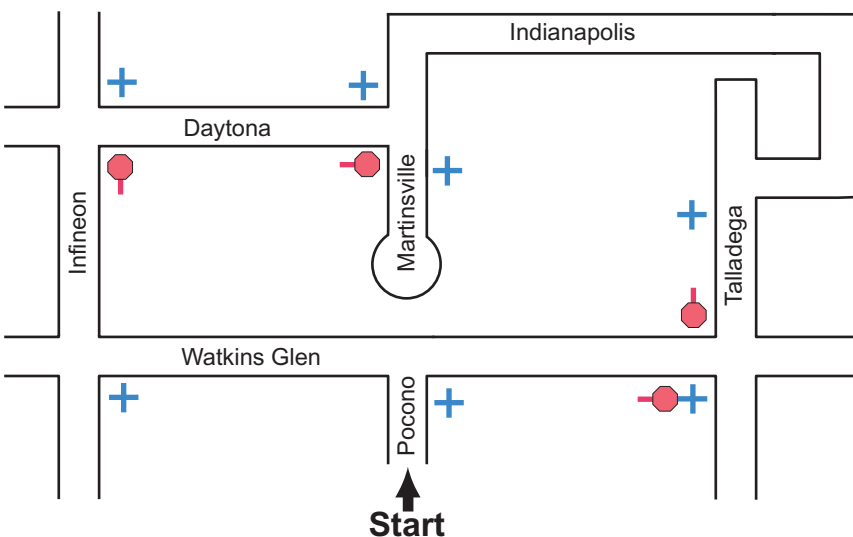
Sign moves from right to left.



Sign moves from left to right.

Complete the following exercise:

Using the map, RIs, and sign locations described in the second paragraph, complete the exercise route. Consider a typical set of A-B rallye GIs where you are to execute the valid RI part (A or B). If you can do both, then answer 'C'.



RIs:

1. A. L at Watkins Glen
B. L at Watkins Glen SOL
2. A. R at Infineon
B. R at Infineon SOL
3. A. R at Stop
B. R at Daytona SOL
4. A. L at Martinsville SOL
B. L at Martinsville
5. A. L at Talladega SOL
B. L at Talladega
6. A. R at Watkins Glen SA
B. R at Watkins Glen SOL

Answers. What you should have done:

1A (sign was in the default location on the right), 2B (sign on left), 3C (turn moves sign to left), 4C (there is a sign for each part), 5B (turn moves sign to right), 6C (sign could be anywhere and on left). Run it again but this time change 'passed' to 'approached' (1A, 2B, 3A, 4C, 5A, 6A). Go a third time but use 'approached' for signs on the right and 'passed' for signs on the left (1A, 2B, 3C, 4C, 5 no valid choice here- watch for checkpoint, 6C).

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