

PART 3. MARKINGS

CHAPTER 3E. COLORED PAVEMENTS

Markings Technical Committee Recommendations
Approved by NCUTCD Council January 10 & 12, 2008

3E.01
Approved by
NC without
revisions to
NPA.

Section 3E.01 General paragraphs have been relocated within this Section

Support:

Colored pavements consist of differently colored road paving materials, such as colored asphalt or concrete, or paint or other marking materials applied to the surface of a road or island to simulate a colored pavement.

~~When used for guidance or regulation of traffic, colored pavements are traffic control devices. If nonretroreflective colored pavements, including bricks and other types of patterned surfaces, also are sometimes is used to supplement other traffic control devices as a purely aesthetic treatment and is not intended to communicate a regulatory, warning, or guidance message to road users, the colored pavement is not considered to be a traffic control device, even if it is located between the lines of a crosswalk.~~

~~Colored pavement located between crosswalk lines to emphasize the presence of the crosswalk is not considered to be a traffic control device.~~

Standard:

If colored pavements is used as within the traveled way, on flush or raised islands, or on shoulders to regulate, warn, or guide traffic or if retroreflective colored pavement is used, the colored pavement is considered to be a traffic control devices and shall be limited to the following colors and applications:

- A. Yellow pavement color shall be used only for flush or raised median islands separating traffic flows in opposite directions or for left-hand shoulders of roadways of divided highways or one-way streets or ramps.
- B. White pavement color shall be used for ~~delineation on shoulders, and for~~ flush~~ed~~ or raised channelizing islands where traffic passes on both sides in the same general direction or for right-hand shoulders.

Colored pavements shall not be used as a traffic control device, unless the device is applicable at all times.

Guidance:

Colored pavements used as traffic control devices should be used only where they contrast significantly with adjoining paved areas.

Colored pavement located between crosswalk lines should not use colors or patterns that degrade the contrast of white crosswalk lines, or that might be mistaken by road users as a traffic control application, ~~should not be used for colored pavement located between crosswalk lines.~~

**RESCINDED
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This Recommended
Change to the MUTCD
was rescinded by the
NCUTCD Council on
January 12, 2024.

Comment Related to Approval of Indicated Text

The MTC and NCUTCD reviewed the NPA text for Chapter 3H and have no suggestions for changes to the NPA language.