

### MINIMUM MERGING TAPER LENGTH "L" (FEET)

OFFSET FEET	POSTED SPEED LIMIT, MPH (PRIOR TO WORK AREA)									
	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70
1	10	15	20	27	45	50	55	60	65	70
2	21	30	41	53	90	100	110	120	130	140
3	31	45	61	80	135	150	165	180	195	210
4	42	60	82	107	180	200	220	240	260	280
5	52	75	102	133	225	250	275	300	325	350
6	63	90	123	160	270	300	330	360	390	420
7	73	105	143	187	315	350	385	420	455	490
8	83	120	163	213	360	400	440	480	520	560
9	94	135	184	240	405	450	495	540	585	630
10	104	150	204	267	450	500	550	600	650	700
11	115	165	225	293	495	550	605	660	715	770
12	125	180	245	320	540	600	660	720	780	840
13	135	195	266	347	585	650	715	780	845	910
14	146	210	286	374	630	700	770	840	910	980
15	157	225	307	400	675	750	825	900	975	1050

TAPER LENGTH "L" IN FEET

THE FORMULAS FOR THE MINIMUM LENGTH OF A MERGING TAPER IN DERIVING THE "L" VALUES SHOWN IN THE ABOVE TABLES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

"L" =  $\frac{W \times S^2}{60}$  WHERE POSTED SPEED PRIOR TO THE WORK AREA IS 40 MPH OR LESS

"L" = S x W WHERE POSTED SPEED PRIOR TO THE WORK AREA IS 45 MPH OR GREATER

- L = MINIMUM LENGTH OF MERGING TAPER
- S = POSTED SPEED LIMIT IN MPH PRIOR TO WORK AREA
- W = WIDTH OF OFFSET

TYPES OF TAPERS

UPSTREAM TAPERS

- MERGING TAPER
- SHIFTING TAPER
- SHOULDER TAPER
- TWO-WAY TRAFFIC TAPER

DOWNSTREAM TAPERS

(USE IS OPTIONAL)

TAPER LENGTH

- L - MINIMUM
- 1/2 L - MINIMUM
- 1/3 L - MINIMUM
- 100' - MAXIMUM
- 100' - MINIMUM (PER LANE)



TRAFFIC AND SAFETY  
MAINTAINING TRAFFIC  
TYPICAL

TABLES FOR "L", "D" AND "B" VALUES

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DISTANCE BETWEEN TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES "D"  
AND LENGTH OF LONGITUDINAL BUFFER SPACE ON  
"WHERE WORKERS PRESENT" SEQUENCES


"D" DISTANCES	POSTED SPEED LIMIT, MPH (PRIOR TO WORK AREA)									
	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70
D (FEET)	250	300	350	400	450	500	550	600	650	700

GUIDELINES FOR LENGTH OF  
LONGITUDINAL BUFFER SPACE "B"

SPEED* MPH	LENGTH FEET
20	33
25	50
30	83
35	132
40	181
45	230
50	279
55	329
60	411
65	476
70	542

\* POSTED SPEED, OFF PEAK 85TH PERCENTILE SPEED PRIOR TO WORK STARTING, OR THE ANTICIPATED OPERATING SPEED

1 BASED UPON AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION OFFICIALS (AASHTO) BRAKING DISTANCE PORTION OF STOPPING SIGHT DISTANCE FOR WET AND LEVEL PAVEMENTS (A POLICY ON GEOMETRIC DESIGN OF HIGHWAY AND STREETS), AASHTO. THIS AASHTO DOCUMENT ALSO RECOMMENDS ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE EFFECT OF GRADE ON STOPPING AND VARIATION FOR TRUCKS.

 Michigan Department of Transportation TRAFFIC AND SAFETY MAINTAINING TRAFFIC TYPICAL	TABLES FOR "L", "D" AND "B" VALUES		
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