DOT CHART 17
Hazardous Materials Markings, Labeling and Placarding Guide

Refer to 49 CFR, Part 172:
Marking - Subpart D
Labeling - Subpart E
Placarding - Subpart F

NOTE: This document is for general guidance only and should not be used to determine compliance with 49 CFR, Parts 100-185.

Hazardous Materials Markings

- Elevated Temperature Material: §172.325
- UN ID Number Mark: §§172.332 and §172.336
- Biological Substances, Category B: §173.199(a)(5)
- Lithium Battery Handling Mark: §173.185
- Marine Pollutant: §172.322
- Limited Quantity: §172.315
- Biohazard Mark: §172.323
- Petroleum Sour Crude Oil: §172.327
- Excepted Quantity: §173.40a(g)

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Hazardous Materials Warning Labels
Actual label size: at least 100 mm (3.9 inches) on all sides

CLASS 1 Explosives:
Divisions 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5, 1.6

CLASS 2 Gases:
Divisions 2.1, 2.2, 2.3

CLASS 3 Flammable Liquid

CLASS 4 Flammable Solid, Spontaneously Combustible, and Dangerous When Wet:
Divisions 4.1, 4.2, 4.3

CLASS 5 Oxidizer, Organic Peroxide: Divisions 5.1 and 5.2

CLASS 6 Poison (Toxic), Poison Inhalation Hazard, Infectious Substance: Divisions 6.1 and 6.2

CLASS 7 Radioactive

CLASS 8 Corrosive

CLASS 9 Miscellaneous Hazardous Material

Cargo Aircraft Only

§172.411

§172.405(b), §172.415, §172.416, §172.417

§172.419

§172.420, §172.422, §172.423

§172.426, §172.427

§172.436, §172.438, §172.440, §172.441

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§§172.446, §172.447

§172.448

§172.450

§172.323, §172.405(c), §172.429, §172.430, §172.432

§172.436, §172.438, §172.440, §172.441

§172.442

§§172.446, §172.447

For Regulated Medical Waste (RMW), an Infectious Substance label is not required on an outer packaging if the OSHA Biohazard marking is used as prescribed in 29 CFR 1910.1030(g) (see § 173.134(c)). A bulk package of RMW must display a BIOHAZARD marking (see § 172.323(a)).
Hazardous Materials Warning Placards

Actual placard size: at least 250 mm (9.84 inches) on all sides

**CLASS 1 Explosives**

- Explosives
- Blasting Agents
- Explosives

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* For Divisions 1.1, 1.2, or 1.3, enter division number and compatibility group letter, when required; placard any quantity. For Divisions 1.4, 1.5, and 1.6, enter compatibility group letter, when required; placard 454 kg (1,001 lbs) or more.

**CLASS 2 Gases**

- Non-Flammable Gas
- Oxygen
- Inhaling Hazard

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For NON-FLAMMABLE GAS, OXYGEN (compressed gas or refrigerated liquid), and FLAMMABLE GAS, placard 454 kg (1,001 lbs) or more gross weight. For POISON GAS (Division 2.3), placard any quantity.

**CLASS 3 Flammable Liquid and Combustible Liquid**

- Flammable Gas
- Combustible

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§172.544

For FLAMMABLE placard 454 kg (1,001 lbs) or more. GASOLINE may be used in place of FLAMMABLE placard displayed on a cargo tank or portable tank transporting gasoline by highway. Placard combustible liquid transported in bulk. See §172.504(i) (2) for use of FLAMMABLE placard in place of COMBUSTIBLE. FUEL OIL may be used in place of COMBUSTIBLE on a cargo or portable tank transporting fuel oil not classified as a flammable liquid by highway.

**CLASS 4 Flammable Solid, Spontaneously Combustible, and Dangerous When Wet**

- Spontaneously Combustible
- Dangerous When Wet
- Dangerous

§172.546, §172.547, §172.548

For FLAMMABLE SOLID and SPONTANEOUSLY COMBUSTIBLE, placard 454 kg (1,001 lbs) or more. For DANGEROUS WHEN WET (Division 4.3), placard any quantity.

**CLASS 5 Oxidizer & Organic Peroxide**

- Oxidizer
- Organic Peroxide

§172.550, §172.552

For OXIDIZER (Division 5.1) and ORGANIC PEROXIDE (Division 5.2 - other than TYPE B, temperature controlled), placard 454 kg (1,001 lbs) or more. For ORGANIC PEROXIDE (Division 5.2), Type B, temperature controlled, placard any quantity.

**CLASS 6 Poison (Toxic) and Poison Inhalation Hazard**

- Poison
- Inhaling Hazard

§172.504(i)[10], §172.554, §172.555

For POISON (PGI or PGII, other than inhalation hazard) and POISON (PGIII), placard 454 kg (1,001 lbs) or more. For POISON-INHALATION HAZARD (Division 6.1), inhalation hazard only, placard any quantity.

**CLASS 7 Radioactive**

- Radioactive

§172.556

Placard all shipments that contain a package labeled as Radioactive Yellow-III; all shipments of unpackaged LSA-I material or SCO-I; all shipments required by §§173.427, 173.441, and 173.457 of this subchapter to be operated under exclusive use; and all closed vehicles used in accordance with §173.443(d).

**CLASS 8 Corrosive**

- Corrosive

§172.558

For CORROSIVE, placard 454 kg (1,001 lbs) or more.

**CLASS 9 Miscellaneous**

- Dangerous

§172.560

Not required for domestic transportation. A bulk packaging containing a Class 9 material must be marked with the appropriate ID number displayed on a Class 9 placard, an orange panel, or a white square-on-point display.

Limited Quantity Marking

§172.315(a)(2) (Vessel transport only)

Safety begins with communication!
General Guidelines on Use of Warning Labels and Placards

**LABELS**

See 49 CFR, Part 172, Subpart E, for complete labeling regulations.

- The Hazardous Materials Table (§172.101, Col. 6) identifies the proper label(s) for the hazardous material listed.
- Any person who offers a hazardous material for transportation MUST label the package, if required (§172.400(a)).
- Labels may be affixed to packages when not required by regulations, provided each label represents a hazard of the material contained in the package (§172.401).
- For labeling mixed or consolidated packages, see §172.404.
- The appropriate hazard class or division number must be displayed in the lower corner of a primary and subsidiary hazard label (§172.402(b)).
- For classes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 8, text indicating a hazard (e.g., “CORROSIVE”) is NOT required on a primary or subsidiary label. The label must otherwise conform to Subpart E of Part 172 (§172.403).
- Labels must be printed on or affixed to the surface of the package near the proper shipping name marking (§172.406(a)).
- When primary and subsidiary labels are required, they must be displayed next to each other (§172.406(c)).
- For a package containing a Division 6.1, PG III material, the POISON label specified in §172.430 may be modified to display the text PG III instead of POISON or TOXIC. Also see §172.313(d) (§172.405(c)).
- The ORGANIC PEROXIDE label (§172.427) indicates that organic peroxides are highly flammable. The color of the border must be black and the color of the flame may be black or white (see §172.407(d)(2)(iii)).
- See 49 CFR, Part 172, Subpart E, for complete labeling regulations.

**PLACARDS**

See 49 CFR, Part 172, Subpart F, for complete placarding regulations.

- Each person who offers for transportation or transports any hazardous material subject to the Hazardous Materials Regulations must comply with all applicable requirements of Subpart F (§172.300).
- Placards may be displayed for a hazardous material, even when not required, if the placarding otherwise conforms to the requirements of Subpart F of Part 172 (§172.502(c)).
- For other than Class 7 or the DANGEROUS placard, test indicating a hazard (e.g., “FLAMMABLE”) is not required. Test may be omitted from the OXYGEN placard only if the specific ID number is displayed on the placard (§172.519(b)(3)).
- For a placard corresponding to the primary or subsidiary hazard class of a material, the hazard class or division number must be displayed in the lower corner of the placard (§172.519(b)(4)).
- Except as otherwise provided, any bulk packaging, freight container, unit load device, transport vehicle or rail car containing any quantity of material listed in Table 1 must be placarded (§172.504).
- When the aggregate gross weight of all hazardous materials in non-bulk packages covered in Table 2 is less than 454 kg (1,001 lbs.), no placard is required on a transport vehicle or freight container when transported by highway or rail (§172.504(c)).
- Notes: See §172.504(d)(10) for placarding Division 6.1, PG III materials.
- Placarded loads require registration with USDOT. See §107.601 for registration regulations.

### Placarding Tables

**TABLE 1**

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<th>Category of material (Hazard Class or division number and additional description, as appropriate)</th>
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<td>6.1 (Materials poisonous by inhalation (see §171.8))</td>
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<td>7 (Radioactive Yellow III label only)</td>
<td>RADIOACTIVE*</td>
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</table>

*RADIOACTIVE placards are also required for all shipments of unpackaged IIA-1 material or IIC-1; all shipments required by §§173.427, 173.441, and 173.457 of this subchapter to be operated under exclusive configuration.

### Identification Number Displays

- **1090** or **1090** and **FLAMMABLE** or **1090**

§172.332, 172.332(c)(4)

*Appropriate placard must be used with orange panel or white square-on-point configuration.

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For a COMBUSTIBLE placard used to display an identification number, the entire background below the white background for the identification number must be white during transportation by rail and may be white during transportation by highway.

**IDENTIFICATION NUMBER MARKINGS ON ORANGE PANELS, WHITE SQUARES-ON-POINT, OR APPROPRIATE PLACARDS MUST BE DISPLAYED ON:**

1. Tank Cars, Cargo Tanks, Portable Tanks, and other Bulk Packagings; 2. Transport vehicles or freight containers containing 4,000 kg (8,820 lbs.) in non-bulk packages of only a single hazardous material having the same proper shipping name and identification number loaded at one facility and transport vehicle contains no other material, hazardous or otherwise; and 3. Transport vehicles or freight containers containing 1,000 kg (2,205 lbs.) of non-bulk packages of materials poisonous by inhalation in Hazard Zone A or B. See §§172.301(a)(3), 172.313(c), 172.326, 172.328, 172.330, and 172.331.

Square white background required for placard for highway-route-controlled quantity radioactive material and for rail shipment of certain explosives and poisons, and for flammable gas in a DOT 113 tank car (§172.507 and §172.510).

For additional information contact the Hazardous Materials Info Center

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