

2 Speed and Distance Between Vehicles

1 Obeying Maximum and Minimum Speed Limits

(1) Regulated Speed Limit

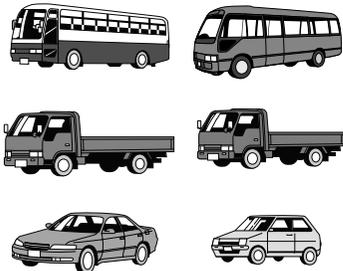
If a maximum or minimum speed limit is indicated by signs or pavement markings, automobiles must not exceed the maximum speed limit nor drive slower than the minimum speed limit.

(2) Designated Maximum Speed

In the main through lanes¹ of national expressways with no maximum or minimum speed limit indicated by signs or pavement markings, automobiles must not exceed the maximum speed limits nor drive slower than the minimum speed limits listed in the table below.

Note: It is not necessary to observe the minimum speed limit if it is necessary to drive slower in order to obey laws or ordinances or to avoid danger.

● Maximum and Minimum Speed Limits in Main Through Lanes of National Expressways

Automobiles Type		Maximum Speed Limit	Minimum Speed Limit
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Large passenger vehicles Medium passenger vehicles Medium trucks except specified medium trucks² Quasi-medium Vehicle³ Regular motor vehicles³ (Excluding three-wheel and towing vehicles)		100 km/h	50 km/h
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Large-size motorcycles Regular motorcycles⁴ 			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Large-size trucks Specified medium trucks² (Excluding three-wheel and towing vehicles)		90 km/h	
Automobile types not listed above	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Three-wheel vehicles 		80 km/h
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Special heavy equipment 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Towing vehicles (trailer) 		

Situations Where the Maximum and Minimum Speed Limits Listed in the Table Do Not Apply

- On parts of national expressways where main through lanes traveling in opposite directions are not separated by a physical divider, the maximum and minimum speed limits listed in the table do not apply and the speed limit is the same as on general roads.

RT Law 22 I, 23, 75-4, Enforcement Ordinance 27, 27-2, 27-3

* 1
Main through lanes...
This expression refers to the lanes in which high-speed traffic normally flows on national expressways and to the corresponding parts of motorways. Accelerating and decelerating and slower traffic lanes, side strips, shoulders are not through lanes.

* 2
Specified medium trucks...
Medium trucks with a gross weight of 8 tons or more, maximum payload of 5 tons or more, and seating capacity of 11 passengers or more.

* 3
Includes motor vehicles with displacement of less than 660 cc

* 4
Motorcycles with a displacement of greater than 125 cc

 **Quick Hint**
Maximum Speed Limit, etc., on Motorways

On motorways the maximum and minimum speed limits listed in the table on the left do not apply. Instead, the speed limit is the same as on general roads.