Overview of bicycle signalization in Germany

Bicycles & Pedelecs



Bicycles:

- Bicycle
- Cargo bike

Pedelecs:

- Pedelec (25 km/h)
- Cargo e-bike (25 km/h)

E-bikes



- S-pedelec (45 km/h) / Light motorcycle
- Classic moped
- Leight moped

Traffic sign	Sign description	Bicycles & Pedelecs (incl. cargo e- bikes up to 25 km/h)	S-pedelecs (incl. cargo e- bikes up to 45 km/h)	Comments
	Cycle path Traffic sign 237	Use is mandatory	Use is forbidden	Mandatory use for bicycles and pedelecs - riding on the road is therefore prohibited.
	Sidewalk Traffic sign 239	Use is forbidden Exceptions possible	Use is forbidden	Pedelecs may only use sidewalks if an additional sign expressly permits it, but only at walking speed and with consideration for pedestrians. Pedestrians must not be endangered or obstructed. S-pedelecs are generally prohibited on sidewalks because they are classed as mopeds.
	Shared footpath and cycle path Traffic sign 240	Use is mandatory	Use is forbidden	

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52 1	Separate cycle path and footpath Traffic sign 241	Use is mandatory	Use is forbidden	
ZONE	Start of a pedestrian zone Traffic sign 242.1	Use is forbidden Exceptions possible	Use is forbidden	Bicycles & pedelecs: If the additional sign 1022-10 "Cyclists permitted" is displayed under traffic sign 242.1 (start of a pedestrian zone), bicycles & pedelecs are permitted to ride - but only at walking speed and with consideration for pedestrians. S-pedelecs: This additional sign does not apply to S-pedelecs, as they are legally not bicycles but mopeds.
R ZONE	End of a pedestrian zone Traffic sign 242.2	Cycling permitted	Driving permitted	

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Fahrradstraße	Start of a cycle path Traffic sign 244.1	Cycling permitted	Use is forbidden Exceptions possible	S-pedelecs may only be ridden if an additional sign expressly permits them.
rradstraße	End of a cycle path Traffic sign 244.2	Cycling permitted	Driving permitted	
ZONE	Start of a cycle zone Traffic sign 244.3	Cycling permitted	Use is forbidden Exceptions possible	S-pedelecs may only be ridden if an additional sign expressly permits them.
LONE	End of a cycle zone Traffic sign 244.4	Cycling permitted	Driving permitted	

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Ο	Ban on all types of vehicles Traffic sign 250	Cycling forbidden Schieben erlaubt	<mark>Driving forbidden</mark> Schieben erlaubt	Only pushing a bicycle or pedelec/pedelec is still permitted.
654	Ban on bicycle traffic Traffic sign 254	Cycling forbidden	Driving permitted	
6000	Prohibited for motorcycles, light motorcyles and mopeds (including those with sidecars) Traffic sign 255	Cycling permitted	Driving forbidden	
	Prohibited for motor vehicles Traffic sign 260	Cycling permitted	Driving forbidden	

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	Start of a slow traffic area Sign 325.1	Cycling permitted Only walking speed and attention to pedestrians	Driving forbidden	Fahrräder & Pedelecs dürfen fahren – aber max. Schrittgeschwindigkeit (ca. 4– 7 km/h). S-pedelecs gelten als Kleinkrafträder → dürfen nicht in verkehrsberuhigte Bereiche einfahren.
	End of a slow traffic area Sign 325.2	Cycling forbidden	Driving permitted	
	Shark teeth Marking 342	Access possible	Only relevant if allowed to drive there.	Bicycles & pedelecs are allowed to ride - but max. walking speed (approx. 4-7 km/h). S-pedelecs are considered light motorcycles → may not enter slow traffic areas.

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	Cycle highway Sign 350.1	Cycling permitted	Driving forbidden	
* 55	Dead end passable for cyclists and pedestrians Sign 357-50	Cycling permitted	Driving forbidden	The sign signals: The road is a dead end for cars, but cyclists and pedestrians can pass through. Pedelecs may use the passage. S- pedelecs are not allowed to use it.
nur T	Traffic sign with green arrow and restriction to bicycle traffic Sign 721	Right turn allowed on red	Right turn on red not allowed	

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	Cyclists crossing from right and left Additional sign 1000-32	Pay attention to the traffic	▲Allow priority	Bicycles & pedelecs are protected by the sign - they must be given right of way. S-pedelecs must give way to cyclists, but are not themselves protected by the additional sign, as they are not considered bicycle traffic.
(5740) ↓↑	Cyclist in oncoming traffic Additional sign 1000-33	Oncoming traffic permitted	Oncoming traffic not permitted	
6th	E-Bikes Additional sign 1010-65	Riding allowed anyway	Driving only permitted with this additional sign	
frei	E-bikes allowed Additional sign 1022-13	Entry permitted	Entry permitted	The additional sign "E-Bikes allowed" (1022-13) is usually placed under the prohibition sign "No entry" (sign 267).

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	Bicycle for transporting goods or people - cargo bike Additional sign 1010-69	Driving permitted for cargo bikes and cargo pedelecs	Driving forbidden	
Radfahrer absteigen	Cyclist get off Additional sign 1012-32	⚠ Empfehlung zum Absteigen	-	The sign is a recommendation, not an official traffic sign. Pedelec riders can decide whether to get off - but should do so for the sake of safety. S-pedelecs are not authorized to drive.
De und Anlieger frei	Cyclists and residents permitted Additional sign 1020-12	Cycling permitted	Driving not permitted Exceptions possible	S-pedelecs are only allowed through if the rider is a resident - i.e. lives, works or brings/picks up something there.

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frei	Cyclists permitted Additional sign 1022-10	Cycling permitted	Driving not permitted	
frei	Motorcycles, inclusind sidecars, light motorcycles and mopeds allowed Additional sign 1022-12	Cycling not permitted	Driving permitted	