



Slow Moving Vehicles

Use Slow Moving Vehicle Emblems To Warn Other Road Users

The slow moving vehicle or SMV emblem warns other drivers that the vehicle displaying the sign may be traveling more slowly than other traffic. The emblem is specifically used on vehicles that travel at 25 miles per hour or less on public roadways. It consists of a fluorescent yellow-orange triangle with a dark red reflective border. The yellow-orange color is for daylight identification, while the red border is most obvious at night in other vehicles' headlights.

All equipment that is operated on public roadways, including farm tractors, self-propelled machinery, ATVs for agricultural use and horse-drawn buggies, should carry this emblem.

You can play a big part in helping to prevent accidents by making sure you post such signs on your vehicles. Most new tractors and self-propelled machines come factory-equipped with SMV emblems, but if you need to put one on a piece of machinery, follow these guidelines:

- » Mount the emblem, point up, at the rear of the vehicle near its centerline.
- » Position the emblem between 2 and 6 feet above the ground (measure to the lower edge of the sign) and within 10 degrees of being perpendicular to the direction of travel.

If you don't want to equip all your tractors and implements with SMV emblems, buy a mounting bracket for each vehicle and transfer one emblem around as needed. Remember, an SMV emblem is not a substitute for warning lights and reflectors, which make your equipment more visible. The emblem only identifies your equipment as slow moving.

Emblems can deteriorate through exposure to sun and weather. To ensure yours are clearly visible to other road users, be sure to keep them clean and replace them if they are worn, faded or damaged.

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