

Maintenance Memorandum

Date: September 4, 1998

Subject: Traffic Sign Installation Date Stickers

To document the installation date of signs for replacement and warranty purposes, in 1981 the Department began attaching colored date stickers on the back of traffic signs.

In January of 1990, a change was made to a new sticker that allows recording of more information. On the newer sticker the year, month, and district (now region) where the sign was installed can be indicated as well as what agency fabricated the sign.

Our past and current sign face sheeting supplier, 3M, will replace, under warranty, any signs with defective sheeting for the first seven years from date of installation. They will also provide replacement sheeting for any sign face sheeting failures that occur between seven and ten years from the date of installation.

Signs without date stickers are not warrantied since the installation date cannot be firmly established. So that we can take advantage of this warranty when sign face sheeting failures occur, please provide a copy of this information to all MDOT and contract agency maintenance and construction employees involved in signing activities on state trunklines. Permanent signs installed by contractors must also have a sticker installed to be covered by 3M's warranty.

Stickers are available from the Lansing Central Sign Shop by calling (517) - 322-3350.

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