Instant results for sign designers

Previewed at Traffex 2013 and now despatched to existing users, SignPlot 3 represents a major breakthrough in speed, accuracy and simplicity for UK traffic sign design.

It introduces a whole new way of working for direction sign design with instant feedback to allow easy experimentation. Each time an option is clicked or text entered a full colour representation of the finished sign updates accordingly.
Available in many widths
For directional signs a new ‘wizard’ automates pretty much everything: panels, patches, symbols, arrows, mileages and any warning or regulatory signs and distance plates. But perhaps its cleverest facility is the option to say how wide you want a sign to be – it will then split long destinations and reposition symbols and route numbers to fit, all spaced and positioned correctly to Traffic Signs Manual Chapter 7.

Whilst doing all this, SignPlot 3 stores everything on the dialogue so that it can be recalled and edited at a later date, and keeps total compatibility with existing files, retaining all the old methods for those who prefer them.

Bilingual sign design for Wales
SignPlot 3 automates the Welsh Government’s working drawings for directional signs and copes fully with ‘bilingual pairs’ of destinations and their spacing.

This feature completes SignPlot’s support for the Welsh language on all types of sign: regulatory plates, warning signs and now direction signs.

Flag-type and edge-mounted signs
The inbuilt SignLoad Professional structural design system now allows edge-mounted flag-type signs and takes from the new May 2013 National Annex to BS EN 12899-1 the appropriate point load (PL1) to use for them.

Notes to Editors
SignPlot is the most widely used computer system for designing UK traffic signs. It is in regular use by the Department of Transport, including for the recent “area-wide authorisation” documents sent to all local authorities in England, and is the only system not to require CAD software.

Buchanan Computing is a leading supplier of software and training for traffic professionals, with over 20 years experience in computer mapping, design and data management for the highway. Its range of products for highway and traffic engineers and the police includes SignPlot, ParkMap and AccsMap: the UK’s best selling systems for traffic sign design, traffic order management and road collision analysis, respectively.

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