

Appendix F:
AASHTO Greenbook Intersection Sight
Distances Calculations

Table 9-6. Time Gap for Case B1, Left Turn from Stop

Design Vehicle	Time Gap (t_g)(s) at Design Speed of Major Road
Passenger car	7.5
Single-unit truck	9.5
Combination truck	11.5

Note: Time gaps are for a stopped vehicle to turn left onto a two-lane highway with no median and with minor-road approach grades of 3 percent or less. The time gaps are applicable to determining sight distance to the right in left-turn maneuvers. The table values should be adjusted as follows:

For multilane roadways or medians—For left turns onto two-way roadways with more than two lanes, including turn lanes, add 0.5 s for passenger cars or 0.7 s for trucks for each additional lane, from the left, in excess of one, to be crossed by the turning vehicle. Median widths should be converted to an equivalent number of lanes in applying the 0.5 and 0.7 s criteria presented above; for example, an 18-ft [5.5-m] median is equivalent to one and a half lanes, and would require an additional 0.75 s for a passenger to cross and an additional 1.05 s for a truck to cross.

For minor-road approach grades—If the approach grade is an upgrade that exceeds 3 percent, add 0.2 s for each percent grade by which the approach grade exceeds zero percent.

Table 9-8. Time Gap for Case B2—Right Turn from Stop

Design Vehicle	Time Gap (t_g)(s) at Design Speed of Major Road
Passenger car	6.5
Single-unit truck	8.5
Combination truck	10.5

Note: Time gaps are for a stopped vehicle to turn right onto or to cross a two-lane roadway with no median and with minor-road approach grades of 3 percent or less. The table values should be adjusted as follows:

For minor-road approach grades—If the approach grade is an upgrade that exceeds 3 percent, add 0.1 s for each percent grade by which the approach grade exceeds zero percent.

U.S. Customary	Metric
$ISD = 1.47 V_{\text{major}} t_g$ where: ISD = intersection sight distance (length of the leg of sight triangle along the major road) (ft) V_{major} = design speed of major road (mph) t_g = time gap for minor road vehicle to enter the major road (s)	$ISD = 0.278 V_{\text{major}} t_g$ (9-1) where: ISD = intersection sight distance (length of the leg of sight triangle along the major road) (m) V_{major} = design speed of major road (km/h) t_g = time gap for minor road vehicle to enter the major road (s)

Table 9-7. Design Intersection Sight Distance—Case B1, Left Turn from Stop

U.S. Customary				Metric			
Design Speed (mph)	Stopping Sight Distance (ft)	Intersection Sight Distance for Passenger Cars		Design Speed (km/h)	Stopping Sight Distance (m)	Intersection Sight Distance for Passenger Cars	
		Calculated (ft)	Design (ft)			Calculated (m)	Design (m)
15	80	165.4	170	20	20	41.7	45
20	115	220.5	225	30	35	62.6	65
25	155	275.6	280	40	50	83.4	85
30	200	330.8	335	50	65	104.3	105
35	250	385.9	390	60	85	125.1	130
40	305	441.0	445	70	105	146.0	150
45	360	496.1	500	80	130	166.8	170
50	425	551.3	555	90	160	187.7	190
55	495	606.4	610	100	185	208.5	210
60	570	661.5	665	110	220	229.4	230
65	645	716.6	720	120	250	250.2	255
70	730	771.8	775	130	285	271.1	275
75	820	826.9	830				
80	910	882.0	885				

Note: Intersection sight distance shown is for a stopped passenger car to turn left onto a two-lane highway with no median and grades 3 percent or less. For other conditions, the time gap should be adjusted and the sight distance recalculated.

Table 9-9. Design Intersection Sight Distance—Case B2, Right Turn from Stop

U.S. Customary				Metric			
Design Speed (mph)	Stopping Sight Distance (ft)	Intersection Sight Distance for Passenger Cars		Design Speed (km/h)	Stopping Sight Distance (m)	Intersection Sight Distance for Passenger Cars	
		Calculated (ft)	Design (ft)			Calculated (m)	Design (m)
15	80	143.3	145	20	20	36.1	40
20	115	191.1	195	30	35	54.2	55
25	155	238.9	240	40	50	72.3	75
30	200	286.7	290	50	65	90.4	95
35	250	334.4	335	60	85	108.4	110
40	305	382.2	385	70	105	126.5	130
45	360	430.0	430	80	130	144.6	145
50	425	477.8	480	90	160	162.6	165
55	495	525.5	530	100	185	180.7	185
60	570	573.3	575	110	220	198.8	200
65	645	621.1	625	120	250	216.8	220
70	730	668.9	670	130	285	234.9	235
75	820	716.6	720				
80	910	764.4	765				

Note: Intersection sight distance shown is for a stopped passenger car to turn right onto or to cross a two-lane roadway with no median and with grades of 3 percent or less. For other conditions, the time gap should be adjusted and the sight distance recalculated.