



District of Lantzville
ELECTION SIGNS – 2026 General Local Election

The District of Lantzville does not require a Sign Permit for election signs.

The District of Lantzville Traffic Bylaw No. 28, 2004 exempts election signs from bylaw requirements prohibiting placing signs in road right of way. However, District of Lantzville Election & Assent Voting Bylaw No. 160, 2018 provides the following:

2. DEFINITIONS

2.1 *In this Bylaw the following terms have the following meanings:*

***“election sign”** means any sign installed to support the election of a candidate or political party at a municipal, provincial or federal level or public authority office, or providing information related to an election, political initiative, or referendum.*

10. SIGNS, POSTERS, PLACARDS & HANDBILLS

10.1 *No **election sign**, poster, placard or handbill shall be erected or placed on property owned or under the control of the **District** excluding road right of way, unless:*

- a) *the road right of way is adjacent to a municipal facility, park or trail*
- b) *the election sign creates a traffic or sightline hazard as determined by the Director of Public Works.*

10.2 *A person shall not place, or permit to be placed, an **election sign** on public or private property, except in relation to local government and school elections and by-elections, until the start of the Campaign Period defined as in the Local Elections Campaign Financing Act and shall remove such **election sign**, posters or handbills within seven days after General Voting Day.*

During the permitted time period for election signs, posters, placards and handbills, please observe the following:

- For the 2026 General Local Election, the Campaign Period starts Saturday, September 19, 2026 and ends Saturday, October 17, 2026.

Signs must not be placed before September 19th and must be removed by October 24th.

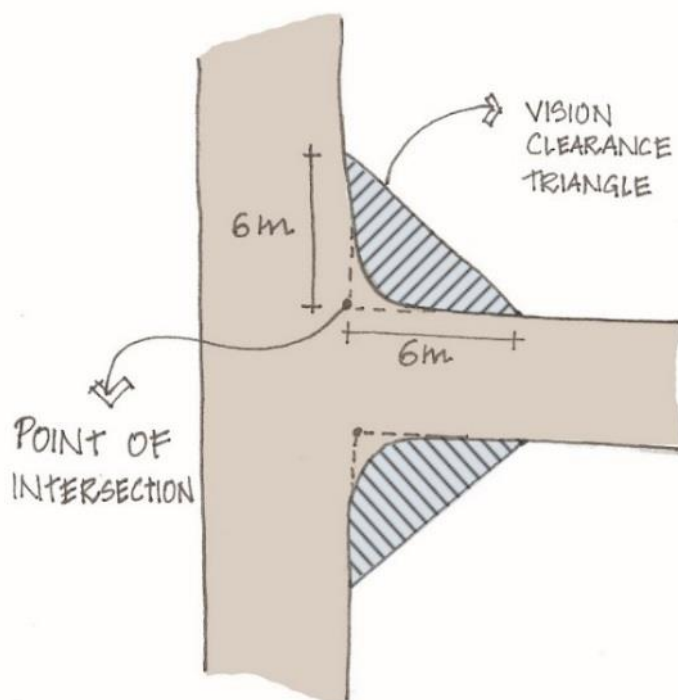
- No signs are permitted within 100 metres of the Voting Place (Costin Hall, 7232 Lantzville Road) on Voting Days (October 5th, 12th & 15th) – See Attachment 1 - 100 Metre Radius Signs & Campaigning Prohibited Area Map
- Candidates are reminded that during the course of the Campaign Period, signs often get blown over or damaged. Please ensure that you check your signs frequently to ensure that the signage does not create an untidy appearance or a hazard.
- You may only place election advertising signs on private property *with the permission of the owner*.
- Telus and BC Hydro do not allow the placement of signs on their telephone or hydro poles. Individuals placing such signs may be subject to fines.
- The Ministry of Transportation and Transit (MOTT) has rules in place that apply to elections addressing the placement of election signs. Visit www.gov.bc.ca/electionsigns for more information about supplemental signs. Attachment 2 is a copy of MOTT Technical Circular T-03/18.
- As a property owner, the District of Lantzville **does not permit** election advertising signs on municipal property, parkland, buildings, fences/structures, in landscaped boulevards, or locations where sprinkler systems may be damaged or locations which may cause a hazard or hinder the safe movement of pedestrian or vehicular traffic.

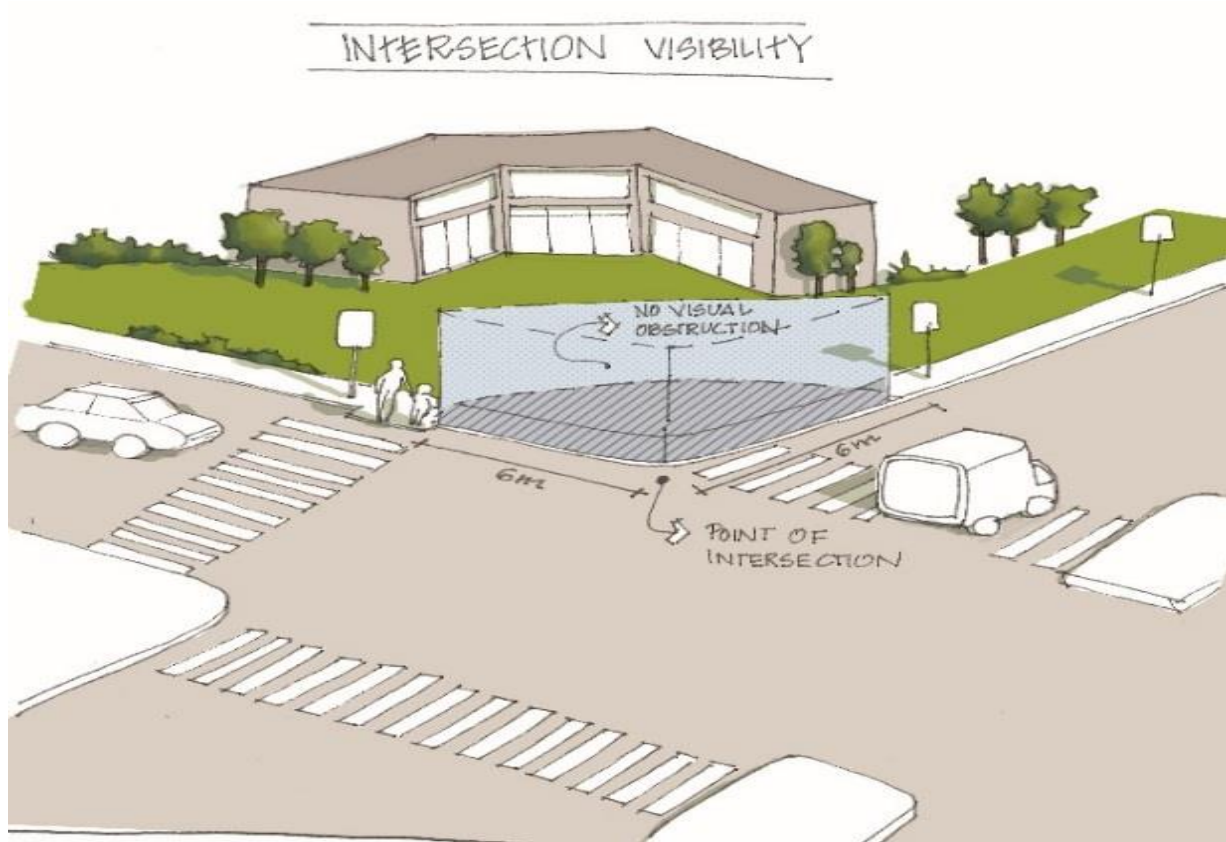
As a property owner, the District of Lantzville **does permit** election advertising signs in the road right of way (*except at bus stops, on landscaped boulevards, medians or traffic islands*) provided:

- it does not limit visibility or create a safety hazard or hinder the safe movement of pedestrian, bicycle or vehicular traffic
- it is not attached to trees, sign posts or flagpoles
- signage is non-illuminated
- signage is not placed on a vehicle or trailer parked for the purpose of advertising
- signage does not impede access to businesses, or the signs of businesses in the area
- it is placed a safe distance from the shoulder edge of the street (provide a small buffer from the roadway or face of the curb)
- if the sign is within 10 metres of a driveway, the sign is placed a minimum of 3 metres from the traveled portion of the road
- it is removed in a timely manner following the election, and in accordance with Election & Assent Voting Bylaw No. 160, 2018 and applicable Provincial legislation
- non-compliant signs will be removed
- placement considers sight distance restrictions and sign placement complies with the following excerpt from Zoning Bylaw No. 180, 2020, Schedule 'A', page 53:

2.10 INTERSECTION VISIBILITY

- 1.0 Where two highways intersect, there must not be any visual obstruction, either by buildings, structures or vegetation, to the line of vision in an area bounded by the centreline of intersecting parcel lines and a line adjoining each of the parcel lines 6 m from their point of intersection.





- **Candidates and Third Party Advertising Sponsors are also responsible for ensuring that election signs and election advertising meet the requirements of applicable agencies and legislation.**

For a municipal election, Elections BC and the *Local Election Campaign Financing Act (LECFA)* (e.g. includes an authorization statement). Reference the Guide to Local Elections Campaign Financing in BC for Candidates and their Financial Agents. Questions? Contact Elections BC at 1.800.661.8683 or electoral.finance@elections.bc.ca.

ENFORCEMENT

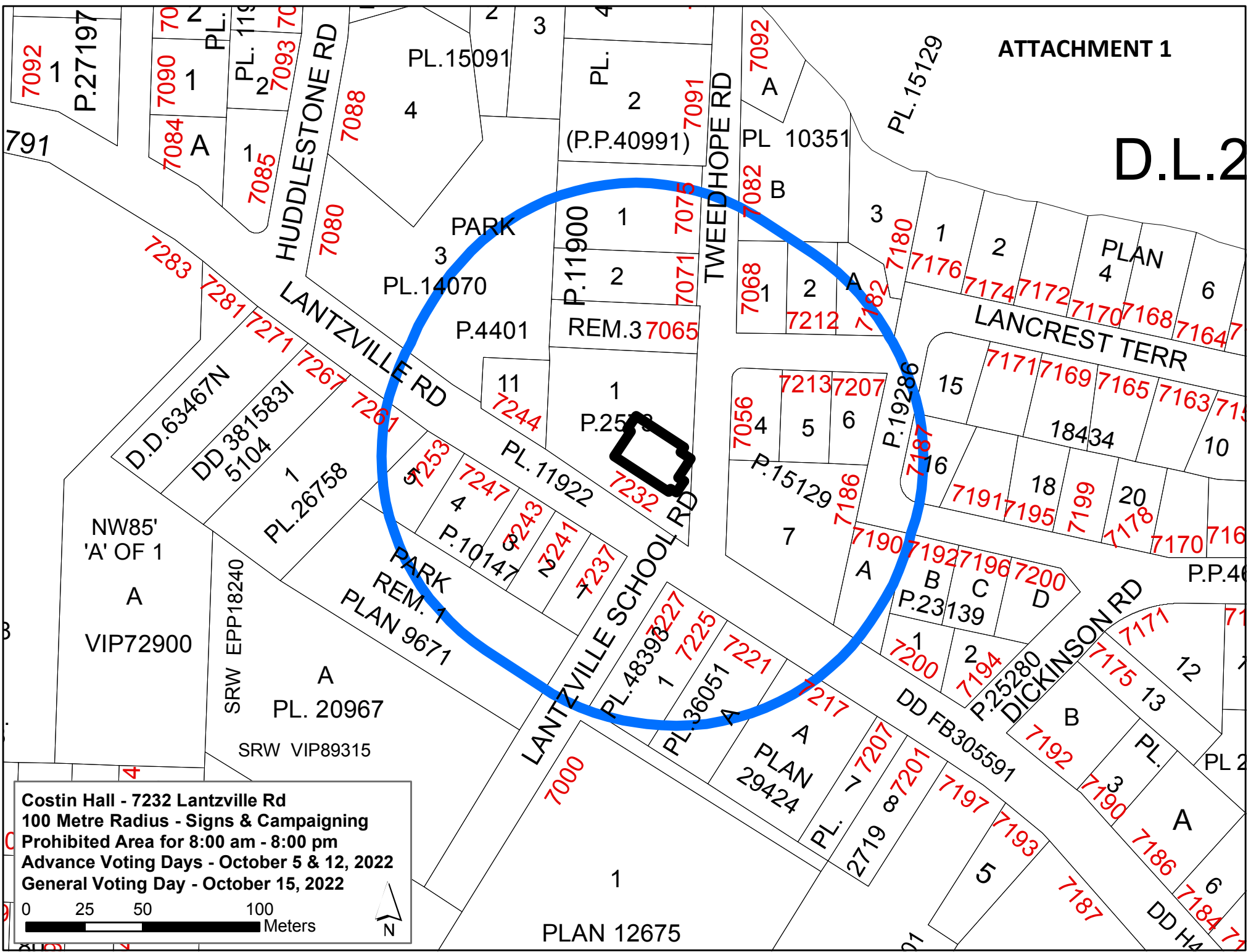
You may be contacted by District staff or Bylaw Enforcement to correct sign placement contraventions. Dependent on the resulting traffic hazard, location on District property or Voting Day contraventions, District staff, Bylaw Enforcement or election officials may enter the property and remove or cover signs. Contact the District of Lantzville within 7 days to claim your sign. Complaints of *LECFA* sign offences will be forwarded to Elections BC.

Notify Elections BC if you believe someone has committed an advertising-related election offence – such as publishing advertisements without sponsorship information – or a campaign financing and/or election advertising offence. Contact Elections BC at 1.800.661.8683 or electoral.finance@elections.bc.ca.

Questions? Contact the District of Lantzville Director of Planning & Community Services at 250.933.8083 or the District of Lantzville Chief Election Officer at 250.933.8082.

Attachment 1 - 100 Metre Radius Signs & Campaigning Prohibited Area Map

Attachment 2 – Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure - Technical Circular T-03/18



Costin Hall - 7232 Lantzville Rd
 100 Metre Radius - Signs & Campaigning
 Prohibited Area for 8:00 am - 8:00 pm
 Advance Voting Days - October 5 & 12, 2022
 General Voting Day - October 15, 2022



ATTACHMENT 2

Technical Circular T-03/18

Date: September 7, 2018

To: All HQ Directors: Operations, Planning & Major Projects
All Regional Directors
All Engineering Directors
All Senior Traffic Engineers
All District Managers Transportation
All Project Managers
Manager, Provincial Sign Program
All MoT Highway Maintenance Contractors

Subject: Election and Referendum Signs and Posters Policy

Purpose:

This Technical Circular supersedes T-02/18 regarding election and referendum signing procedures found within the Policy Manual for Supplemental Signs.

Background:

An election sign for Federal and Provincial elections is a sign, poster or other notice posted during the period between the issue of a writ of election and general voting day, by a political candidate, political party, or election advertising sponsor registered with Elections BC or Elections Canada.

An election sign for general local elections

(<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/local-governments/governance-powers/general-local-elections>), including municipality, regional district, specified parks board, local community commission, boards of education or the Islands Trust, is a sign, poster or other notice posted by a registered political party, candidate or election advertising sponsor. Signs may be placed only during the campaign period (campaign period as defined by Election BC) and must be removed on the day following the end of the electoral event.

A referendum sign for Federal, Provincial or Municipal referenda is a sign, poster or other notice posted during the period between the issue of a writ or order of referendum and the polling day for the referendum, by a referendum proponent, opponent, or referendum advertising sponsor registered with a Municipality, Election BC (<https://elections.bc.ca/>) or Elections Canada (<http://www.elections.ca/home.aspx>).

A recall or initiative sign for a Provincial recall petition, initiative petition or initiative vote is a sign, poster or other notice posted between the beginning of a recall petition period, initiative petition period or initiative vote period and the end of the respective period as described in the Recall and Initiative Act, by a proponent, opponent, authorized participant, or a recall or initiative advertising sponsor registered with Elections BC.

Policy:

The Ministry conditionally allows signs in relation to election, referendum, initiative vote, initiative petition and recall petition (henceforth collectively referred to as “election signs”) on highway rights-of-way, with the exception of any major highway structures and highways specified in the policy. Only individuals and groups registered in accordance with this policy may post signs on highway rights-of-way.

Procedures:

Election signs must:

- Only be installed by an individual or organization that is registered with a Municipality, Elections BC or Elections Canada to sponsor advertising, such as a political candidate, political party, registered advertising sponsor, a proponent or opponent, or an authorized participant.
- Identify the owner of the sign, and a BC telephone number or BC mailing address at which the owner may be contacted.
- Only be installed during the campaign period as established by Elections BC for local elections, or by the drop/issue of a writ for federal/provincial government elections and must be removed on the day following the end of the electoral event.
- Be further from the road than standard traffic signs.

Election signs must not:

- Obstruct, simulate or be attached to any traffic control device (e.g. signs, sign posts or traffic signal poles),
- In any way pose a traffic hazard,
- Be placed on bridges, overpasses, tunnels or other highway structures,
- Belong to unregistered individuals or groups (i.e., any group or individual that is not a political candidate, political party, or other authorized participant registered with Elections BC, Elections Canada, or a Municipality as required).

PROHIBITIONS

Election signs may not be placed on:

- Highways within Provincial Parks,
- Highway 1, from Horseshoe Bay to Hope;
- Highway 5, from Hope to Kamloops;
- Highway 19, from Duke Point Ferry Terminal to Trans-Canada Highway;
- Highway 19 – Nanaimo Parkway, from Trans-Canada Highway to Island Highway;
- Highway 19, Parksville to Campbell River;
- Highway 91 and 91A;
- Highway 99, from the US border to Horseshoe Bay
- Highway 17, from Tsawwassen Ferry Terminal to Highways 1/15
- Highway 17A, from Highway 17 to Highway 99; and
- Highway 97C, from Aspen Grove to Peachland

REMOVAL OF SIGNS

Signs in contravention of this policy will be removed from the highway right-of-way by the ministry. After advising the Regional Director of the number and location of the offending sign(s) and the name of the sign owner, if identified, the District Transportation Manager will contact the owner to discuss the reasons for removal and potential proper placement.

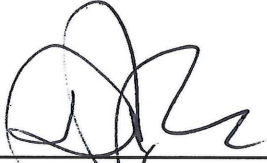
Signs not removed by the owners on the next working day following the election, referendum, initiative vote, initiative petition or recall petition will be removed by maintenance contractors. Maintenance contractors will invoice the identified owner for the cost of removal.

LEGISLATION

This policy is supported by the Motor Vehicle Act, Sec. 214 and the Transportation Act, Sec. 62.

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