Week 5 Design Example





This past week, my relative and I were driving in a vehicle. I was discussing that I needed a good design example. We continued talking then proceeded to stop at a traffic light.

Immediately, the light bulb in my head turned on! And that's the brief story of how traffic lights became this week's good design example. It was also a coincidence when I later discovered that different types of displays were the topic of Chapter 3.

Traffic lights are also commonly known as stoplights and traffic signals. They are used to guide the flow of traffic which makes them a good design example. They can be found at intersections, in populated areas, and anywhere that needs controlled traffic, such as near schools. These devices have two different layouts, vertical and horizontal. They can be hung, mounted, or planted on a pole. The device's body can come in a variety of colors including black, yellow, and green. This traffic device is universal, with countries having the similar focal colors of green/blue, red, and yellow/orange. Traffic lights are color aids as they indicate symbolic messages to drivers, other motorists, and pedestrians. Without them, traffic flow may become chaotic which could lead to an increase of accidents, collisions, and deaths.