



In 1923, **Garrett Morgan** patented an electric automatic traffic signal. Morgan was the first African-American to own a car in Cleveland. Morgan's design used a T-shaped pole unit with three positions.

Besides "Stop" and "Go," the system also first stopped traffic in all directions to give drivers time to stop or get through the intersection.

Morgan's traffic management device was used throughout North America until it was replaced by the red, yellow and green-light traffic signals currently used around the world.

In 1963, Morgan was awarded for his traffic signal by the United States Government.

