



Alabama
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HOURS: 7:00 A.M. - 4:45 P.M.
CENTRAL TIME

Legal Limits	DESIGNATED HIGHWAYS	ALL OTHER ROADS
Weight:		
Single	20,000	20,000
Tandem	34,000	36,000
Tridem	42,000 8' or less	42,000
Gross weight	80,000 5/6 axles <i>Federal Bridge Formula applies.</i>	80,000 5 axles 84,000 6 axles
Width:	8'6"	8' on lanes less than 12' width 8'6" on all other roads
Height:	13'6"	13'6"
Length:		
Single unit, buses	40'	40'
Semi-trailers	57'	53'6" roads w/less than 12'
Twins/doubles	28'6"*	28'6"
Autotransporters	65'	65'
Stinger steered	75'	75'
Rocky mtn. doubles	Not allowed	Not allowed
Turnpike doubles	Not allowed	Not allowed
Triples	Not allowed	Not allowed
Saddlemounts	2 towed units	2 towed units
*The Kingpin can not exceed 41' measured to the center of the rear most axle		
TOLERANCE	10% of true gross or axle weights. When portable scales are used the driver will be permitted to move to the nearest certified platform scales to verify accuracy, within a distance of 10 miles. If overweight on axles, driver will be allowed to shift load to make legal. No tolerance on interstate.	
TIRE WIDTH	Not applicable.	
ACCESS	Not applicable.	
OVERHANG	Autotransporters - 3' front, 4' rear. No other vehicle shall carry a load extending more than a total of 5' beyond rear and 10' to the front.	

EXEMPTIONS

Lumber; livestock. There shall be exempt from this article as to length, detachable wind deflection devices which have been approved by the State Highway Department, loads of poles, logs, lumber, laminated wood building materials, structural steel, piping and timber, and vehicles transporting same. Trucks, trailers, and semi-trailers which are constructed and used exclusively for the hauling of livestock, shall also be exempt from the restrictions of this article as to length, but shall not exceed 65 feet in length.

Permit Limits

ROUTINE ISSUE		INTERSTATE	SECONDARY				
Weight:							
Single	22,000	Tandem	40,000	- 14' Spacings			
Tandem	44,000	Tandem	42,000	- 15' Spacings			
Tridem	66,000	Tandem	44,000	- 16' Spacings			
Quad	88,000	Tridem	48,000	- Spacings 5' or less			
		Tridem	51,000	- Spacings over 5'			
Gross weight:							
5 Axles	102,000	Depends on routes					
6 Axles	124,000	Depends on routes					
7 Axles	146,000	Depends on routes					
8 Axles	168,000	Depends on routes					
Length:	150'	Maximum overhang of 20'-front or rear					
Width:	16'	Over 16' cannot use interstate.					
Height:	16'						
If load exceeds any of these dimensions or 180,000 lbs., refer to the section on Super Loads.							
All weights subject to bridge analysis.							

ACCEPTABLE PERMIT FORMAT

Electronic original permit does not require a signature. If printed, must be signed in red ink.

PERMITS VALID FOR

Single trip permits are valid for five (5) consecutive days.

EXTENSIONS/REVISIONS

Time extensions will not be granted unless the trip is interrupted by acts of nature such as floods, snow, ice, storm, etc., provided further that these interruptions must be such that the movement of the traffic as a whole is affected in the area.

OPERATING TIME

Daylight Hours.

WEEKEND TRAVEL

Travel permitted Saturday all day, no Sunday travel.

LIFT AXLES

Lift axles are considered legal, but must be a full weight bearing axle.

DIVISIBLE LOADS

Permits are not issued for divisible loads. Anything that can be removed to reduce the weight is required to be removed. Bulldozer blades and similar construction equipment are excluded.

EXCEPTIONS

When a blade protrudes beyond the transporting vehicle, bulldozers, front-end loaders and similar equipment shall be loaded with the rear of the machine facing the front. Buckets, booms, counter-weights must be removed and transported on a separate vehicle.

SELF-PROPELLED EQUIPMENT

Equipment that is used for purposes that do not require movement upon highways but may occasionally need to be driven upon highways are restricted to the following: If the single axle weight exceeds 25,000 lbs., the equipment may be permitted to move, a maximum of 10 miles on state highways; if the single axle weight exceeds 25,000 lbs., the equipment must be transported as a load on an appropriate motor vehicle for moves over 10 miles. May be subject to structural analysis of bridges to be crossed. State will issue a return trip permit for self-propelled cranes only. The exact routes must be followed.

INTERMODAL

Sealed Containers are the only divisible loads that are allowed to purchase overweight vehicle permits. They must be 100,000 pounds or less on 5 axles and be able to prove that they are being used to import or export various commodities into or out of our country. The fee for a single trip is \$10.00. In order to get the permit they shall provide this office with the following items:

1. Axle weight and spacing diagrams.
2. Original or straight bill of lading including information such as shipper's name, consignee's name, carrier's name, container number, commodity, weight, trailer license, port of entry/discharge, origin, destination and seal number.
3. Equipment/cargo interchange report including information such as shipper's name, carrier's name, container number, commodity, weight, trailer license, port of entry/discharge, origin, destination vessel and booking number.

Special note: Annual Permits can be ordered for sealed containers. Fee is \$100.00.

Mobile homes exceeding 12' wide shall not travel between one-half hour after sunset and one-half hour before sunrise. Mobile homes exceeding 12' wide require two rear escorts. The rear escort may be replaced by the following described light system: two (2) 5" flashing amber lights shall be mounted approximately 6' from ground level on the rear corners of the mobile homes; control of the lighting system shall be from inside the tractor cab; the tractor cab must be equipped with a warning device to alert the driver in the event the lights malfunction.

No house exceeding 28' wide or 16'6" high shall be moved. The movement of the house will be confined to the route approved on the permit and in no case will exceed a distance of 50 miles. The company receiving a permit to move a house shall contact the State Highway Department District Engineer for the area involved a minimum of 24 hours prior to the move.

Annual Permits may be obtained for mobile homes that do not exceed 85' long, 14' wide, however, mobile homes exceeding 12' wide shall require advance route approval by the Highway Department.

Types of Permits

ANNUAL FEE - \$100.00

Weight: *150,000 Single axle not to exceed 22,000 lbs.

Length: 75'
85' mobile homes

Width: 10' or load width 12'
14' mobile homes
Mobile homes 12' wide shall have pre-approved routing.

Height: 14'

All annual permits issued are vehicle specific. The VIN and serial numbers are required information. Anything over 100,000 lbs. must have advance routing from the state. The approved route authorization must accompany the annual permit.

Schedule of Fees:

Over height only	\$ 10.00
Houses any size	\$ 20.00

Boats/Mobile Homes/Portable Buildings/Modular houses	\$ 10.00
(12' Wide X 75' Long)	
Over these dimensions	\$ 20.00

Weight Only

80,000 to 100,000 lbs.	\$ 10.00
100,001 to 125,000 lbs.	\$ 30.00
125,001 to 150,000 lbs.	\$ 60.00
150,001 and over lbs.	\$100.00

General

Width/Height/Length	\$ 20.00
Width/Height/Length up to 100,000 lbs.	\$ 20.00
Width/Height/Length - 100,000 - 125,000 lbs.	\$ 40.00
Width/Height/Length - 125,000 - 150,000 lbs.	\$ 60.00
Width/Height/Length - Over 150,000 lbs	\$110.00

INFORMATION NEEDED TO ORDER A PERMIT

Applicant's name and address, load description, vehicle description, tractor unit, trailer license, trailer length, overall dimensions, total number of axles, overhang front and rear, gross weight, state origin and destination, trip original origin and trip final destination, routes.

Escorts**When Escorts Are Needed:****# Escorts****On 2-Lane Highways:**

- Overhang of bulldozer/loader blade if over 12' wide 2 (Front & Rear)
- Width over 12' - 14' 1 Front

On 4-Lane Highways

- Overhang of bulldozer/loader blade if over 12' wide 2 (Front & Rear)
- Width over 12' - 14' 1 Rear

On All Highways

- Width over 14' 2 (Front & Rear)
- Length over 90' 1 Rear
- Length over 125' 2 (Front & Rear)
- Trailer Length over 57' 1 Rear
- Height over 15'6" 1 Front w/height pole
- Overhang in rear more than 5' 1 Rear
- Overhang in front equal to or more than 10' 1 Front

Mobile Homes:**On 2-Lane Highways:**

- Width over 12' - 14' 1 Front

On 4-Lane Highways

- Width over 12' - 14' 1 Rear

On All Highways

- Height over 15'6" 1 Front w/height pole

Additional escorts may be required for lesser heights depending on the route traveled.

Mobile Home escorts shall be located in the front on two-lane roads and shall move to the rear of mobile home on multi-lane roads, even with the approved lighting system, and shall assume the duties of a rear escort.

***Approved Lighting System for Mobile Homes**

For mobile homes, the rear escort may be replaced by the following described lighting system: Two flashing or strobe amber lights, visible 360 degrees at 500 feet shall be mounted six (6) feet above ground level on the rear corners of the mobile home, in addition to all required ALDOT safety and warning devices. Control of the lighting system shall be inside the tractor cab with a warning device to alert the driver in the event of the lights malfunction. If a light malfunctions, the driver is to proceed to the first area where a load can be safely removed from the roadway and parked until the lighting system is repaired.

VEHICLE REQUIREMENTS

Escort vehicle shall be a properly licensed, single unit vehicle (passenger automobile, pickup truck, or SUV) with an unobstructed view and clear line of sight in all directions. No vehicle towing a trailer can be used as an escort vehicle. An escort vehicle must be equipped with a flashing or strobe amber light and must be visible 360 degrees at 500 feet. The escort's headlights shall be set at low beam at all times. All vehicles supporting the move shall be able to contact each other, including escort vehicles, law enforcement, and the permitted vehicle. A sign shall be mounted on the front and rear of any escort vehicle or above the roofline where it is visible from the front and rear. The sign shall contain the wording "Oversize Load" in black letters and yellow background. The size of the sign shall be relative to the sign of the escort vehicle so that the entire message

may be seen completely and clearly. The letters shall be 10" high with a 1.4"-1.5" brushstroke. No other signage is allowed. The banner shall only be attached or visible during the transportation of the permitted load. The non-emergency use of cell phones or other portable electronic devices, other than those designated to support the movement of the specific oversize combination vehicle, except to communicate hazardous related information, is prohibited

Signs,Flags,Lights**SIGNS**

A sign shall be mounted on the front and rear of any overwidth or overlength vehicle or combination of vehicles and loads. License plate and headlights must not be blocked. Sign shall be 7' wide, 18" high, with black letters 10" high, with 1.4" - 1.5" brush stroke on yellow background, with the wording "Oversize Load".

FLAGS

Red flags must be 18" x 18" minimum and can be fluorescent orange or red and placed on all four corners of all loads or extremities (length).

LIGHTS

Transport warning lights must be flashing or strobe Amber light visible for 500' and 360 degrees.

Insurance

An indemnity bond or proof of insurance in the limits of \$1,000,000 for annuals, house move permits, and single trip permits. For loads over 14' wide, 16' high, or over 150,000 lbs, a copy of insurance must be on file with a minimal combined single limit of \$1,000,000. Alabama Highway Department shall be listed as Certificate Holder.

Weigh Stations

No permanent stations. Portables are used.

Restricted Travel

Loads 120' to 150' in length are restricted from 9:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M. Monday through Friday. The permitted vehicle or combination of vehicles and loads shall not travel in foggy weather, snow, ice, or any other time when there is not sufficient light to render clearly discernable persons and vehicles on the highway at a distance of 500'.

Drivers going in or out of the following ports WILL BE required to have a Transportation Workers Identification Card (TWIC) issued by the Transportation Safety Administration:

Decatur, Mobile

SPRING WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS

No restrictions.

Holidays

Travel is prohibited on the following holidays:

New Year's Day

Labor Day

Memorial Day

Thanksgiving Day

Independence Day

Christmas Day

The State Permit Office will be closed on the above mentioned holidays as well as Martin Luther King Day, Lincoln's Birthday, Washington's Birthday, Confederate Memorial Day, Memorial Day, Jefferson Davis Day, Juneteenth Day, Columbus Day and Veteran's Day. Travel will not be restricted on these additional days.

Fines

Fines range from \$100-\$500. The fine is assigned by the courts. If the driver of any vehicle can comply with the weight requirements by shifting or equalizing the load on all wheels or axles and does so when requested by the proper authority, said driver shall not be held in violation.

Super Loads

Superloads are defined as a load that is greater than one of these dimensions: 16' wide, 16" high, 150' long and over 180,000 pounds. In order for this office to consider pre-approval we must have the following items:

1. A letter of request detailing all information that would attempt to justify a permit, such as but not limited to reasons why the product could not be reduced or shipped by other modes of transportation such as rail or barge.
2. An axle weight and spacing diagram for loads with weight.
3. A certified scale ticket for loads with weight.
4. A detailed shop drawing clearly showing all dimensions or a set of plans on the product.
5. A detailed route survey for loads in excess of 16' ft wide & 16' ft high locating all points of contact and means of avoiding such contact points.
6. Front and rear police escort confirmation for loads in excess of 16' ft wide or high.
7. Utility notification for loads over 17' ft. high. (Power Company, Cable Company, Telephone Company, Traffic signal owners.
8. City or County Engineers notification when traveling city or county roads.
9. Additional insurance requirements over 150,000 lbs.

For more information please contact:

Comdata

(800) 749-7174

To obtain and order permits from Comdata please call:

(800) 749-7166