



Arkansas  
Department of Highways  
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**HOURS:** Mon. - Fri. 6:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.  
**CENTRAL TIME**

Legal Limits	DESIGNATED HIGHWAYS	ALL OTHER ROADS
Weight:		
Single	20,000	20,000
Steering axle	*12,000 - 20,000	*12,000 - 20,000
Tandem	34,000	34,000
Tridum	50,000	50,000
Gross weight	80,000	80,000
	<i>Federal Bridge Formula applies.</i>	
Width:	8'6"	8'6"
Height:	14'	14'
Length:		
Single unit, buses	45'	45'
Semi-trailer	53'6"	53'6"
Twins/doubles	28'	28'
	Provided that existing semi-trailers or trailers of 28'6" that were in actual and lawful use on or before December 1, 1982, shall not be prohibited.	
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	90'	90'
	Power unit and three saddlemounts	
<b>TOLERANCE</b>	8% on logs and sand.	
<b>TIRE WIDTH</b>	Not applicable.	
<b>ACCESS</b>	Not applicable.	

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### OVERHANG

4' rear overhang, 3' front overhang.

### EXEMPTIONS

Trucks hauling forestry machinery, farm machinery and equipment from farm to farm within a radius of 50 miles.

No overlength permit is required for vehicles operating in the daytime when transporting poles, pipes, machinery, or other objects of a structural nature, which cannot be dismantled.

### Permit Limits

#### ROUTINE ISSUE

Weight:

##### AXLES

Steering Axle:	12,000 - 20,000 -Weight allowed as rated by the manufacturer.
Single	20,000
Tandem	34,000

##### Load Carrying:

Single	20,000
Tandem	46,000
Tridum	60,000
Quad	68,000

No additional weight for trunnions.

Length: No set maximums.

Width: 20' 16' Interstate System  
The maximum overall width may be exceeded up to 24' by permit only when an emergency exists and then only for short moves based on the degree of such emergency.

Height: 17'  
If overall height exceeds 17', the move must be accompanied by public utilities personnel.

If load exceeds any of the dimensions or weights, refer to the section on Super Loads.

SASHTO - 100' long, 14' wide, 14' high and 120,000 lbs.

### PERMITS VALID FOR

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

### ACCEPTABLE PERMIT FORMAT

Each permit shall be carried in the vehicle to which it refers and shall be open to inspection by any police officer or authorized agent of any authority granting the permit. The term "permit" shall include electronic media displayed on a mobile device provided that device shall have a screen size of at least seven inches (7")

**EXTENSIONS/REVISIONS**

No refund shall be made on any permit, however, an extension of time for the movement of the load under a permit may be granted where the extension for time is received prior to the expiration date of the permit and the request for the extension of the time is supported by adequate justification.

**OPERATING TIME**

Permits will normally be issued for movement during daylight hours only, as established by the U.S. Weather Bureau. Permits may be issued for the movement of overweight vehicles on Arkansas highways on holidays and night time, when all dimensions are legal. Loads not exceeding 90' long may travel 24 hours, 7 days a week. Loads overweight only may travel 24 hours a day.

**WEEKEND TRAVEL**

Permits may be issued for movement of overdimensional loads on Arkansas highways on Saturday and Sunday, unless a holiday weekend. Mobile Homes are prohibited from moving on Sundays.

**LIFT AXLES**

Lift axles are considered legal as long as they are on the ground and a full weight bearing axle.

**DIVISIBLE LOADS**

Permits will not be issued for the movement of any vehicle or piece of equipment which, in the opinion of the State Highway Commission, can reasonably be reduced and/or dismantled in size and/or weight to come within the legal limits.

**EXCEPTIONS**

Cutter blades and other equipment of a hazardous nature in excess of 14' wide will be cradled to such an angle as is necessary to reduce the maximum overall width to 14'.

**SELF-PROPELLED EQUIPMENT**

Any rubber-tired mobile construction vehicle or equipment carrying no load other than its own weight, which has been reduced in size and/or weight until further reduction is impractical and if mounted on pneumatic tires, may be permitted to move over designated Arkansas state highways on a special design permit.

The permits will be issued on the basis of the actual width of the tires (in inches) multiplied by 650 lbs. per inch width, multiplied by the total number of tires. The total weight on all tires in contact with the road surface will determine the gross weight. Maximum gross weight will be limited as necessary to protect bridges and roadway surfaces.

A minimum of one (1) escort is required for vehicles or equipment exceeding 12' in width for movement on all primary and secondary highways. One or more escort vehicles may be required for slow moving vehicles or equipment with excessive length, overhang in front or rear and/or where other safety hazards exist.

A self propelled fire truck that is already operational with a fire dept or state agency and has 20,000 lbs or less per axle does not need a permit to travel on interstate routes only. The state will issue the carrier an exempt permit in order to provide them a safe travel route. A self propelled fire truck that is over 20,000 lbs per axle and coming from the manufacturer or elsewhere will need to be put on a trailer and hauled. They are not allowed to be a self propelled unit unless they are 20,000 lbs or less per axle.

#### **SEALED CONTAINERS/ INTERMODAL**

Such containerized cargo units must be part of international trade and be moved on the highways due to importation from or exportation to another country.

A copy of the international bill of lading signed by a customer's official or an international bill of lading with equipment interchange and inspection report must be submitted to the commission before a permit may be issued. The operators of such units shall at all times have in their possession a copy of the documents.

All vehicles operating under a sealed containerized cargo unit permit shall have a minimum of five (5) full time load-bearing axles and shall not exceed twenty thousand pounds (20,000 lbs.) per axle or total gross vehicle weight of ninety thousand pounds (90,000 lbs); All vehicles operating under a sealed containerized cargo unit permit must not exceed the legal width, length or height restrictions.

A special permit may be issued under this subsection only for a single continuous movement or operation to be executed or performed within six (6) consecutive days of the issuance of the permit by one (1) vehicle within one (1) county or across one (1) county line of this state. Pick up or delivery only, no cross state moves.

#### **MANUFACTURED HOUSING/MOBILE HOMES**

##### **HOUSES:**

Applications for permits shall be submitted as far in advance of the movement as possible. A surety bond, in the amount of \$5,000 for damages which may result from the movement of all houses in excess of 20' in width, shall be filed with the permit section before permits can be issued.

The maximum overall width allowable under a normal permit for the movement of houses upon state highways is 28'6" based on the route requested, the conditions of the highway, the distance involved in the movement and the volume and type of traffic.

An escort vehicle is required both front and rear of movement. Two-way radio communication is required between escorts. Where the move exceeds 17' wide, the move must be accompanied by public utilities personnel.

A certificate of liability insurance from a company licensed to do business in the state of Arkansas is required, the minimum amount of liability insurance is \$100,000 for the first injury, \$300,000 for each accident and \$25,000 for property damage.

Prior to the issuance of a permit, the mover shall make arrangements with the District Engineer for an inspection of the routes over which the move will be made. A three day notice should be given to make arrangements for this initial inspection.

Written agreements are to be obtained by the movers from all utility companies involved to assure that all arrangements have been made for any adjustments.

Movement of all houses in excess of 14' wide will be allowed during the following hours:

9:00 A.M. — 3:00 P.M. Monday through Thursday  
9:00 A.M. — 12:00 noon Friday  
Daylight to 9:00 A.M. Sunday

Permits for moving houses will be limited to two (2) days. Permits will not be cancelled but may be extended providing the issuing agency is notified prior to expiration of the original permit. No permit will be issued for movement of houses on the Interstate Highway System.

#### **Manufactured Homes**

Special permits are required for the movement of all manufactured homes exceeding 8' wide or in excess of 60' long. The minimum liability insurance requirements for manufactured home manufacturers, dealers and carriers are \$100,000 for the first injury, \$300,000 for each accident and \$100,000 for property damage resulting from the accident.

Special permits may be issued to persons transporting their own manufactured home up to, but not in excess of 12' wide, provided the home is not for the purpose of sale and when the home unit is registered in the name of such persons and is a truck of not less than 1 ton factory rated capacity equipped with safety devices as required by the ICC.

Movement permitted during daylight hours only. Proof of liability coverage in the amounts of \$25,000/100,000/15,000 or \$115,000 combined single limit coverage for persons transporting their own manufactured home must be available.

The vehicle hauling the overdimensional load shall display an oversize load sign on the front of the vehicle and 18" square red flags on the front corners of the vehicle and 18" square red flags on the overdimensional load. An "Oversize Load" sign shall be displayed across the rear of the load or trailer.

Manufactured home units 16' wide will not be permitted on bridges 22' wide or less except by special permit, for movement between 9:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M.; 16' wide units may be allowed on bridges 24' wide if, in the opinion of the Department, the movement will not endanger the traveling public or unduly restrict traffic movement. A manufactured home unit 14' wide will not be permitted on bridges 20' wide or less except by special permit for movement between 9:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M.; 14' wide units may be allowed on bridges 22' wide.

Permits will be issued to manufacturers or carriers for manufacturers from the point of manufacture to the nearest accommodation facility for manufactured home units up to 16' wide regardless of the provisions herein.

No movement of manufactured homes in excess of 12' wide on 2-lane highways from 7:00-9:00 A.M. and 3:00-5:00 P.M. No Sunday travel.

One escort vehicle is required to accompany the movement of each 14' wide manufactured home on all remaining 2-lane highways south and east of the above northern sector of the state.

Escort vehicles are not required for movement of any manufactured home units up to and including 14' wide while traveling on interstate or other fully controlled access facilities. Escort vehicles are required both front and rear of all manufactured home units in excess of 14' wide on all 2-lane highways.

Manufactured homes in excess of 10' wide may be transported on Saturday morning until 12:00 noon. Manufactured homes in excess of 10' in width may not be moved on Saturday or Sunday.

The permit for the movement of a manufactured home in excess of 10' wide shall provide that the home shall be equipped with tandem axles and that the tandem axles be equipped with proper brakes.

## Types of Permits

**Schedule of Fees for a Special Permit:**

\$22.00 and in addition thereto, for each ton or major fraction thereof to be hauled in excess of legal weight limitations. Additional charges shall be made for such excess as follows:

Not more than 100 miles: Per ton, first 5 tons or fraction thereof	\$8.00
101 miles to 150 miles, inclusive: Per ton, first 5 tons or fraction thereof	\$10.00
151 miles to 200 miles inclusive: Per ton, first 5 tons or fraction thereof	\$12.00
201 miles to 250 miles inclusive: Per ton, first 5 tons or fraction thereof	\$14.00
Over 251 miles: Per ton, first 5 tons or fraction thereof	\$16.00

There also is a permit for special designs. There is an additional charge for each ton or major fraction thereof to be hauled in excess of the legal weight of each axle or in excess of legal gross weight.

**INFORMATION NEEDED TO ORDER A PERMIT**

Name and address of the applicant, description of the load, make of vehicle, license number of vehicle, serial number or Bill of Lading number of load, state in which vehicle is registered, total number of axles, gross weight (including steering axle), weight rating of steer axle, maximum width, length, height, front overhang, origin, destination, routes and dates movement is requested.

## Escorts

	<u>When Escorts Are Needed:</u>	<u># Escorts</u>
	<i>On 2-Lane Highways:</i>	
●	<u>Width</u> over 12' to 14'	1 Front
●	<u>Width</u> over 14'	2 (Front_ & Rear)
●	<u>Height</u> over 15'	1 Front w/High Pole
●	<u>Height</u> over 16' must obtain special approval.	1 w/High pole (as permit states)
●	& <u>Height</u> over 17'	Public Utility Escort
●	<u>Combination:</u> over 12' wide AND 13'6" high	2 (Front w/ High Pole & Rear)
●	<u>Length</u> over 100'	1 Front
●	<u>Length</u> over 130'	2 Front & Rear
	<i>On 4-Lane Highways or Interstate Highways</i>	
●	<u>Width</u> over 14'	1 Rear
●	<u>Height</u> over 15'	1 Front w/ High Pole
●	<u>Height</u> over 16' must obtain special permit	1 w/High Pole (as permit states)
●	& <u>Height</u> over 17'	Public Utility Escort
●	<u>Combination:</u> more than 12' wide AND 15' high	2 (Front w/High Pole Rear)
●	<u>Length</u> over 100'	1 Rear
●	<u>Length</u> over 130'	2 Front & Rear

**NOTE: Maximum width for highway movement usually allowed is 20' (based on routes, distance and traffic volume or type).**

NOTE: Height poles should be run at 6" above load height on all highways.

***Mobile homes***

● <u>Width 14'</u> - on certain other highways with Little Rock area and in all the remainder of the 2-lane highways in state	1
● <u>Width 14'</u> - on interstate or fully controlled access facilities	None needed
● <u>Width over 14'</u>	1 or 2 (depends upon routes)

**Signs, Flags, Lights****SIGNS**

All vehicles and/or cargos exceeding the legal allowable width, height or length shall have a plainly legible sign reading "Oversize Load" displayed across the front and rear of the loaded vehicle. The signs required by these regulations must be constructed of a durable material with a yellow background and black letters of sufficient size to be legible to all traffic within a safe distance.

Signs for escort vehicles shall say "Oversize Load". Signs must be constructed of a durable material with a yellow background and black letters of a 2" stroke and a minimum height of 10".

**FLAGS**

There shall be two (2) solid red or orange flags, 18" square, mounted other than vertical or horizontal atop the escort vehicle (40-70 degree angle preferred). These flags are not to extend more than 6" on either side of the vehicle and shall in no event exceed 8' in width. Flags shall be mounted in line with the warning lights.

Vehicles and/or cargos exceeding the legal allowable width, height or length shall display 18" red flags on the rear corners of the load .

**LIGHTS**

Rotating lights must have: 1.) an incandescent or halogen bulb lamp capable of emitting a minimum of 35,000 candlepower, factory certified; 2.) steady beam of light emitted; 3.) minimum lens height of 6"; 4.) horizontal visible from all directions (360 degrees).

Strobe lights must have: 1.) strobe type light source capable of emitting a minimum of 500,000 total candlepower, factory certified; 2.) flashing light capable of a minimum of 80 flashes per minute; 3.) minimum lens height of 3-1/2"; 4.) horizontal visible from all directions (360 degrees).

All lights must be mounted on the top of the escort vehicle. There shall be no obstruction in the way in order for the light to be seen from 360 degrees.

**Insurance**

Insurance must be on file with the Department. Insurance for an escort is \$100,000/300,000/100,000.

Insurance for individual owner of a mobile home that is up to 12' wide is \$25,000/100,000/15,000 or total liability insurance of \$115,000.

House movers will need a damage bond in addition to the insurance. Insurance for a house is \$100,000/300,000/25,000 or total liability insurance of \$325,000.

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### Weigh Stations

Alma I40	479-474-6074 Eastbound, 479-471-8117 Westbound
Ashdown Hwy 71	870-898-3932
Bridgeport I55 N	870-732-2714
Fayette I49	479-756-5831 Southbound, 479-756-5832 Northbound
Hope I30 W	870-777-4540 Eastbound, 870-777-1946 Westbound
Lehi I40 E	870-735-1162
Marion I55 S	870-735-2266
Riverside I40 W	870-735-3936

### Restricted Travel

A permit is not valid for movement when visibility is less than five hundred feet (500') or during inclement weather, including but not limited to periods of extremely hard driving, rain, freezing rain, sleet, snow, or other hazardous conditions.

Movement of vehicles under permit may be restricted during strong winds or wind gusts exceeding 20 knots (23 mph).

Secondary highways are restricted to 40 m.p.h. and may be posted for a lesser weight.

No oversize movement through the greater Little Rock area from 7:00-9:00 A.M. and 4:00-6:00 P.M., on Interstate 30- M.M. 137-143, Interstate 40- M.M. 151-155, and all of Interstate 630.

No overwidth vehicle shall follow another overwidth vehicle closer than 1,000'.

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:

Little Rock

### SPRING WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS

No restrictions.

### Holidays

Travel is prohibited on the following holidays:

New Year's Day  
Memorial Day

Independence Day  
Labor Day

Thanksgiving Day  
Christmas Day

Movement under special permit will be allowed on the following holidays: Martin Luther King's Birthday/Robert E. Lee's Birthday, Veteran's Day, George Washington's Birthday/Presidents Day, and Christmas Eve.

If holiday falls on Monday or Friday, no weekend movement allowed.

The State Permit Office will be closed on the above mentioned holidays as well as the day after Thanksgiving, but travel will not be restricted on this day.

### Fines

Overdimensional first offense \$100, second \$200. Over 2 offenses, \$500.  
Court costs are additional. Fines usually range from .01 cent to .20 cents per lb.

**Super Loads**

Over 16'6 wide, 100' long, 15'6" high, or 180,000 lbs are considered super loads.

Applications for permits to move extra heavy loads of any sort, will be submitted in triplicate along with a detailed sketch of vehicles including all tire sizes, distance between axles and overall length of the vehicle. If load exceeds 17' high must be escorted by public utilities personnel. This application should be submitted at least 2 days in advance of the expected movement.

An additional \$250.00 fee will be assessed on loads over 180,000 lbs.

**For more information please contact:**

**Comdata**

**(800) 749-7174**

**To obtain and order permits from Comdata please call:**

**(800) 749-7166**