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Connecticut
 Bureau of Highway Operations
 Oversize/Overweight Permits
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PHONE: (860) 594-2880
 HOURS: 8:00 A.M.-12:30 P.M.
 1:00 A.M.- 3:15 P.M.
 EASTERN TIME

Legal Limits

	DESIGNATED HIGHWAYS	ALL OTHER ROADS
Weight:		
Single	*22,400	*22,400
Tandem	36,000	36,000
Tridum	42,500	42,500
Gross weight	80,000	80,000
	(51' wheel base)	(51' wheel base)
	<i>Federal Bridge Formula applies. Federal Bridge Formula applies</i>	
	*If axles are spread 6' or greater, if less 18,000 lbs	
Width:	8'6"	8'6"
Height:	13'6"	13'6"
Length:		
Single unit, buses	45'	45'
Semi-trailer	53' kingpin to center of rear axle, limit is 43'	48'
Twins	28'	Need special permit*
Auto/boat transporters	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	75'	75'

*Must have advance approval for access routes.

TOLERANCE Not applicable.

TIRE WIDTH 600 lbs. per inch width.

ACCESS 1 mile for twins, and 53' semitrailers.

OVERHANG Allowed an overhang of 1/3 the load length. A permit is required on trailers 48' long & over.

EXEMPTIONS

A combination of truck and trailer which is longer than sixty-five feet except (A) a combination of truck and trailer or tractor and semi-trailer loaded with utility poles, both trailer and semi-trailer having a maximum length of forty-eight feet, utility poles having a maximum length of forty-eight feet, utility poles having a maximum length of fifty feet and the overall length not to exceed eighty feet, (B) a trailer designed and used exclusively for transporting boats when the gross weight of such boats does not exceed four thousand pounds, (C) a tractor-trailer unit, (D) a commercial vehicle combination, (E) combination of vehicles considered as specialized equipment in 23 CFR 658.13 (e), as amended, or (F) a tractor equipped with a dromedary box operated in combination with a semi-trailer which tractor and semi-trailer do not exceed seventy-five feet in overall length.

Permit Limits**ROUTINE ISSUE****Weight:**

Single	20,000
Tandem	45,000
Tridum	67,500

Gross weight:

5 Axles	120,000
6 Axles	130,000
7 Axles	140,000
8 Axles	160,000

Length:

120'

Height:

14'

Width:

15'11"

14' mobile or modular home Monday-Friday

16' 9:00 p.m. - 4:00 a.m.

If load exceeds any of these dimensions or weights, refer to the section on Super Loads. Vehicles must be registered for the weight being hauled. You will need to contact your base state to change the weight on your cab card.

PERMITS VALID FOR

Single trip permits are valid for three (3) travel days. Weekend travel requires an additional permit.

ACCEPTABLE PERMIT FORMAT

All vehicles operating under permit must carry a copy of the permit in the vehicle and make the permit available upon request of any authorized official. Statute indicates that electronic copy acceptable but advised that some enforcement may not accept.

EXTENSIONS/REVISIONS

No extensions. No revisions once permit becomes effective.

OPERATING TIME

One-half hour after sunrise to one-half hour before sunset Monday - Friday. Daylight to 12:00 noon on weekends. Loads over 13'5" wide, 14' high, or 119' long, can travel Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

WEEKEND TRAVEL

Travel allowed from daylight to 12:00 noon on Saturday & Sunday if load does not exceed 12' wide, 13'6" high, 80' long, or 160,000 lbs on 5 or more axles. Weekend travel must be requested.

LIFT AXLES

Allowed if number of axles on the ground matches the permit.

DIVISIBLE LOADS

May be issued by the Commissioner of Transportation. A divisible load permit will be granted for axle weights and gross weight.

EXCEPTIONS

On loads up to 14' wide, blade can remain attached, if weight can be reduced, it must be hauled separately.

SELF-PROPELLED EQUIPMENT

Truck cranes - must apply for normal oversize/overweight permit.

Four Axle Cranes:

A maximum gross vehicle weight of 110,000 pounds.

Maximum weight on tandem axles 60,900 pounds.

A twenty-three (23') foot minimum distance between the center of the first axle and the center of the last axle.

Five Axle Cranes:

A maximum gross vehicle weight of 114,500 pounds.

Maximum weight on a single axle 30,000 pounds.

Maximum weight on tandem axles 45,000 pounds.

Maximum weight on tridum axles 66,100 pounds.

A twenty-five (25') foot minimum distance between the center of the first axle and the center of the last axle.

Six Axle Cranes:

A maximum gross vehicle weight of 115,000 pounds.

Maximum weight on tandem axles 68,200 pounds.

A twenty-eight (28') foot minimum distance between the center of the first axle and the center of the last axle.

Permit requests exceeding these limits shall be subject to a route analysis. A route analysis may take a minimum of two or three working days, but not to exceed two weeks.

SEALED CONTAINERS/ INTERMODAL

Must be legal.

MANUFACTURED HOUSING/MOBILE HOMES

In addition to the established guidelines and policies used in the transportation of oversize loads, the following restrictions are required when transporting mobile, modular or sectional housing on Connecticut highways. Transporters failing to comply with these restrictions will be denied future permits. These restrictions pertain to all mobile, modular or sectional housing units where the overall width exceeds twelve feet, to a maximum width of fourteen feet.

1. Maximum width (14') fourteen feet. This fourteen-foot width includes all roof overhangs, sills, knobs, and siding.
2. Maximum height (13'-6") thirteen feet six inches.
3. Maximum length (85') eighty-five feet, except that (90') ninety feet is permitted when the towed unit does not exceed (66') sixty-six feet in length excluding the hitch.
4. Gross vehicle weight not to exceed legal limits.
5. Travel for all manufactured housing is restricted to daylight hours, Monday through Friday. No moves will be permitted during peak hours 6:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
6. Limited access and divided highways will be used, regardless of the distance traveled for both in-state and through-state moves.
7. Travel on multi-lane highways shall be on the right-hand lanes with overhand on the shoulder.
8. Convoy style hauling is not permitted. A maximum distance of 200 yards between vehicles is required.
9. No moves are permitted during adverse road conditions, inclement weather, or excessive winds.
10. Escort vehicles are required, greater than 12 feet wide one rear escort required on divided highways or one front escort required on undivided highways; greater than 13 feet 6 inches one front and one rear escort required.
11. Escort vehicles shall be properly signed and equipped with flashing amber lights mounted on the roof of the vehicle. Permits to display these lights may be obtained by applying to the Connecticut Motor Vehicle Department, Driver Licensing Division, 60 State Street, Wethersfield, Connecticut 06161 or by telephone (860)263-5150.
12. All escort vehicles and transporter shall be in constant communication with each other via radio, CB, walkie-talkie, etc.
13. The towing vehicle shall have a minimum manufacturer's gross vehicle weight rating of 10,000 pounds and shall have dual wheels on the drive axle. All towing features shall conform to ICC requirements.
14. The brakes on the towing vehicle shall conform to the requirements of Section 14-80a of the Connecticut General Statutes and the brakes on the mobile home shall conform to Section 14-8 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Types of Permits**SCHEDULE OF FEES**

Single trip	\$ 30
If over 200,000 lbs-Additional	\$ 2 per 1000 pounds over 200,000 pounds
+ Transmittal Fee	\$ 12

INFORMATION NEEDED TO ORDER A PERMIT

All applications must provide the following information: date, US DOT number, registration number, year, VIN number and register weight of each vehicle, origin, destination, routes to be traveled, overall height, overall length, overall width, gross weight, the number of axles and description of load. *** Applications for permits over 80,000 lbs, must provide axle weights and spacings, number of tires and tire sizes for each axle. Axle spacings required for legal weight loads.

CONNECTICUT**Escorts****When Escorts Are Needed:****MANUFACTURED GOODS AND EQUIPMENT**

	Civilian Escorts				Connecticut State Police Escorts	
	Divided Hwys.		Undivided Hwys.		Front	Rear
	Front	Rear	Front	Rear		
WIDTH - Maximum width 16'-0"						
Legal to 12'				*		
Greater than 12'-0"					**	**
but less than 13'-6"		X	X			
13'-6" or greater	X	X	X	X	**	**
15'-0" or greater	X	XX	X	XX	**	**
Over 13'-5" Width & Over 15' Height					X	X
HEIGHT						
Greater than 14'-0"	X		X		**	**
15'-1" high or greater and						
13'-6" in width or wider	X		X		X	X
15'-4" high or greater	X		X		X	X
LENGTH						
Greater than 80'-0"				X	**	**
Greater than 100'-0"		X	X	X	**	**
Greater than 119'-11"	X	X	X	X	X	X

CONNECTICUTWhen Escorts Are Needed:**MOBILE/MODULAR/SECTIONAL HOUSING**

	Civilian Escorts				Connecticut State Police Escorts	
	Divided Hwys		Undivided Hwys		Escorts	
	Front	Rear	Front	Rear	Front	Rear
WIDTH - Maximum width 16'-0"						
Legal to 10'-0"				*		
Greater than 10'-0"						
but no greater than 13'-6"		X	X			
Greater than 13'-6"	X	X	X	X		
Pilot Program Night Moves						
Greater than 14'-0"	X	X	X	X	**	X
LENGTH						
Greater than 80'-0"				X		
Greater than 85'-0"	X	X	X	X		
(90' Max)						
(66' Box Max)						
Pilot Program Night Moves						
Greater than 90' (104' Max)	X	X	X	X	**	X

* IF LOAD EXCEEDS LANE WIDTH.

** Need for Connecticut State Police escort(s) will be determined by CTDOT at time of Permit issuance (if required, use of CSP escort(s) may be used in lieu of one of civilian escort requirement).

Maximum permitted width of regular loads: 16'

Routes, heights, character of load, and traffic volume also determine escorts requirements on case-by-case basis.

Convoying is not permitted.

Skiboards required for moves 14'6" high or more. Skidboards must be on top of the load.

VEHICLE REQUIREMENTS

When specified in the permit, it is the responsibility of the permittee to provide escort vehicles. Failure of pilot car operators and flagmen to comply with these regulations in properly warning and directing traffic is considered a violation of the terms of the permit.

- Flagmen, in order to warn and direct approaching traffic, must wear a red jacket or vest and use a red flag to direct traffic.
- When a single escort/pilot car is required, it shall precede on two or three lane conventional roads or follow on four or more lane divided roads. When two pilot cars are required, one shall precede and one shall follow the piloted load or vehicle. Exceptions to these provisions are to be specifically stated on the face of the permit. The permit may require additional pilot cars. Pilot cars and the OOV shall remain right of the centerline of the roadway at all times except when prevented by the physical limitations of the highway. The use of a pilot car does not grant to the permittee the right to preempt the opposing traffic lane. When it becomes necessary because of physical limitations of the highway to use a portion of the opposing traffic lane, the OOV shall not occupy that lane until it has been advised by the pilot car that the lane is clear of all on-coming traffic. Opposing traffic is not to be stopped except in extreme emergencies. It shall be the responsibility of the OOV to stop safely and wait until the opposing lane is free of traffic before proceeding. Pilot cars shall not be used to tow another vehicle while being utilized as a pilot car. Convoying, or using one pilot car for more than one OOV, will not be permitted unless specifically authorized on the face of the permit. All vehicles or loads exceeding 12 feet in width, or the land width, will require a pilot car. In some areas a pilot car will be required for loads of lesser width or additional pilot cars will be called for depending on the character of the road and the traffic volume.
- All OOV's exceeding 25 feet front/rear overhang measured from the last visible means of support will require a pilot car. Pilot cars will also be required for loads where any part of the vehicle or load will be expected to encroach on opposing traffic lanes due to alignment, lane width, traffic density, etc., or if assistance is needed at on or off ramps in interchange areas. The interval between pilot car(s) and the OOV shall provide the maximum warning to other traffic and shall be adequate to allow traffic to pass each vehicle separately. Pilot cars shall be in accordance with the following requirements:
 1. VEHICLE SIZE. Minimum width - 60 inches; maximum - 1 1/2 ton capacity.
 2. LIGHTS. Display top mounted flashing or rotating amber light(s), which must be operated at all times while escorting unless otherwise specified on the face of the permit. Lights shall be visible to the front when leading, and to the rear when following from a distance of not less than one thousand feet.
 3. SIGNS. Display a top-mounted sign with minimum height of the bottom of the sign 48 inches above the roadway. The sign shall contain the message "OVERSIZE LOAD AHEAD/ FOLLOWING," "WIDE LOAD AHEAD/FOLLOWING," or "LONG LOAD AHEAD/FOLLOWING" may be substituted for the "OVERSIZE LOAD AHEAD/FOLLOWING" sign. The sign shall be painted with 8-inch minimum height black letters on a yellow background, using a minimum 1-inch brush stroke. Signs shall not be displayed when not escorting an OOV.
 4. RADIO. Two-way radio communications between pilot cars and the OOV is required.
 5. RED FLAGS. Each pilot vehicle shall be equipped with red hand flag, and a red vest or jacket. These items are to be utilized by the pilot car operator in the event it becomes necessary to park the pilot car and stop or control highway traffic. Flags (18" square) must be displayed on all corners of the OOV and on the front or rear corners of the escort vehicle whichever is appropriate.

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Signs, Flags, Lights

SIGNS

Signs reading "OVERSIZE LOAD" required on loads 10' wide and over. Minimum 7 feet long, 18-inch high, black letters minimum 1 inch wide, 8 inches minimum height on a yellow background.

FLAGS

Flags must be displayed on all permitted loads.

18 inch square, red flags at four corners and/or widest points.

Vehicle and Load 10 feet or wider - Signs and flags front and rear at four corners and/or widest points.

LIGHTS

Flashing Lights - Required on transporter and escort, top mounted amber light visible from a distance of not less than 1,000 feet.

Insurance

Does not need to be on file but must carry minimum insurance of \$750/500/10 for all ICC carriers.

Weigh Stations

I-84 Danbury Rest Area at exit 1 NY State Line EB

I-91 Middletown Rest Area at exit 19 NB

I-95 Waterford POE 20 miles W. of RI State Line NB, SB

I-95 Greenwich N.B. 3 miles N. of New York state line

I-84 Union 3 miles W. of Massachusetts state line.

Restricted Travel

Daylight hours, Monday through Friday, no moves during the peak hours of 6:30-9:00 A.M. and 4:00 - 6:00 P.M.

Loads greater than 13'5" wide, 14' high, or 119' long, may travel Monday - Friday 9:00 A.M.-4 P.M.

Mobile homes 14' wide travel 9:00 A.M.- 4:00 P.M., Monday through Friday.

Route 15 - Wilbur Cross Parkway - No commercial vehicles.

I95 travel is restricted to legal gross weight limits and legal axle weights over the Gold Star Bridge between New London and Groton. Loads up to 14'high or 160,000lbs will be considered on I95 corridor between the New York State line and Exit 42, Sawmill Road, West Haven; over the "Q" Bridge, New Haven.

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

Stratford, New Haven, New London

SPRING WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS

No restrictions.

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Holidays

Travel is prohibited on the following holidays:

New Year's Day	Good Friday
Memorial Day	Independence Day
Thanksgiving Day	Labor Day
Christmas Day	

The State Permit Office will be closed on the above mentioned holidays as well as Martin Luther King's Birthday, Lincoln's Birthday, Washington's Birthday, Juneteenth Day, Columbus Day and Veteran's Day.

Fines

1.) Fines for overweight violations will be based on percentage of overweight for all commercial vehicles:

Up to 5% overweight	\$ 3.00/100 lbs. or
From 5% to 10% overweight	\$ 5.00/100 lbs. or \$ 50 minimum
From 10% to 15% overweight	\$ 6.00/100 lbs. or \$ 100 minimum
From 15% to 20% overweight	\$ 7.00/100 lbs. or \$ 200 minimum
From 20% to 25% overweight	\$10.00/100 lbs. or \$ 300 minimum
From 25% to 30% overweight	\$12.00/100 lbs. or \$ 500 minimum
Over 30% overweight	\$15.00/100 lbs. or \$1,000 minimum

2.) The \$10,000 penalty for four 15% overweight violations in a calendar year will apply to gross weight violations only.

Super Loads

Loads 16' wide, 16' high, 150' long, or 200,000 lbs. and over are considered super loads. Anything over 160,000 lbs. requires an engineer review. Diagrams required, might require steerable dolly.

Applications require 2 weeks to review.

For more information please contact:

Comdata

(800) 749-7174

To obtain and order permits from Comdata please call:

(800) 749-7166

