



District of Columbia
Dept. of Highway and
Traffic Representative
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HOURS: 9:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M.
EASTERN TIME

Legal Limits	DESIGNATED HIGHWAYS	ALL OTHER ROADS
Weight:		
Single	20,000	22,000
Tandem	34,000	38,000
Tridum	Depends on the axle spacings	
Gross weight	80,000	80,000
	<i>Federal Bridge Formula applies.</i>	
Width:	8'6"	8'6"
Height:	13'6"	13'6"
Length:		
Single unit, buses	40'	40'
Semi-trailer	48'/55' overall	55' overall
Twins/doubles	28'	Not allowed
Autotransporters	55' trailer	55' trailer
Rocky mtn. doubles	Not allowed	Not allowed
Turnpike doubles	Not allowed	Not allowed
Triples	Not allowed	Not allowed
Saddlemounts	55' trailers	55' trailers
TOLERANCE	1,000 lbs. on gross weight.	
TIRE WIDTH	Not applicable.	
ACCESS	Not allowed.	
OVERHANG	3' front and 5' rear.	

EXEMPTIONS

None.

Permit Limits

ROUTINE ISSUE

Weight:

Single	31,000 per axle
Tandem	31,000 per axle
Tridum	31,000 per axle
Quad	31,000 per axle

Gross weight:

The maximum weight allowed will be considered on a case by case basis. The maximum gross weight allowed depends on where the vehicle will be traveling. No one axle can exceed 31,000 lbs.

Length:

The maximum length is determined by the routes traveled. Extreme lengths will require night travel.

Width:

The maximum width is determined by the routes traveled. Vehicles will be allowed to travel if the street can handle the width. Extreme widths will require night travel.

Height:

The maximum height is determined by overhead clearance. Extreme height will require night travel.

PERMITS VALID FOR

A single trip permit is valid for one (1) trip only, usually five (5) consecutive days.

EXTENSIONS/REVISIONS

Call the District for approval.

OPERATING TIME

Travel allowed 24 hours a day unless extremely overwidth or overheight. Overwidth vehicles and overheight vehicles may be restricted to night travel between the hours of 10:00 P.M.- 5:00 A.M.

WEEKEND TRAVEL

Travel is allowed on weekends.

LIFT AXLES

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

DIVISIBLE LOADS

Must be reduced as much as possible and loaded in such a way to be as close to legal as possible.

EXCEPTIONS

Blades, buckets, counterweights can be hauled with the equipment.

SELF-PROPELLED EQUIPMENT

Single axles cannot exceed 31,000 lbs. Self-propelled equipment must follow regular overdimensional/overweight rules and regulations.

INTERMODAL

Must be legal.

MANUFACTURED HOUSING/MOBILE HOMES

Not allowed.

Types of permits

Schedule of Fees:

Oversize/overweight permits	\$19
Annual*	\$85

**Not to exceed 70' long, 13'6" high, and 8'6" wide*

INFORMATION NEEDED TO ORDER A PERMIT

Tractor and trailer information, load description, gross weight and overall dimensions.

Escorts**When Escorts Are Needed:** **# Escorts***On All Highways:*

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| ● <u>Width</u> over 12' | 1 Front |
| ● <u>Height</u> over 13'6" | 1 Front |
| ● <u>Length</u> 80' or more | 1 Front |
| ● <u>Any axle weight</u> over 31,000 lbs. | 1 |
| ● <u>Weight</u> over 79,000 lbs. | 1 Front |

VEHICLE REQUIREMENTS

Type of vehicle is not stipulated in the law. A flashing light is to be mounted on top of the escort.

Signs & Flags**SIGNS**

"Wide Load" signs are required on all overwidth loads. Sign dimensions are not stated in the law.

FLAGS**Insurance**

No requirements.

Insurance does not need to be on file, however, a bond may be required by the Director of Highways. The permittee is responsible for all damages. Must carry minimum insurance of \$750/500/10 for all ICC carriers.

Weigh Stations

Junction of Half and "O" Street, SW
1827 West Virginia Avenue

Restricted Travel

No travel from 7:00 - 9:30 A.M. and 4:00 - 6:30 P.M. Movement will not be allowed during inclement weather.

SPRING WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS

No restrictions.

Holidays

Travel is not restricted on holidays. The District Permit Office will be closed on the following holidays:

New Year's Day
Martin Luther King Day
Lincoln's Birthday
Washington's Birthday

Good Friday
Memorial Day
Independence Day
Labor Day

Veteran's Day
Thanksgiving Day &
the day after
Christmas Day

Fines

Not available.

Super Loads

Loads 140,000 lbs. and up need special approval. Submit a weight sheet and a cover sheet including axle weights and spacings.

Allow at least 2 weeks to get an application processed.

For more information please contact:

**Comdata
(800) 749-7174**

To obtain and order permits from Comdata please call:

(800) 749-6019