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**Georgia
Oversize Permit Unit
Department of Public Safety
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Atlanta, Georgia 30316**

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**7:00 A.M.- 4:45 P.M.
EASTERN TIME**

Legal Limits	DESIGNATED HIGHWAYS	ALL OTHER ROADS
Weight:		
Single	20,340	20,340
Tandem	34,000*	40,680
*Note that vehicles and combinations of vehicles not exceeding 55' in length, the maximum gross weight authorized on a tandem axle for a vehicle or combination of vehicles carrying a gross weight of less than 73,280 lbs. shall be 40,680 lbs.		
Tridum	Measured according to spacings, no more than 20,340 lbs. on any axle.	Depends on axle spacings.
Gross weight	80,000*	80,000*
<i>Federal Bridge Formula applies.</i>		

*Even if Gross Weight is legal, any axle weight that exceeds legal, stipulated by the Federal Bridge Formula, will require a higher weight to be ordered to cover the axle weights. The State of Georgia recommends ordering at 85,000 for these situations.

Width: 8'6" 8'**

**On roads with lane widths of less than 12'. It's 8'6" on roads, streets, or highways where the width of the lane on which the vehicle is operating is at least 12' and governing body determines it is safe to use that road.

Height: 13'6" 13'6"

Length:	Single unit, buses	60'	60'
	Semi-trailer	53'	67'6" overall on certain state routes

Legal overall length is 75' from the front of the truck/load to the end of the trailer/load including overhang.

Trailers must also be equipped with rear safety underride guard.

Twins/doubles	*	28'6"	65' maximum
Autotransporters**		65'	65' maximum
Stinger steered		75'	75'

* If boxes are 28'6" limited to 65' overall, if 28' or less no overall length required.

** If trailer is 48' or less no overall length required on interstates and federal designated oversize truck routes.

TOLERANCE None.

TIRE WIDTH Not applicable.

ACCESS 1 mile to fuel, food, rest, etc.

OVERHANG Not applicable.

EXEMPTIONS

Loads of poles, logs, pilings, lumber, structural steel, timber, structural members, piping, pre-stressed and precast concrete may not exceed the length of 67'6 - Interstate and 60' on other roads without requiring a permit. A permit is required if overall length exceeds 100' long with a fixed trailer of 53' or a stretch trailer of 75' or less.

Farming or agricultural equipment or forest management equipment, whether self-propelled or being hauled, when such a vehicle or equipment is being operated during daylight hours upon a public road not part of the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways by dealer or by owner thereof or his agent within a radius of 40 miles of the property of the dealer or owner.

Permit Limits

ROUTINE ISSUE

Weight:

Single	23,000
Tandem	46,000
Tridum	60,000
Quad	92,000

Gross weight:

5 Axles	100,000
6 Axles	125,000
7 Axles	148,000
8 Axles	150,000

Length: No maximum set.

Width: 15'6"

16' wide will be issued with the following provisions:

1. Front and rear escorts required at all times.
2. Mobile homes restricted to 95' long.
3. Oversize load signs required

Height: 16'

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

PERMITS VALID FOR

Single trip permits are valid for ten (10) travel days.

ACCEPTABLE PERMIT FORMAT

The signed permit must be in the vehicle transporting the load and shall be available at all times for inspection by proper authorities.

EXTENSIONS/REVISIONS

Amendments will be completed for any errors made by the state.

Amendments are allowed for one element to include truck make, truck/trailer tag, small change in dimension or route (cannot result in re-route). No changes allowed to origin or destination. Fee: \$6

OPERATING TIME

One-half hour after sunrise to one-half hour before sunset seven (7) days a week. Loads not exceeding 125,000 lbs., legal dimensions may travel 24 hours a day 7 days per week.

WEEKEND TRAVEL

One-half hour after sunrise to one-half hour before sunset seven (7) days a week. Loads not exceeding 125,000 lbs., legal dimensions may travel 24 hours a day 7 days per week.

LIFT AXLES

After April 1, 1988 no lift axle may be used in computing the maximum total gross weight authorized for any vehicle or load.

DIVISIBLE LOADS

Must be reduced if a load is capable of being sawed, separated, rearranged or otherwise dismantled. If it could be sawed and put back together easily they would require it to be sawed. This is not usually done.

EXCEPTIONS

Blades over 12' wide must be angled. Blades up to 14' wide, if it belongs to the equipment, can be on the same vehicle hauled. If gross weight is over 100,000 lbs., the blade must be removed and hauled on a separate load. Buckets, counterweights must be hauled separately.

SELF-PROPELLED EQUIPMENT

No permit shall be issued for off-the-road equipment which exceeds 25,000 lbs. on any axle. Off-the-road equipment with axle loads of not more than 25,000 lbs. nor less than 20,340 lbs. will be routed by the Office of Permits and Enforcement.

SEALED CONTAINERS/ INTERMODAL

Single trip permits will be issued up to 100,000 lbs. for a 40' container. A 40' box container is allowed a gross vehicle weight of 100,000 pounds on a five (5) axle tractor/trailer combination. The only way the state will allow weight (100,000) for a container box less than 40' is if they are hauling it on a 40' center-mount or tri-axle chassis, otherwise they only get a GVW of 80,000 for a 20' container, with a tandem weight of 44,000. Permits require a VIN number and container number. Cost is \$20. Annual permit will permit up to 80,000 lbs. and requires VIN number. Cost is \$150. All loads must have an international bill of lading and must be going to or from a port.

MANUFACTURED HOUSING/MOBILE HOMES

Unless otherwise shown on the permit, the movement of a mobile home, modular home or sectional house in excess of 12' wide will take place only on Monday through Saturday.

In addition, the movement of a mobile home, modular home or sectional unit in excess of 12' wide will be allowed from one-half hour after sunrise to one-half hour before sunset on any limited access highway in this State except those within the city limits of Macon, Columbus and Savannah and also excluding Interstate 285 Perimeter Highway around Atlanta and those limited access highways inside the Perimeter Highway.

Movement in excess of 10' wide up to and including 12' wide will take place only on Monday through Saturday from one-half hour after sunrise to one-half hour before sunset. Movement in excess of 12' wide will use a towing vehicle not less than a 15' mobile home toter and shall not exceed a total combination length of 85' and in no case will less than one-half of the axles of the mobile home or trailer or dolly transporting a modular home or sectional house be equipped with properly functioning brakes.

All mobile homes must have a sign mounted on the rear of the home visible from 50' stating movers name and telephone number.

Types of Permits**Single Trip Permits****1.) Standard Single Trip Permit**

Height & Width limit of 16'
Weight limit of 150,000 lbs.
Price is \$30.00 *REGARDLESS OF LOAD TYPE*

2.) Superload

Height & Width range greater than 16'
Weight range of 150,000 to 180,000
Price is \$125.00 *REGARDLESS OF LOAD TYPE*

3.) Superload Plus

Weight over 180,000 lbs.
Price \$500.00 *REGARDLESS OF LOAD TYPE*

Annual permit

Permits a vehicle to be operated on the public roads of this state even though the vehicle or its load exceeds the legal limits. An annual permit will be issued up to 100,000 lbs. gross weight, single axle up to 25,000 lbs, total length up to 100', width up to 12', and height up to 14'6". Furthermore, an annual permit to operate a vehicle which exceeds a height of 13' 6" shall be issued only on condition of payment of an indemnity bond or proof of insurance protection for \$1,000,000.

Annual fees**1.) Standard Annual Permit**

Load parameters stay the same
Price is \$150.00 *REGARDLESS OF LOAD TYPE*
Container Freight load limit of 100,000 lbs. (just like all other load types or commodities)

2.) New STAA Annual Permit (limited to travel on STAA Routes only)

Height limit of 14'6"
Length limit of 100'
Width limit of 14' (from the base to a point 10' above the ground) to 14' 8" for the upper part of the load
Weight limit of 100,000 lbs.
Price is \$500.00 *REGARDLESS OF LOAD TYPE*

INFORMATION NEEDED TO ORDER A PERMIT

Company name and address, motor carrier number, insurance policy number and insurance company name, load description, tractor unit number, tractor year and make, tractor license number, trailer license number, trailer length, overall dimensions, gross weight, total number of axles, overhang, origin, destination and routes. If overweight, need axle weights.

Escorts**When Escorts Are Needed:****# Escorts*****Boats or Heavy Equipment**
*On 2-Lane Highways:***

• <u>Length</u> over 75'	1 Rear **
• <u>Length</u> over 100'	1 Rear
• <u>Length</u> over 125'	2 (Front & Rear)
• <u>Width</u> over 12'	2 (Front & Rear)
• <u>Height</u> over 15'6"	1 Front w/High Pole

On 4-Lane Highways:

- Length over 75' 1 Rear **
- Length over 100' 1 Rear
- Length over 125' 2 (Front & Rear)
- Width over 12' up to 14'8" 1 Rear
- Width 14' 8" - 16' 2 (Front & Rear)
- Height over 15'6" 1 Front w/High Pole

*May be exempted from above: agricultural and forest management equipment

House Moving

- With the front escort being a **police car** 2 (Front & Rear)

Mobile or Modular Homes & Buildings

- Width of 12' or less with:
 - Length up to 75' overall No escort
 - Length over 75' to 85' 1 Rear**
- Width over 12' up to 14' (with up to 95' overall length)

Out-of-state destination

- 2-lane roads 2 (Front & Rear)
- 4-lane roads 2 Rear (If interstate**)

In-state destination

- 2-lane roads 2 (Front & Rear**)
- 4-lane roads 1 Rear

- Width over 14' (with up to 100' length) 2 (Front & Rear**)
- Width of box up to 12' for each section with roof overhang of no more than 1' wide and overhang away from the centerline, no escort. If overhang is toward center of road then rules for 14' apply
- Width of box is over 12' up to 14' for each section of double-wide and roof overhang is not more than 1', rules for 14' apply
- Loads with poles, logs and other loads from general length limitations:

- Length over 75' overall 1 Rear**

As of July 1, 2024 you will no longer be required to have a sticker/permit for the amber light. All rules and regulations still apply when traveling you must use an amber light.

**Instead of rear escort, may use an amber light at furthest point of the load.

VEHICLE REQUIREMENT

Georgia DOT will recognize escort vehicle operator certifications from other states whose programs meet or exceed the objectives of the Georgia program for operators that currently have a valid out of state driver's license and certification. The programs accepted include the following states: AZ, CO, UT, and VA. The Georgia program reciprocates with the following states: FL, OK, NC, and WA.

Escort vehicles must be an automobile or pickup truck equipped with a revolving amber light at least 8" in diameter, located on top of the vehicle. The light shall have a minimum candlepower of 35,000 and shall rotate so as to provide at least 80 revolutions per minute. A 4" strobe is acceptable.

It must be equipped with two-way radio, which is in good working order. The driver will have to maintain constant radio contact with the driver of the permitted load and other escorts of the same load.

The rear escort vehicle driver will advise the driver of the load and the front escort, when applicable, as to the traffic conditions behind the movement. When four or more vehicles overtake and follow an overdimensional vehicle, the escort vehicles and the permitted load shall pull over and allow the traffic to pass.

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Signs, Flags, Lights

SIGNS

A sign shall be mounted on the front of the escort vehicle (for a front escort) and to the rear of the escort (for a rear escort). Such signs shall contain the wording "Oversize Load" for overlength and overwidth movements. The letters shall be black on an orange or yellow background and shall be at least 8" high and 4" wide. The background shall be at least 1' high and 6' wide.

Signs shall be mounted on both the front and rear of a load over 8'6" in width, 13'6" high or 65' long. Such signs shall be removed when an oversize load is no longer being transported by a vehicle that is no wider than 8'6".

FLAGS

Red or orange flags shall be an 18" square placed on all corners of the load and all extremities.

LIGHTS

Revolving or strobe amber lights must be certified by the Department of Public Safety. Required on loads exceeding 75' long.

Insurance

For loads where the gross vehicle weight is less than or equal to 10,000 pounds:

- For bodily injury a limit of \$50,000.00 per person for injury or death as a result of anyone occurrence;
- For property damage a limit of \$50,000.00 for damage to property of others in anyone occurrence;

For commercial motor carriers where the gross vehicle weight is greater than 10,000 pounds:

- For bodily injury a minimum of \$300,000.00 for each person and \$1 million for multiple persons for injury or death as a result of any one occurrence;
- For property damage a minimum of \$1 million for damage to property of others in anyone occurrence.

The certificate must show the Department of Public Safety as the certificate holder and must remain on file for the duration of the permit.

Please send proof of insurance as outlined above to the following address:

Georgia Department of Public Safety

Attn: Oversize Permit Unit

P. O. Box 1456

Atlanta, GA 30371

Or you may fax, scan or email the information to (575) 353-7732, PEWireRoom@dot.ga.gov

Weigh Stations

I-16 Savannah 1/2 mile E. of US 280 EB, WB

I-20 Bremen 1/2 mile E. of Bremen WB

I-20 Douglasville 1/2 mile E. of GA 6

I-20 Grovetown 1/2 mile W. of Grovetown EB, WB

I-75 Valdosta between exits 6 & 7 NB, SB

I-75 Ringold 5 miles of city limits NB, SB

I-85 LaGrange N of jct. I-85 & I-85 NB, SB

I-85 Lavonia 5 miles W. of city limits

I-95 Darien 6 miles N. of city limits NB, SB

I-95 Chatham

Restricted Travel

No permit shall be valid for travel into or through the area bounded by I-285, which is the bypass around the city of Atlanta, unless the vehicle is making a pickup or delivery within the area. Driver must be prepared to show proof of pickup or delivery. In addition, a permit issued for the movement of a vehicle or load shall not be valid within that area between the hours of 6-9 A.M. and 4-6 P.M. Monday through Friday.

Metro Atlanta Interstates: 16' wide limit during peak hours: Loads 16' wide or greater shall not be allowed travel between the hours of 6:00am-9:00am and 3:00pm-7:00pm Monday through Friday on the interstate in the Metro Atlanta area.

Moving heavy equipment at railroad grade crossing. All oversized or overweight loads of such nature that requires a reduced travel speed must contact the railroad. Usually this is done in the preliminary stages when the routing indicates a rail crossing. Prior to issuing the permit, all necessary contacts such as local utilities, law enforcement agencies, and other clearance, notify D.O.T. with their approval.

WATERCRAFT CALL BEFORE YOU HAUL: If moving watercraft destined for any western state, the carrier shall contact Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission (PSMFC) Call Before You Haul Hotline to make arrangements to have your watercraft inspected and if need be, decontaminated. This program aims to prevent aquatic invasive species spread. Toll-free number 1-844-311-4873 prior to hauling. Website: <https://www.westernais.org/callbeforeyouhaul>.

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:

Brunswick, Garden City

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

The State Permit Office will be closed on the above mentioned holidays as well as Martin Luther King Day, *Good Friday, *Juneteenth Day, Columbus Day, Veteran's Day, the day after Thanksgiving and the day before Christmas. Travel will not be restricted on these days.

*The state is closed but phones are answered. No Super Loads issued on these days.

Fines

For the first 1,000 lbs. of excess weight, \$.08 cents per lb.; plus \$1.5 cents per lb. for the next 2,000 lbs. of excess weight, plus \$.03 cents per lb. for the next 2,000 lbs. of excess weight; plus \$.04 cents per lb. for the next 3,000 lbs. of excess weight; plus \$.05 cents per lb. for all excess weight over 8,000 lbs.

If overweight on a permitted load, the fine is assessed at 125% of the rate.

672-2-.09 Revocation, Suspension of, Denial for Application or Renewal of Permits. Amended.

(1) Authority to revoke, suspend, or deny permits. The office issuing Oversize/Overweight Permits, State Department of Transportation, is hereby designated by the Commissioner of said Department as the official authorized to refuse, cancel, suspend or revoke the permit requested by an applicant or issued to a permittee.

(2) Reasons for justifying revocation, suspension, or denial of permit. Permits may be revoked, or suspended, or denied for just cause, including but not limited to any one of the following reasons;

(a) Repeated past violations by the permittee or applicant, of a relatively minor nature;
(b) A single, but aggravated violation including, but not limited to, violations of safety requirements for police escorts, escort vehicles and lights, hours and days of operation, insurance requirements, reduced visibility, snow or ice conditions, braking axles, oversize load signs and willful deviation from the routes specified on a permit or allowed by a permit.

(c) A material misrepresentation made by the applicant for a permit alteration of any permit by adding, deleting or changing any character, word, number, field or entry that alters the original permit produced by the Department. Items added by routine fax transmission, such as company name, date and time shall not be considered as alterations.

(d) Failure to make payment in full for an overweight assessment citation issued by the Department of Motor Vehicle Safety; or

(e) Any other facts indicating that the applicant or permittee is a poor risk with regard to the safety of the traveling public or damage to public roads and bridges of Georgia.

(3) Penalties for violations of this subsection are: (1) first offense within a two-year period, 90 days suspension; (2) second offense within a two-year period, 180 days suspension; (3) third offense within a two-year period, 1 year suspension. Before the suspension of permits becomes final, the person who requested the permit shall have the right to an administrative hearing under the Georgia Administrative Procedure Act and Rule 672-1-05 of the Rules of the State Department of Transportation. In the event of a hearing request, the suspension of the permit shall become effective as of the date of the order which finally disposes of the administrative review.

(4) Appeal from revocation, suspension, denial of application, or renewal of permit. The procedure for appealing an adverse action by the office issuing Oversize/Overweight Permits on a permit are governed by Chapter 672-1, Rules of the State Department of Transportation.

Super Loads

Loads which exceed routine issue dimensions and weight need to submit the following: drawings, breakdown of axle weights, total diagram and weight distribution. If over 150,000 lbs. it has to go to special department for approval. Loads that are essential for the general public, it will usually be allowed. Superload permit \$125. Loads over 180,000 lbs. Superload plus \$500 may take 3 weeks for approval.

Loads exceeding 16' wide or high or loads exceeding routine issue the department shall determine escort requirements on a case by case basis and may require 1 or more state police escorts.

Loads over 180,000 pounds may take 3 weeks for permits to be issued.

For more information please contact:

Comdata

(800) 749-7174

To obtain and order permits from Comdata please call:

(800) 749-7166