



**Kansas Commercial Motor Vehicle  
Permit Office  
915 S.W. Harrison St.  
Topeka, KS 66612-1588**

PHONE: 785-368-6501

HOURS: 8:00 A.M.- 4:45 P.M.  
**CENTRAL TIME**

Legal Limits	<b>DESIGNATED HIGHWAYS (Interstate)</b>	<b>ALL OTHER ROADS</b>
Weight:		
Single	20,000	20,000
Tandem	34,000	34,000
Tridum	42,000	42,000
Gross weight	80,000	85,500
	<i>Federal Bridge Formula applies.</i>	
Width:	8'6"	8'6"
Height:	14'	14'
Length:		
Single unit, buses	45'	45'
Semi-trailer	59'6"	59'6"
Twins/doubles	28'6"	28'6"
Autotransporters	75'	75'
Rocky mtn. doubles	125'	125'
Turnpike doubles	125'	125'
Triples	125'	125'
Saddlemounts	3 units maximum , 75'	3 units maximum, 75'
*Rocky mountain doubles, turnpike doubles and triples are allowed on turnpikes up to 125' long.		
The weight on any group of axles is limited by the Bridge Formula. Tandem axles with centers less than 40" apart are counted as one axle.		
<b>TOLERANCE</b>	Up to enforcement.	
<b>TIRE WIDTH</b>	Not applicable.	
<b>ACCESS</b>	Triples, if they have a permit, may travel around Kansas City for 25 miles, around Topeka for 10 miles, and around Wichita for 20 miles. This access is from terminals to the turnpike only.	
<b>OVERHANG</b>	3' front, no limit on rear-Lamps or flags required if rear overhang is 4' or more.	

**EXEMPTIONS**

Farm machinery: from field to field including custom operations; implement dealers moving farm equipment to and from a farm within 100 miles of the dealer's place of business; machinery being transported for soil and water conservation work upon farms; vehicles owned by counties, cities and political subdivisions of the state; unless operation occurs at any time from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise; non-exempt trucks owned by cities, counties and political subdivisions specifically designed and equipped and used exclusively for garbage, refuse or solid waste from the maximum gross weight limitations in table found in K.S.A. 8-1909; shall not authorize travel on interstate highways (contact the state for a copy of the table). Poles, beams, steel pipe and construction steel may be 85' long without a permit as long as trailer does not exceed 59'6".

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

Single	22,000
Tandem	45,000
Tridum	60,000
Quad	65,000

**Gross weight:**

5 Axles	95,000
6 Axles	110,000
7 Axles	150,000
8 Axles	150,000

Length:	126'
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Width:	16'6"
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Height	Based on clearances (over 17' high must notify utility company).
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If load exceeds any of these dimensions or weights, refer to the section on Super Loads. The maximum weight the state allows you to register your IRP cab card is 85,500 lbs. Contact your IRP base state to increase your weight or increase the weight on the permit weight space. Increase is valid for 72 hours.

**PERMITS VALID FOR**

Single trip permits are good for one trip (7 travel days).

**ACCEPTABLE PERMIT FORMAT**

Every permit shall be carried in the vehicle or combination of vehicles to which it refers and shall be open to inspection by any police officer or authorized agent of any authority granting the permit.

**EXTENSIONS/REVISIONS**

Extensions and revisions may be granted provided changes are made the same day the permit was issued. Contact the state for additional changes.

**OPERATING TIME**

One-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset seven days a week.

**WEEKEND TRAVEL**

Movement permitted 365 days a year. No restrictions for overweight only loads.

**LIFT AXLES**

Lift axles are considered as a legal axle, but must be a full weight-bearing axle, and carry an apportioned amount of weight.

**DIVISIBLE LOADS**

Loads must be reduced to smallest form. Only one article may be transported when more than one would cause the load to be overwidth, overweight or overlength. All articles or units shall be loaded in such a manner that the least dimension becomes the width.

**EXCEPTIONS**

Blades, buckets, counterweights, etc., must be removed. If overweight it must be hauled on a separate truck.

**SELF-PROPELLED EQUIPMENT**

Over weight self-propelled truck mounted cranes towing a trailer hauling counterweights and outrigger stands shall be eligible for special permits. Equipment is not to be operated on state or federal highways on Saturday and Sunday, or legal holidays. Equipment needs a permit if oversize or overweight, but they do not have to be registered. Equipment must fall within the legal axle weights.

**SEALED CONTAINERS/ INTERMODAL**

1. "Sealed Ocean Containers" shall be sealed at all times and be part of international trade.
2. A U.S. Customs' seal shall be attached to the container throughout transit.
3. The seal on the container shall be maintained in its original sealed condition at all times throughout transit. That is, the seal on the container shall not be broken or removed at any time except for inspection by an enforcement officer and replaced immediately after the container has been inspected.
4. A manifest and bill of lading must be present with each load.
5. If the container is found to have opened by a person other than an enforcement officer or the seal broken for any reason, the container at that point becomes divisible, the applicable permit shall be revoked immediately and the container reduced in weight until it complies with legal weight standards. When this has been accomplished the transportation of the container may continue.
6. Transporters of "Sealed Ocean Containers" must obtain an "annual permit" to transport these units directly to and from maritime ports of entry.
  - a. Permits to haul "Sealed Ocean Containers" shall be obtained before entering Kansas or transporting the container from a point within Kansas to a destination outside of Kansas

- b. The fee for the annual permit shall be \$150.00.
- c. The permit shall not be reproduced, altered or transferred to another company or power unit.
- d. A copy of the permit shall be carried in the transporting vehicle at all times and made available for inspection by any local enforcement official.
- e. The permit will allow for load that is 8 feet 6 inches in width, 14 feet in height, 85 feet in length, and a maximum gross vehicle weight of 120,000 pounds.

7. Transportation of a container shall be limited accordingly:

- a. The size of a container shall not exceed 40 feet in length.
- b. Only one container shall be hauled on combination.

8. Transportation of these containers shall be directly from or to a maritime port.

9. Containers shall be transported by marine shipment.

10. Maximum registered weight allowable for Kansas (85,500 pounds) shall be purchased before requesting a permit.

11. Axle weights allowed for "annual permits" must not be exceeded.

12. All routes in Kansas may be used by the transporters of "Sealed Ocean Containers", except those routes determined to be impassible by KDOT.

13. Flat racks, open top and other types of specialized containers are not permitted.

14. The movement of "Sealed Ocean Containers" may travel during daytime/nighttime hours 24/7.

15. Containers shall not be load specific.

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

Mobile home drivers must have a valid driver's license and they must carry evidence that the house trailer or mobile home and the vehicle pulling it are covered by motor vehicle liability insurance with limits of not less than \$100,000 for injury to any one person and \$300,000 for injury to persons in any one accident and \$25,000 for injury to property.

Truck and trailers designed for and used exclusively for transporting modular sections of buildings shall be eligible for a special permit provided the vehicle or load does not exceed 12' in width and 85' in length.

On 2-lane roads in lieu of the 2 escorts a rotating flashing light may be used in place of one of the escort vehicles in the following manner: 1.) Escort in front and light in rear shall be mounted on top of and near the rear of the mobile home; 2.) No escort vehicle or vehicles are required on 4-lane roads if a rotating flashing amber light is attached to the top of the vehicle towing the mobile home, and to the top of and near the rear of the mobile home being towed.

Insurance required for mobile home carriers is \$25,000 property damage, \$50,000 public liability, \$100,000 for injury to one person, \$300,000 injury to persons for an accident, \$25,000 injury to property. Loads eligible for permits: 1.) Truck and trailers transporting modular building sections not over 12' wide and not over 85' long; 2.) Mobile homes 16'6" wide and 97' long.

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**Types of Permits****Schedule of Fees:**

Single trip	\$ 40
Annual	\$ 200
Superload/Large Structure	\$ 200

**INFORMATION NEEDED TO ORDER A PERMIT**

Name and address of applicant, KCC number, KS fuel number, load description, insurance information (insurance company, liability amount, policy number), vehicle description, (tractor unit number, year and make, serial number, license number), trailer information, (year and make, license number, trailer length), overall dimensions, width, length, height, gross weight, total number of axles, axle spacing, overhang (front and rear), registered weight, origin, destination and routes.

**Escorts**

KS permits will indicate escort requirements if needed.

Movers of O/O loads are expected to know what is required.

When Escorts Are Needed:# EscortsOn Highways Less Than 4 Lanes:

- Width more than 14'  
The rear escort may be eliminated if a warning light is attached to the top of the towing vehicle and to the rear of each load and is mounted no less than two feet or more than eight feet above the surface of the road.

Route surveys must be conducted for all loads over 14' wide

On All Highways

- Mobile Homes over 12'6" wide 2 (Front & Rear)

4-lane highway if mobile home has:

- an 8" amber flashing light attached to the top of the power unit and another at the top rear of the mobile home to be towed.
- Super Loads  
Width over 16'6" or height over 18', including but not restricted to houses, barns, sheds, granaries and storage tanks 2 (Front & Rear)

- On KS Turnpike: Width over 14'

**PILOT CAR CERTIFICATION**

Kansas has a reciprocal agreement to accept certification cards from: CO, FL, MN, NC, OK, UT and WA. Kansas will be developing their own certification in the coming year.

All pilots must be registered in Kansas by going to <https://k-trips.com/>. There is not a fee.

All pilot car operators operating in Kansas are required to obtain a MUTCD flagging certification, and carriers will need to verify their escorts operating in Kansas have MUTCD flagging certification. Kansas will accept an online flagging certification, like the ATSSA online class, <https://www.atssa.com/Training/Find-a-Course/Flagger-Certification-Training>.

A Pre- and Post-Trip checklist must be completed for each load by one of the escorts for the load. The escort trip report is available at <https://k-trips.com/>. It must be kept for 3 years after completion of the run and can be stored in electronic form so that pilot operators do not have to keep physical copies. Carriers will need to verify that at least one escort for each load that moves through Kansas has this completed form for 3 years and can request a copy of the form for their records from the escort.

**VEHICLE REQUIREMENTS**

The vehicle shall be either a passenger car or a two-axle and the owner shall carry the minimum insurance required by the state in which the vehicle is insured. The escort vehicle shall be a minimum of 60 inches wide and have maximum of one ton load carrying capacity. At a minimum, the escort vehicle shall have on each side of the vehicle, a magnetic sign displaying the name of the company or individual escorting the load. The color of the letters shall sharply contrast with the color of the background in order to be easily recognizable by the traveling public. Vehicles towing trailers or transporting loads shall not be used as escort vehicles.

The escort vehicle must be properly licensed, registered and be in a safe operational condition in order to operate in Kansas. A left outside view mirror is required.

The gross vehicle weight shall be a maximum of 12,000 pounds. The escorting vehicle(s) shall not carry any items, equipment or load which:

- a. Exceeds the height, length or width of the escort vehicle or overhangs the escort vehicle or otherwise renders the vehicle unrecognizable as an escort vehicle by the motoring public; or
- b. Causes safety risks; or
- c. Otherwise restricts the operator's driving performance or limits the ability of the driver to comply with this policy.

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

All overwidth loads shall have an "Oversize Load" sign attached to the front of the vehicle, or to the front of the escort vehicle preceding the load, and to the rear of the escort vehicle following the load when such escorts are required. The sign shall read "Oversize Load" and shall be yellow with black lettering. The sign is to be 7' long and 18" high. The lettering must be 10" tall and have brush strokes 1-2/5" wide. A flagman shall be required for movements of loads more than 12' wide but less than 14' wide. No flagman required on 4-lane roads.

**FLAGS**

Red or orange flags 12" square shall be attached to each side of the widest part of all overwidth loads and to the rear of all overlength loads.

**LIGHTS**

Warning lights shall be installed on the top of each escort vehicle. Each warning light shall be in good operating condition, emit a rotating or flashing amber light, be mounted on top of the towing vehicle, and be readily visible at a distance of not less than 1,000 feet.

Permittee assumes all responsibility for injury to person or damage to public or private property and further agrees to hold the state of Kansas immune from all suits, claims, or damages arising from the movement. All vehicles under special permit shall be covered by insurance in an amount not less than \$50,000 property damage, \$500,000 public liability. The driver shall carry the insurance policy, a certificate of insurance, or a card issued by the insurance company showing the insurance name and address, amount of insurance, policy number and expiration date.

**Insurance**

Must carry minimum insurance of \$750/500/10.

**Weigh Stations****MOTOR CARRIER INSPECTION STATIONS**

STATION	LOCATION	PHONE
5A	East Toll Gate of Turn pike, I70	913-299-4761
21W	1-70, 1 mile west of McFarland	785-765-3365
22W	1-70, 1 mile west of McFarland	785-765-3360
23	US-75 at state line	316-879-5352

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23W	1-35, 5 miles south of Olathe	913-782-6773
24W	1-35, 5 miles south of Olathe	913-782-4125
26A	South end of Turnpike, I-35	316-892-5249
37A	US-54, 5 miles east of Liberal	316-624-4431
46	1-70 near Colorado State Line	785-399-2772
58	US-81, 1 mile south of Jct. US-36	785-527-5159

### Restricted Travel

No truck operating under a special permit shall follow within 300' of another vehicle except when overtaking and passing. Travel restricted during adverse weather.

**TURNPIKE AUTHORITY** (9401 E Kellogg Wichita, KS 64207 800-827-7453)

Turnpike restrictions:

Legal Weight:

Single-20,000 lbs., tandem-34,000 lbs., tridum 42,000 lbs., and gross weight of 120,000 lbs (over this must have approval). Federal Bridge Formula Applies.

Width up to 12' daylight hours only. Over 12' must have approval from the Chief Engineer. Loads over 14' will be limited to Monday-Thursday travel 8:30-4:30. Loads over 14' an escort will be required.

Length up to 125'. Over 125' approval must be obtained.

### SPRING WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS

No restrictions.

### Holidays

New Year's Day	Memorial Day	Juneteenth Day
Independence Day	Labor Day	Thanksgiving Day
Christmas Day		

The State/Permit Office will be closed on the above mentioned holidays, travel is not restricted.

### Fines

Any person violating any of the provisions of K.S.A. 8-1908 or 8-1909, upon a first conviction thereof, shall be fined the applicable amount for moving a gross vehicle or combination of vehicles weight in excess of the lawful maximum gross weight for such vehicle or combination of vehicles or for any axle or tandem, triple or quad axles thereof.

For each violation of any gross weight limitation of a vehicle or combination of vehicles, an amount equal to the amount determined by applying the following schedule for each pound in excess of the lawful limit:

Pounds Overweight	Rate of Fine
Up to 1,000	\$25
1,001-2,000	\$.03 cents per 1b.
2,001-5,000	\$.05 cents per 1b.
5,001-7,500	\$.07 cents per 1b.
7,501 and over	\$.10 cents per 1b.

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For a second violation of this subsection, within two years after a prior conviction of this subsection, such person, upon conviction shall be fined 1-1/2 times the applicable amount from one, but not both of the above schedules. For a third violation of this subsection within two years, after two prior convictions of this subsection, such person, upon conviction shall be fined two times the applicable above amount from one, but not both of the above schedules. For a fourth and each succeeding violation of this subsection within two years after three prior convictions of this subsection, such person, upon conviction shall be fined 2-1/2 times the applicable above amount from one but not both of the above schedules.

### Super Loads

Anything that exceeds the following requires a bridge analysis: 18' high, 16'6" wide, 126' long, or 150,000 lbs.

Applications for super loads shall be submitted at least 10 days prior to the desired date of movement.

Loads that are 14 feet or wider, or 126 feet or longer, will be required to share their location with the public while on U.S. 83. The mover shall use the KDOT provided KanDrive smartphone app to monitor the overdimension superload transport vehicle location while making a trip that includes travel along the U.S. 83 corridor in Thomas, Logan, Scott, or Finney counties. The free KanDrive app must be downloaded and installed on a smartphone that will be carried in the transport vehicle. Instructions on downloading and using the app can be found by clicking the "KanDrive Oversize Load Check In" link on the K-TRIPS website <https://k-trips.ksdot.gov/LettersToCarriers.aspx#>. The effective date for this requirement is October 21, 2024.

**For more information please contact:**

**Comdata**

**(800) 749-7174**

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

**(800) 749-7166**