



Maryland
State Highway Hauling Permit Section
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HOURS: 7:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. *
EASTERN TIME

* Closed for lunch: 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Legal Limits	DESIGNATED HIGHWAYS	ALL OTHER ROADS
Weight:		
Single	22,400 GVW 73,000 20,000 GVW over 73,000	Same
Tandem	34,000	Same
Tridem	42,500 if 9' or more hub to hub	Same
Gross weight	80,000	73,000
Width:	8'6"	8'6"
Height:	13'6"	13'6"
Length:		
Single unit, buses	40'	40'
Semi-trailer	53'	48'
Trailers over 48' shall have a kingpin setting, measured from the kingpin to the center of rear tandem axles not to exceed 41' in length. The kingpin set back measured from the kingpin to the front of the trailer shall not exceed 4' in length.		
Twins/doubles	28'	Not allowed
Auto/boat transporters	65'	65'
Stinger steered	80'	Not allowed
Rocky mtn. doubles	Not allowed	Not allowed
Turnpike doubles	Not allowed	Not allowed
Triples	Not allowed	Not allowed
Saddlemounts	97'	95'
TOLERANCE	N/A	
Vehicles carrying agricultural or forest products that have been loaded in fields are permitted an axle tolerance of 5% except during harvest time when the load limit tolerance is 15%.		

TIRE WIDTH	Not applicable.
ACCESS	Shortest practical route between a designated highway and a truck terminal or point-of-origin/destination for cargo or for a distance not to exceed 1 mile, facilities for food, fuel, repairs or rest.
OVERHANG	3' front, 6' rear.

EXEMPTIONS

Farm equipment exempt for width if transported on a truck. Any load up to 70' hauled on a stretch trailer must be flagged.

Permit Limits**ROUTINE ISSUE**

Single	27,000
Tandem	52,000
Tridem	63,000
Weight:	150,000 27,000 lbs. per axle
Length:	120'
Width:	15'11"
Height:	15'11"

If load exceeds any of these dimensions or weights, refer to the section on Superloads.

PERMITS VALID FOR

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

ACCEPTABLE PERMIT FORMAT

The State of Maryland allows customers to display permits and attachments on an electronic device (i.e. smartphones, iPads, laptops etc). Upon request the vehicle operator must immediately be able to retrieve and display an image of the permit. Failure to do so will result in violation of policy. Customers may continue to carry printed hard copies of permits and attachments.

EXTENSIONS/REVISIONS

A special hauling permit can be extended once for a period of five (5) consecutive days, not including Sundays or holidays (when no movement is allowed). The request must be made before the original permit period expires. The extension period will begin immediately upon expiration of the original permit.

OPERATING TIME

Permitted loads not exceeding 14' wide, 14'6" high, 120' long, and 200,000 lbs. may travel 24/7. Loads up to and including 400k may also move 24/7 IF requested by customer and approved by the Permit Office; approval dependent on route traveled and dimensions. If over these dimensions travel allowed from 12:01 a.m. on Monday to noon on Saturday-Nighttime movements for Bay Bridge or toll facilities are not authorized. Read your permit for instructions and travel time.

WEEKEND TRAVEL

Permitted loads not exceeding 134' wide, 14'6" high, 90120' long, and 200,000 lbs. may travel 24/7. If over these dimensions travel allowed Saturday until 12:00 noon.-No Sunday travel.

Loads up to and including 400k with police escorts may travel 24/7 depending on route if requested and approved by the Permit Office.

LIFT AXLES

May be used in calculating weight, must be on the ground at all times.

DIVISIBLE LOADS

Permits will not be issued if the vehicle and load can be dismantled, disassembled or hauled in such a way that moves can be made within the size and weight limits imposed by the laws of Maryland.

EXCEPTIONS

Blades, buckets, etc., are exempt for width but not for weight over 80,000 lbs.

SELF-PROPELLED EQUIPMENT

Equipment more than 20 tons shall be moved on timber mats not less than 3" thick and at least 12" wider than the treads. The state requires a special mobile equipment tag. All equipment must be reduced as much as possible.

A performance bond or contractual liability clause is required for all loads 100' or more in length.

Maximum axle weight is 27,000 lbs. per axle unless otherwise approved with an engineering study.

INTERMODAL

The maximum weight that can be carried is as follows:

Single axle 22,400 lbs.

Two consecutive axles at least 4' apart 44,000 lbs.

The maximum gross weight is 90,000 lbs.

Load must be a sealed, seagoing container.

A special containerized cargo permit can be issued at no cost to the applicant for a truck tractor-semitrailer combination carrying manifested international freight as the only load of the vehicle in a sealed, seagoing container and going to or from the Port of Baltimore. If not traveling to or from the Port of Baltimore, you would obtain a Special Hauling permit choosing Sealed Containerized Cargo as load and follow the rules for containerized cargo, the Special Hauling permits is \$30.

The permitted vehicle may travel certain routes on a 24-hour daily basis. The permit is valid for one year. A permit is valid for travel under the jurisdiction of the State or the City of Baltimore only after the Secretary of Transportation has the results of studies and determines that use of permits issued under these regulations will not cause extraordinary damage to the roads and structures on the routes.

MANUFACTURED HOUSING/MOBILE HOMES

No maximum lengths on homes. 2 escorts are required for loads 14' wide or greater.

Types of Permits**Single Trip Permit (Special Hauling Permit)**

Base fee for the first 45 tons or less of gross weight is \$30 plus \$5 for each additional ton or part in excess of 45 tons. Over dimensional permits are \$30.00. The fee for extension of a special haul permit is \$5. An additional \$25 permit fee on behalf of the Maryland Transportation Authority for use of Authority maintained roads (Toll Roads). The \$25 fee will cover all Authority roadways used on the vehicle's permitted route.

Baltimore City permit fee- \$60 plus \$5 for each additional ton, Baltimore City police escorts are \$500, plus \$160 for Traffic escort. These escorts must be scheduled with the City of Baltimore.

The fee is applicable to the permit only and does not apply to any tolls incurred. Tolls will still be paid at the toll booths in Maryland.

This permit may be issued for a single movement of special mobile equipment or a vehicle which together with a load is oversize or overweight. It may also be issued for a single movement of modular housing units and portable buildings with a truck tractor and semi-trailer combination when the vehicle and load comply with the following conditions: the modular unit and portable unit may not contain any commercial commodity; the vehicle and load cannot be reduced in such a way that the move can be made within the width or height limits imposed.

This permit authorizes the permit vehicle to make a single one-way trip between the points and over the route designated on the permit. It also authorizes the return of an empty oversize vehicle to its starting place if the empty vehicle does not exceed the weight limits imposed by the vehicle laws of Maryland.

Blanket Hauling Permit

The fee is \$50 for a 30 day blanket permit and \$500 for an annual. Blanket hauling permits may be issued for a single oversize vehicle with overall dimensions which may not exceed 75' in length, 12' in width, 14' in height, or 80,000 pounds. The oversize vehicle shall be either a special mobile equipment plate issued by the appropriate Administration or a vehicle registered properly in Maryland and carrying an oversize load or traveling empty to or from carrying an oversize load.

A blanket permit may be issued for a single overweight vehicle which is special mobile equipment displaying a special mobile equipment tag. The overweight special mobile equipment may not exceed the following: gross 90,000 lbs., including all tolerance. A single axle may not exceed 27,000 lbs. without an engineering study.

The annual permit requires a route authorization permit for each trip. You must carry a copy or be able to display electronically to be legal. The Route Authorization serves as your permit to operate the trip. Fee for each authorization \$0.00.

INFORMATION NEEDED TO ORDER A PERMIT

Load description, make, model, and serial number, license number of tractor and trailer, registered gross weight, routes, and overall dimensions. Axle weights and spacings are required for all self-propelled vehicles.

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

• <u>Width</u> over 13' except manufactured housing	1
• <u>Length</u> over 85'	1
• <u>Height</u> 14'6" or more (unless route requires escort for lesser height)	1 with height pole
• <u>Weight</u> over 60 tons (120,000 lbs.) GVW	1
• When weather or road conditions justify	1
• <u>Width</u> 14' or more, including mfg. housing	2 (Front & Rear)
• <u>Length</u> 140' or more	2 (Front & Rear)
• Traveling road too narrow to allow other vehicles to pass safely in either direction	2 (Front & Rear)
• Traveling against traffic that will have to be diverted or stopped	2 (Front & Rear)
• When weather or road conditions justify	2 (Front & Rear)

Police Escort Needed When:

- Width 16' or more
- Weight over 65 tons (150,000 lbs.) GVW
- As MD Hwy. Administrations requires; if traffic will have to be diverted or stopped or if more will affect either 2 or more lanes of traffic on a highway having only 1 lane in each direction

Escorts (private or state police) may be added at any time at the discretion of the Maryland Hauling Permit Section for safety purposes. Fee will be \$250 for the first 4 hours.

VEHICLE REQUIREMENTS

Must have two-way radio contact and maintain constant communication except for intermittent interruption which may be caused by the terrain or atmospheric conditions.

A private escort must have at least one oscillating or rotating roof light, yellow in color, at least 3" in diameter and visible from the front and rear. Headlights shall be illuminated while conducting the move. Signs must be mounted on the roof. Signs shall be 5' wide, 12" high with 8" letters.

***NOTE: Maryland will be requiring certification of private escorts It is anticipated to be added into their Code of Maryland Regulations.

Signs, Lights**SIGNS**

"Wide Load" or "Oversize Load" signs are required if the vehicle and load exceeds 9' in width, front and rear. The sign shall appear in black letters not less than 10" high, with a brush stroke not less than 1 5/8" wide. The letters shall appear on a yellow background, 18" high and 7' wide.

LIGHTS

- (1) A private escort vehicle shall have at least one oscillating or rotating roof light, yellow in color, at least 3 inches in diameter and visible to the front and rear.
- (2) Headlights of the escort and escorted vehicle shall be illuminated while conducting the move.
- (3) Simultaneously flashing hazard warning lamps shall be used by the operator of a permit vehicle when the vehicle is traveling 20 miles per hour less than the posted speed limit.

The permittee is responsible for payment of all damage done either directly or indirectly to any road surface, bridge or other structures.

Insurance

The state of Maryland requires a Contractual Liability Clause or a Performance Bond for any loads that meet the following scenarios:

Equal to/greater than: 16-0 Wide, 16-0 High, 100-0 Long

Weigh Stations

US Route I-95
 US 13 Delmar, 1 mile N. of junction US 50, just S. of DE State Line EB, WB
 US 40 Perryville, 2 miles N.E. of Perryville EB, WB
 I-83 at MD State Line SB, random use
 I-95 JFK Toll Plaza N.E.
 US 301 Upper Marlboro, 2 miles N. of junction MD 4, E. of Washington

Restricted Travel

The permittee or user may move any vehicle and load that together exceeds 45 tons gross weight or is 100' or more in length or 12' or more in width over I-495 and I-95 (Capital Beltway) or I-695 (Baltimore Beltway) from 9:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. If 14' wide or more, 9:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. on any highway.

LOCAL AREA RESTRICTIONS

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY &
 PRINCE GEORGE COUNTY**

Loads over 12' wide front and rear escort required on 2-lane undivided highways in Prince George and Montgomery counties.

TOWN OF OCEAN CITY

Excessive oversize/overweight moves traveling in the town of Ocean City are required to have a police escort. (A \$50.00 fee will be assessed by the Ocean City Police Department).

TOWN OF OCEAN CITY

Overwidth loads must move through Ocean City from 6:00 A.M. until 10:00 A.M. only, from June 13 until September 15. Anything wider than 14' must get District approval from Mr. Dennis Rogers 410-632-0511.

FORT MCHENRY

Anything over 11' wide, 14'6" high, 85' long or 55 tons. TYPE - (permit not valid thru Fort McHenry Tunnel).

Maryland highway network under construction.....observe signs and expect delays.

TOLL FACILITIES

Call the Maryland Transportation Authority @ 410-537-7911 for additional questions regarding toll road requirements. The following restrictions apply to the movement of any oversize or overweight vehicle on or through the following toll facilities:

Location	Phone Number	Notes:
Hatem Bridge	(410) 537-7911	(Rt. 40E)
Fort McHenry Tunnel	(410) 537-7911	(I- 95) No permits but containerized cargo not to exceed 8'wide.
Lane Memorial Bridge	(410) 537-7911	(Rt. 50& 301) <i>Expect major delays when crossing Lane Bridge</i>
John F. Kennedy Hwy	(410) 537-7911	(I- 95) <i>State Police Barracks</i>
Francis Scott Key Bridge	(410) 537-7911	(I-695) <i>Police escort required when crossing Key Bridge over 12' wide</i>
Governor Nice Bridge	(410) 537-6800	(Rt 301) <i>Special permission needed for Nice Bridge over 12 wide</i>
Conowingo Dam	(410) 537-7911	
Baltimore Harbor Tunnel		No permits loads to I-895 except containerized cargo not to exceed 8' wide.

No hazardous materials such as flammable gases and liquids explosives and corrosives are not allowed in the Baltimore Harbor Tunnel or the Fort McHenry Tunnel 410-537-1230

Any oversize or overweight vehicle and any vehicle and load together exceeding 8' in width, or 13'6" in height is prohibited from entering the **Baltimore Harbor Tunnel** and its approaches (I-895) with the exception of containerized cargo which may be accessed with valid permit.

Any oversize vehicle and load together exceeding 85' in length, 14'6" in height, 11' in width or 55 tons is prohibited from entering the I-95 **Fort McHenry Tunnel** and its approaches unless, in the case of vehicles and loads exceeding 11' in width, special written permission is obtained from the Administrator of the Tunnel.

Any vehicle and load together exceeding 12' wide, 16' in height or 45 tons is prohibited from crossing the **Governor Nice Memorial Bridge** unless in the case of vehicles and loads exceeding 12' width, special written permission is obtained in advance from the superintendent of the bridge.

Any vehicle and load together exceeding 15' in width, 15'6" in height or 60 tons is prohibited from crossing the **Lane Memorial Bridge** and its approaches (Rt 50 & 301).

Any vehicle and load together exceeding 11' in width (eastbound 12'6 wide), 14'3" in height or 60 tons is prohibited from crossing the **Hatem Bridge** and its approaches (Rt 40E).

Any vehicle and load together exceeding 20' in width, 15' in height or 75 tons is prohibited from entering the **John F Kennedy Highway** (I 95).

Any vehicle and load together exceeding 14' in width, 14'6" in height or 60 tons is prohibited from crossing the **Frances Scott Key Bridge** and its approaches (I 695).

When moving any oversize or overweight vehicle on or across a facility project, the permittee or user shall comply with all regulations issued by the Maryland Transportation Authority to regulate the use of its projects, and with the directions of the facilities police, including directions requiring that the vehicle be escorted during its move.

The permittee or user shall notify the superintendent or the toll police assigned to a particular facility project at least one hour before beginning movement of an oversize or overweight vehicle on or across the project.

Regardless of any other provision of the regulations, the movement of any oversize or overweight vehicle on or across a toll facility may be delayed or prohibited if, in the opinion of the superintendent or the facility police assigned to the project, the movement of the oversize or overweight vehicle would endanger life or property or result in undue interface or interruption of traffic at that project.

FRANCIS SCOTT KEY BRIDGE

The Francis Scott Key Bridge in Baltimore is CLOSED due to a bridge strike and collapse by a large cargo ship on March 26,2024. Closed until further notice.

This bridge runs along I-695.

I-695 between Exit 1 (Quarantine Road) and Exit 43 (Peninsula Expressway) are closed to ALL traffic.

Port Permit DETOUR ROUTES:

Inbound Route: I-95 -Eastern Ave - Kane St- Dundalk Ave- Dunhill Rd

Outbound Route: Dunhill-Dundalk Ave-Holabird Ave-Broening Hwy-Boston St-O'donnell St Cut Off-Interstate Ave-I-95

WATERCRAFT CALL BEFORE YOUR HAUL: If moving watercraft destined for Washington, Oregon, Idaho, or Montana, the carrier shall contact The Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission (PSMFC) 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.
<https://www.westernais.org/callbeforeyouhaul>

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

Dundalk

SPRING WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS

No restrictions.

Holidays

Travel is prohibited on the following holidays:

New Year's Day
Labor Day

Independence Day
Christmas Day

Thanksgiving Day
Memorial Day

The State Permit Office will be closed on the above mentioned holidays as well as Martin Luther King Day, President's Day, Juneteenth Day, Columbus Day, Election Day, Veteran's Day, and the day after Thanksgiving, but travel will not be restricted on these additional days.

Fines

For the first 5,000 lbs. - .05 cents for each lb. in excess weight or \$50, the greater of the two.

For more than 5,000 lbs. - .12 cents for each additional lb. of excess weight.

Super Loads

A super load is any load 16' in height, 16' in width, 140' in length and 150,000 lbs. Submit a regular application for an oversize/overweight permit including axle weights and spacings. A drawing of the load may be required.

Fee Over 150,000 lbs - \$8 per structure up to 200,000 lbs. plus \$12 per structure over 200,000 lbs.

Carrier must notify State Police 48 hours in advance of movement if State Police escort required. Police escort required over 150,000 lbs. Fee \$250 billed on permit for each officer for the first 4 hours. 24-48 hours notice.

The state of Maryland requires a Contractual Liability Clause or a Performance Bond for any loads that meet the following scenarios:

Equal to/greater than: 16-0 Wide, 16-0 High, 140-0 Long
Weight: 150,000 lbs. OFF INTERSTATE Travel*
150,000 or Greater Any Travel

MARYLAND

Moves into or out of Baltimore port with police escorts (super load dimensions) are now required to reserve a time online with the State of Maryland. Available hours to book a police escort are 6:00pm - 5:00am. (This new process may affect more ports soon)

For more information please contact:

Comdata

(800) 749-7174

To obtain and order permits from Comdata please call:

(800) 749-7166