



Massachusetts  
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**HOURS:** 7:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M.  
**EASTERN TIME**

| Legal Limits       | DESIGNATED HIGHWAYS                                   | ALL OTHER ROADS |
|--------------------|---|-----------------|
| Weight:            |   |                 |
| Single             | 24,000<br>18,000 less than 6' apart                   | 22,400          |
| Tandem             | 34,000<br>Less than 46" between centers = 1 axle      | 34,000          |
| Tridum             | 36,000  | 36,000          |
| Gross weight       | 80,000<br><i>Federal Bridge Formula applies.</i>      | 80,000          |
| Width:             | 8'6"  | 8'6"            |
| Height:            | 13'6"   | 13'6"           |
| Length:            |   |                 |
| Single unit, buses | 40'   | 40'             |
| Buses              | 45'   | 45'             |
| Semi-trailer       | 53'   |                 |
| Trailers           | 33'   | 33'             |
| Twins/doubles      | 28'   | Not allowed     |
| Autotransporters   | 65'   | 60'             |
| Stinger steered    | 75'   | 75'             |
| Rocky mtn. doubles | Not allowed   | Not allowed     |
| Turnpike doubles   | See Turnpike Information                              |                 |
| Triples            | Not allowed   | Not allowed     |
| Saddlemounts       | 75'   | 75'             |
| <b>TOLERANCE</b>   | 5% on gross weight.                                   |                 |
| <b>TIRE WIDTH</b>  | 800 lbs. per inch width.                              |                 |
| <b>ACCESS</b>      | Terminal access allowed as long as it is deemed safe. |                 |
| <b>OVERHANG</b>    | Autotransporters 3' front and 4' rear.                |                 |
| <b>EXEMPTIONS</b>  | None  |                 |

**Permit Limits****ROUTINE ISSUE**

|         |                           |
|---------|---------------------------|
| Weight: |                           |
| Single  | Depends on axle spacings. |
| Tandem  | Depends on axle spacings. |
| Tridum  | Depends on axle spacings. |
| Quad    | Depends on axle spacings. |

|               | <b>REDUCIBLE</b> | <b>NON-REDUCIBLE</b> |
|---------------|------------------|----------------------|
| Gross weight: |                  |                      |
| 5 Axles       | 99,000           | 130,000              |
| 6 Axles       | 99,000           | 130,000              |
| 7 Axles       | 99,000           | 130,000              |
| 8 Axles       | 99,000           | 130,000              |

Tandem combination maximum weight 127,400 lbs. for 92' spacings; tractor and semi-trailer 71,000 lbs., unit of dolly and semi-trailer 56,400 lbs.

|         |  |
|---------|--|
| Length: | 115'   |
|         | 100'      Mobile Homes                               |
| Width:  | 14'11"   |
| Height: | 14'11"      Over 13'8" high requires a route survey. |

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

Must be registered for the weight being hauled.

**PERMITS VALID FOR**

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

**ACCEPTABLE PERMIT FORMAT**

This permit shall be kept with the moving load at all times.

**EXTENSIONS/REVISIONS**

Will consider amendments to issued permits on a case-by-case basis. Generally, amendments are allowed for date extensions, load descriptions, and year and make of the power unit and are not allowed for dimensions, VIN numbers of the power unit or routing. Amendments will be granted or denied within 1 business day.

**OPERATING TIME**

As a general rule, except as otherwise provided herein, all overdimensional and overweight vehicles with a permit may travel from Monday morning 12:01 A.M. - 12:00 noon on Saturday except for special exceptions. Vehicles between 12' and 14' wide, over 80' but not exceeding 114' in length and over 13'11" height may travel under permit only during daylight hours (sunrise to sunset) except that no such travel shall be allowed between the hours of 7:00 - 9:00 A.M. and 3:30-7:00 P.M. Monday through Friday.

Vehicles over 15' wide, mobile homes over 14' wide may travel between the hours of 9:30 A.M. - 3:30 P.M. and only on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

**WEEKEND TRAVEL**

Saturday and Sunday until 12:00 noon.

**LIFT AXLES**

Lift axles must bear its full share of the load on the roadway surface.

**DIVISIBLE LOADS**

Normally a permit may not be issued for oversize vehicles if in the opinion of the authority, a load can be divided or arranged so as to conform with the following size limitations: width 8'6", height 13'8", single vehicle except buses 35', bus 40', combinations 60'.

**EXCEPTIONS**

Components must be detached. All pieces over 14' wide must be reduced. If a component which is detached creates the overweight it must be hauled separately.

**SELF-PROPELLED EQUIPMENT**

No restrictions apply to the hours of operation of hydraulic cranes 11' wide or less and not more than 60' long operating under their own power, except for Route 95, Route 93 and the central artery restrictions.

Other types of cranes operating under their own power shall travel under permit during daylight hours except no travel will be allowed between the hours of 7:00-9:00 A.M. or 3:00-7:00 P.M. Monday through Friday.

The maximum length of a crane is 95'.

Self-propelled equipment is not allowed on the turnpike if it has metal track pads or metal wheels.

**INTERMODAL**

Container must be sealed ocean-going cargo units in international trade. Containers must be going to or from a port. Components must be detached. All pieces over 14' wide must be reduced. If a component, which is detached, creates the overweight it must be hauled separately. Containers must be legal weight unless the content is frozen fish for which weight then may not exceed 88,000 lbs. Fee: \$300 annual.

**MANUFACTURED HOUSING/MOBILE HOMES**

No permit will be granted and no travel on state highways will be allowed for modular, sectional or mobile homes exceeding 13'6" in total height or over 100' long.

Modular, sectional or mobile homes between 12' and 14' wide may travel only under permit during daylight hours Monday through Friday, except that no such travel will be allowed between the hours of 7:00-9:00 A.M. or between the hours of 3:30 - 7:00 P.M.

The maximum width for a modular, sectional or mobile home is 16', except that an additional overhang for eaves will be allowed provided the overhang is on the right hand shoulder side of the highway making the maximum dimension for this particular case 14'6'; for purposes of travel times this will be considered a 14' width.

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**Types of Permits**

**Single Trip** - \$40.00 for state & \$40.00 for turnpike -I-90 (Interchanges 1-14)

**Special Haul Permit**

The special hauling permit shall be for a 12-month period commencing April 1st and shall entitle the permittee to make an unlimited number of trips on the turnpike, or any designated portions thereof. The cost is \$250. The applicant shall pay the number of certification cards required. The charge for the first card is \$60 with a \$15 charge for each additional card issued during the term of the permit.

**Annual Permit** - \$400.00

The following can qualify for annual permits:

Construction equipment on lo-bed trailers

Truck (10 wheel or tri-axle): 60' long, 12' wide, 13' 6" high, registered weight.

Tractors: 80' long, 12' wide, 13' 6" high, registered weight.

Truck cranes: up to 95' long, maximum weight 130K lbs.

Boats and trucks of boats: up to 80' long (depending on truck), 11' 6" wide, registered weight.

**INFORMATION NEEDED TO ORDER A PERMIT**

License number of hauling vehicle, semi-trailer or trailer, date move is requested, overall dimensions, gross weight, number of axles, origin, destination, routes to be traveled, company name and address.

| <b>Escorts</b>                    | <b>When Escorts Are Needed:</b>  | <b># Escorts</b>                        |
|-----------------------------------|--|---|
| <i>On All Highways:</i>           |  |   |
| ●                                 | <u>Length</u> of 80' to 94'11"   | 1 Rear                                  |
| ●                                 | <u>Length</u> over 94'11"  | 2 (Front & Rear)                        |
| ●                                 | <u>Length</u> 134' or more   | MA State Police &<br>2 escorts          |
| ●                                 | Width 12' 1" and up dozer with blade attached                                  | 2 (Front & Rear)                        |
| ●                                 | <u>Width</u> of 12'1" to 13'6"   | 1 Rear                                  |
| ●                                 | <u>Width</u> over 13'6"  | 2 (Front & Rear)                        |
| ●                                 | * <u>Width</u> over 16'  | MA State Police &<br>2 escorts          |
| ●                                 | <u>Height</u> over 13'8"   | 1 Front                                 |
| ●                                 | <u>Height</u> over 13'11"  | 2 (Front & Rear)                        |
| ●                                 | <u>Height</u> over 13'8"   | Height survey                           |
| ●                                 | <u>Height</u> over 14'11"  | 2 Front + state police escort           |
| <u>Escorts in City of Boston:</u> |  |   |
| ●                                 | If over legal dimensions   | At least 1 escort +<br>usu. city police |
| ●                                 | <u>Escorts on Cape Cod</u><br>If over legal dimensions                         | MA police & 1 escort                    |
| ●                                 | <u>Escorts on MA Turnpike</u>  |   |
|                                   | - <u>Width</u> over 12'  | 1 Rear                                  |
|                                   | - <u>Width</u> over 13'  | 2 (Front & Rear)                        |
|                                   | - <u>Width</u> over 15'  | 2(F & R) + 2 <u>Police</u>              |
| ●                                 | <u>Length</u> over 80'   | 1 Rear                                  |
| ●                                 | <u>Length</u> over 85'   | 2 (Front & Rear)                        |
| ●                                 | <u>Length</u> 135' or more   | 2 (F & R) + 2 <u>Police</u>             |
| ●                                 | <u>Overhang</u> of 4' or more if load is<br>poles, masts or booms              | 1 Rear                                  |
| ●                                 | <u>Overhang</u> of 10' or more if load isn't<br>poles, masts or booms          | 1 Rear                                  |
| ●                                 | <u>Vehicle</u> is a drill rig w/boom, a shovel<br>or a crane, or is odd-shaped | 1 Rear                                  |

\* Modular Units/Housing if over 14'1. Some areas of Massachusetts may require if over 12' long.

**ESCORT VEHICLE REQUIREMENTS**

Light truck or passenger car with two (2) flashing amber lights visible from front and rear.  
24" square red flags on right and left rear and a sign reading "Oversize Load".

**Signs & Flags****SIGNS**

An oversize vehicle which does not require an escort shall have a sign on the rear reading "Oversize Load".

Signs should be 7' long x 18" high. Letters should be at least 10" high with a 1.41" brush stroke.  
Letters should be black on yellow background.

**FLAGS**

Flags must be red and at least 12" square. Mount on extremities and corners, required for overwidth and overlength vehicles.

**Insurance**

Public liability insurance affording coverage of not less than \$1,000,000 /2,000,000 for all damages arising from bodily injury including death and \$1,000,000 for property damages including general, automobile and contractual liability.

**Weigh Stations**

No permanent scales.

**Restricted Travel****GENERAL RESTRICTIONS**

Traveling under permit on Route 95 between Canton and the intersection of Route 1 in Peabody and on Route 93 between Route 95 in Canton and Exit 15 in Boston (located south of the Dewey Square Turnpike) may only travel during daylight hours, except that no such travel shall be allowed between 7:00 - 9:00 A.M. or 3:30 - 7:00 P.M.. However, vehicles up to 12' wide and/or up to 80' long may also travel during the period from 3:00 - 7:00 A.M.

Route 93, (elevated portion of central artery) no overdimensional or overweight vehicle will be permitted to travel north of Exit 15 within the city of Boston.

A permit shall temporarily be suspended if determined by the department that there is inclement weather, reconstruction or other condition that would cause a hazard to the people of the state.

The Department may restrict movement in certain areas and for certain times depending on the dimensions of the vehicle. The restrictions will be printed on the permit.

**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>.

**TURNPike RESTRICTIONS****Massachusetts Turnpike Authority:**

Commercial Vehicles

John Driscoll Bldg 668 South Ave Weston, MA 02493

**Phone:** (781) 431-5148 **Fax:** (781) 431-5014

No special haul travel is allowed on the MA Turnpike between the Interchange 11A and Interchange 24 east bound between 7:00 - 10:00 A.M. or westbound between 3:00 - 7:00 P.M.

Tandem trailer combinations may operate on the MA turnpike under a tandem trailer permit. Twins - the length of either semi-trailer shall not be in excess of 48' and the total length of the combination, including the dolly and load shall not exceed 114'.

Automobile haulers - overall length shall not exceed 108' and may be increased to 109' by load overhang.

There is a Special Hauling Permit for vehicles that are under the following dimensions - \$40.00 12' wide (wide load banner and flags), 13'6" high, 100' long (up to 80' long no escort is needed) and gross weight 130,000 lbs. If vehicle load exceeds 12' wide, 13'6" high, 100' long or 130,000 lbs, there is a \$300.00 fee for the permit and you may require a State Police escort. If over 15' wide or 135' long, 2 State Police escorts are required.

This Special Hauling Permit will allow travel on I-90 (MASSPIKE) between Interchanges 1 (New York State Line) thru Interchange 14 (Route 95/128) when requested on permit application providing dimensions do not exceed 12' 0" wide, 13' 6" high, 99,000 lbs. and 80' 0" long. A Fast Lane Transporter is mandatory.

Over 100,000 lbs. must have prior approval from the turnpike authority.

The maximum gross weight of the unit tractor and first semi-trailer shall not exceed 71,000 lbs. The maximum gross weight of each unit of dolly and semi-trailer shall not exceed 56,400 lbs.

The maximum gross weight for the unit of tractor and first semi-trailer is governed by the formula: - 35,000 lbs. plus 1,000 lbs. per foot between the center of the foremost axle of the tractor and the center of the rearmost axle of the first semi-trailer.

The gross load on a unit shall not exceed the sum of the allowable gross weight loads on the axle as follows: Maximum gross on one axle is 22,400 lbs. and on tandem axles on one vehicle (under 10' apart) 36,000 lbs.

A tractor used to haul a tandem trailer combination with a gross weight of more than 110,000 lbs. shall be equipped with tandem rear axles, each of which shall be engaged to bear its full share of the load on the roadway surface.

Proposed drivers of tandem trailer combinations shall be registered by the authority prior to driving such equipment on the turnpike. Drivers of tandem trailer combinations are required to prove to the authority a minimum of 5 years of tractor trailer driving experience.

The Turnpike Authority will issue a permit if, in the opinion of the authority, a load cannot be divided or reduced to conform to the following dimensions: 8'6" wide, 13'8" high, 35' long on a single unit and 60' long of a combination vehicle.

Routine issue for toll personnel is as follows:

12' wide, 13'9" high, gross weight 99,000 lbs max, length of a single unit is 55' and length of a combination vehicle is 100'. Anything over these dimensions will need the approval of the chief engineer and the fee for such a permit, if issued, will be \$300.00, payable prior to entry upon the turnpike.

| <u>Way</u>            | <u>Maximum Vehicle Height</u> |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| Turnpike              | 13'6"                         |
| Ted Williams Tunnel   | 13'6"                         |
| Callahan Tunnel       | 12'6"                         |
| Sumner Tunnel         | 12'6"                         |
| O'Neill Tunnel (I-93) | 13'6"                         |
| Cana (City Tunnel)    | 13'6"                         |
| All Other Locations   | 13'6"                         |

The driver of an oversize vehicle shall be responsible for checking clearance of toll lane and canopy before entry upon the turnpike. Should also check structures along the turnpike.

Requirements for vehicles over 80' long:

One private escort is required for vehicles from 80'1" to 85' long.

Two private escorts are required for vehicles from 85'1" to 100' long.

Requirements for vehicles traveling in the tunnels:

Wide loads from 8'6" to 12' must have private escort(s)

Loads higher than 13'9", wider than 12', longer than 100' or weighing more than 130,000 lbs must be escorted by a vehicle of the Massachusetts State Police.

Loads wider than 15' or longer than 135' will require two Massachusetts State Police.

**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:**

*Boston, Bourne, Providence*

**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

Travel is suspended from noon the day before until noon the day after. The state permit office will be closed on the above mentioned holidays as well as Martin Luther King Day, President's Day, Patriot's Day, Juneteenth Day, Columbus Day, and Veteran's Day, but travel is not restricted on these additional days.

**Fines**

Fines are \$40 per 1,000 lbs. for the first 10,000 lbs. or fraction thereof and \$80 per 1,000 lbs. thereafter.

**Super Loads**

Over 15' wide (Modular over 14'), 135' long, 15' high, or 130,000 lbs. are considered super loads.

Turnpike-If vehicle load exceeds 12' wide, 13'6" high, 100' long or 130,000 lbs, there is a \$300.00 fee for the permit and you may require a State Police escort. If over 15' wide or 135' long, 2 State Police escorts are required.

Requires a full structure analysis. Over 130,000 lbs., an outside engineering firm must do a route survey. *Allow up to 10 days for approval.*

**For more information please contact:**

**Comdata**

**(800) 749-7174**

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

**(800) 749-7166**