



Mississippi  
Department of Transportation  
Permit Division  
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HOURS: 7:30 A.M.-4:30 P.M.  
(Closed 12:00pm-1:00pm)  
**CENTRAL TIME**

Legal Limits	DESIGNATED HIGHWAYS	ALL OTHER ROADS
Weight:		
Single	20,000	20,000
Tandem	34,000	34,000
Tridum	Depends on axle weights and spacings.	Depends on axle weights and spacings.
Gross weight	80,000 <i>Federal Bridge Formula applies.</i>	80,000 - high 57,650 - low (High or low weight roads)
Width:	8'6"	8'6"
Height:	13'6"	13'6"
Length:		
Single unit, buses	40'	40'
Semi-trailer	53'	53'
Twins/doubles	30'	30'
Autotransporters	53' trailers	53' trailers
Rocky mtn. doubles	Not allowed	Not allowed
Turnpike doubles	Not allowed	Not allowed
Triples	Not allowed	Not allowed
Saddlemounts	3' up Any load exceeding 99' in length requires a permit	3' up-Maximum length 65'
<b>TOLERANCE</b>	No tolerance on interstates. A tolerance of 5% on tandem axles and 2% on gross weight is allowed on all roads other than interstate.	
<b>TIRE WIDTH</b>	550 lbs. per inch width of tire.	
<b>ACCESS</b>	Not applicable.	
<b>OVERHANG</b>	No more than 3' front overhang. May have rear overhang up to 14'11"(daylight hours only). Trailer may not exceed 53'. An escort may be required due to route.	

**EXEMPTIONS**

Vehicles designed and especially constructed to transport concrete products and which are not available for purchase in size and capacities to fully comply with the road and bridge weight laws of the State of Mississippi shall not be made to conform to the legal axle spacings requirement, the legal axle or tire loadings, or to the total combined weight provided that such vehicles shall be limited to a gross weight of 60,000 lbs. and that such vehicles shall only be operated within 50 miles of their home base. These vehicles must not travel on federal interstate highways or upon any roads or bridges designated and posted as being incapable of carrying such loads by the State Highway Commission, a board of supervisors or municipal governing authorities.

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

## Weight:

Single	12,000	(steering axle)
Tandem	48,000	
Tridum	57,000	63,000 on interstates
Quad	64,000	72,000 on interstates

## Gross Weight:

5 axles	113,000	Depends on spacing/tire sizes
6 axles	123,000	Depends on spacing/tire sizes
7 axles	128,000	Depends on spacing/tire sizes
8 axles	141,000	Depends on spacing/tire sizes
	189,999 and over	considered Super Load

## Length:

120'  
No set maximum on overhang.

## Width:

20'

## Height:

15'7"

Any dimension 15'8" and over must have a route survey.

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

SASHTO: 100' long, 14' wide, 14' high, 120,000 lbs.

**PERMITS VALID FOR**

Single trip permits are valid for three (3) consecutive days, unless over weekend. Please see Weekend Travel section for requirements.

**ACCEPTABLE PERMIT FORMAT**

Electronic permits and permit numbers via smart phones and tablets shall be accepted.

## EXTENSIONS/REVISIONS

The MDOT Permit Office will consider amendments to issued "Single Trip Permits ONLY" on a case-by-case basis. "No Blanket Permits will be amended". 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. A MDOT Permit Office staff member will grant or deny most amendments requests within 1 business day.

## OPERATING TIME

Depends on the following conditions:

All permits that are eligible for 24-Hour Movement will be automatically marked as "24-Hour Movement Authorized" upon issuance.

### **24-Hour Movement Limits:**

These current overall size and weight limits\* for all 24-Hour Movement Express Pass permits and routes are:

Maximum Gross Weight: 150,000 pounds (subject to maximum axle weights and minimum axle spacings in Table 1)

Maximum Height:	13'6"
Maximum Width:	12'0"
Maximum Length:	99'0"
Maximum Rear Overhang:	4'0"

- Loads between 10-0 and 12-0 in width, and operating at night on 2-lane roadway requires a front escort and flashing amber lights mounted on the rear of load.
- Loads between 10-0 and 12-0 in width, and operating at night on 4-lane roadway requires a rear escort and flashing amber lights mounted on the rear of load.
- Red flags required on all corners of loads exceeding ten (10) feet during daylight movement.
- Restricted travel during inclement weather discretionary with scale officer

*Additional requirements may apply and will be printed on the permit*

### **Daylight Movement Only Time Requirements:**

- Loads greater than 12-0 in width subject to daylight movement only (30 minutes after sunrise until 30 minutes before sunset)
- Loads less than or equal to 12-0 in width subject to daylight movement only (sunrise until sunset)

## WEEKEND TRAVEL

Travel is permitted until 1/2 half hour before sunset on Saturday.

If a permit is issued with 24 hour movement, travel is allowed on Sunday. If the permit does not include 24 hour movement added, travel is not allowed on Sunday, unless sealed container.

## LIFT AXLES

Lift axles are not considered an axle.

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**EXCEPTIONS**

Dozers with blades removed can haul the blade on the same trailer with the load.

**SELF-PROPELLED EQUIPMENT**

May get a single trip permit. Self-propelled equipment falls under the guidelines of a regular overweight permit. 0-80,000 lbs. requires \$25 trip permit; Over 80,000 lbs. is \$.05 cents x miles x gross weight. There is no charge for water drilling rigs running on their own power.

**SEALED CONTAINERS/ INTERMODAL**

Sealed containerized cargo units are considered as non-divisible loads and overweight permits will be issued subject to the following restrictions:

1. Containerized cargo units are transporting commodities for export or import moving to or from a port.
2. A copy of the international bill of lading signed by a customs official or an international bill of lading with an equipment interchange and inspection report must be submitted to the Department before a permit is issued.
3. Maximum gross vehicle weight 95,000 lbs, with maximum tandem axle weight of 42,000 lbs. (See chart below for configuration options.)
4. All vehicles permitted for movement of overweight sealed containerized units are authorized 24/7 continuous movement.

<b>Length:</b>	<b>Outer bridge Min. (ft.)</b>	<b>Inter bridge Min. (ft.)</b>	<b>Gross Vehicle Weight Max (lbs.)</b>
51	39		95,000
49	37		94,500
47	35		92,000
45	33		90,000
43	31		85,500
41	29		79,500
39	27		74,400
37	25		70,800
35	23		68,200
33	21		65,700
31	19		63,000
29	17		59,900
27	15		57,900
25	13		56,600

**MANUFACTURED HOUSING/MOBILE HOMES**

Mobile homes 12' - 14' wide and over 85' long are required to have revolving lights on each corner at top with "Wide Load" signs front and rear. Mobile homes can move all day Saturday.

Blanket permits may be issued to licensed dealers and transporters of factory built mobile homes and/or chassis not exceeding 14' wide and not exceeding 105' long (including towing vehicle) for movement over all state maintained highways which are 4-lane or the lane width of which is not less than 12'. Single trip permits may be issued for the movement of 16' wide mobile homes on state maintained highways.

Movement exceeding 12' wide shall have 18" square red flags on all corners and the top and bottom of the mobile home. All legally required running lights of mobile home and towing vehicle including headlights shall be required to be lighted during the move. Also two (2) additional 5" flashing amber lights will be mounted approximately 6' from pavement surface on the rear corners of the mobile home.

## MISSISSIPPI

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Movement from August 15-June 15 on 2-lane roads shall be prohibited during 7:00-8:30 A.M. and 2:30-4:00 P.M., Monday through Friday. Transporters will time movements to avoid major urban areas from 7:00-8:30 A.M. and 4:30-5:30 P.M.

Towing unit must be a minimum of 2-ton manufacturer's rating with dual tires and a minimum 4-speed transmission. An "Oversize Load" sign is required front and rear - dimensions 84" x 18" with wording in black letters 10" high with 1-5/8" brush strokes on yellow or orange background.

Must pull off the road to let traffic pass. The escort vehicle shall be equipped with 18" square red flags mounted on 7' staffs on each side of the front bumper or the equivalent height mounted to the revolving light bracket on top of the cab of the escort vehicle and equipped with signs sufficient to notify approaching traffic of the wide load. Escort vehicles also shall be equipped with an amber revolving or flashing light of sufficient size to be visible to all traffic within a safe distance of the vehicle. They shall both be equipped with two-way radios.

One front escort required on 14' wide loads on all 2-lane highways and must trail on 4-lane highways. Two escorts required for 16' loads on undivided highways (front and rear), 1 rear escort on divided highways

### Types of Permits

### Schedule of Fees:

Single trip permits may be issued for maximum width of 16', overheight loads as controlled by route clearance, overweight loads as controlled by pavement and bridge limits. Cost for single permits are as follows:

Oversize fee: \$10.00 / Overweight fees = \$.05 per 1,000 lbs per mile

The Blanket Permits are not prorated, all permits are issued for one (1) year unless otherwise specified and must have valid insurance or a valid U.S. DOT number. If insurance expires or cancels, the blanket permit becomes invalid.

#### **Oversize Blanket:** \$100.00 per year/per company

Authorizes the movement of loads not exceeding 14' wide, 120' long with no more than 14'11" rear overhang and must be one continuous piece.

#### **Blanket Permit Sealed Container:** \$500 per year/per truck

Maximum gross vehicle weight 95,000 lbs., with maximum tandem axle weight of 44,000 lbs. All vehicles permitted for movement of overweight sealed containerized units are authorized 24/7 continuous movement. A secondary routed permit must be obtained for each move through MS. The routed permit MUST be produced along with the Annual Sealed Container Permit upon request. If the routed permit cannot be produced along with the Annual permit upon request the Annual permit will be considered Void and the customer will be considered as having no permit. State Fee is \$0.00.

#### **Special Heavy Equipment Blanket Permit:** \$4,500 expires 1 year from date of issuance/per truck.

All vehicles permitted for movement under the Special Heavy Equipment Blanket Permit will be allowed 7 days a week, 24 hour movement for loads not exceeding 150,000 lbs. 12' wide, 13'6" high or 99' long. Must obtain Pre-Trip routing permit before starting your move. The Pre-Trip routing page must be in the vehicle along with the Special Heavy Equipment Blanket when transporting loads.

#### **57 Foot Box Van Trailers:** \$100.00 per year/per company

The blanket permit will allow carriers to move 57 foot box van trailer, otherwise legal, seven (7) days per week and 24 hour per day movement. The Kingpin is not to exceed forty-one (41) feet as measured from the kingpin to the center of the rear axles or group of axles and the semi-trailer is equipped with rear protection devices located twenty two (22) inches from the surface and extending to within four (4) inches of the sides of the semi-trailer

**Forestry Blanket Permit:** \$200.00 per year/per company

Permit is for the movement of a single piece of equipment used in the timber industry.

The maximum dimensions for this blanket are; 100,000 lbs ( No tandem axle may exceed 44,000 lbs., and no tri-axle may exceed 50,000 lbs.) 14' wide, 14' high.

**Over Length Truck and Trailer Blanket Permit:** \$100.00 per year/per company

Maximum length truck and trailer combination not to exceed 99 feet.

**Hay Blanket: \$100.00 per year/per company**

Maximum dimensions: 10'6" wide, 14' high, 99' long, 53' long trailer, legal weight.

**Pole Blanket – \$200.00 per year/per company**

Maximum dimensions: 120' long, 40' rear overhang, legal width, height, weight. For unprocessed poles, must travel on the same route.

**INFORMATION NEEDED TO ORDER PERMIT**

Load description, overall dimension, tractor make and license number, origin and destination, routes to be used, axle weights and spacings.

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

● <u>Overall length</u> 95' up to 105'	1 Rear
● <u>Overall length</u> over 105'	2 (Front & Rear)
● <u>Width</u> at 13' (front on 2 lane/rear on 4-lane, & flashing amber light)	1
● <u>Overhang</u> of 15' or more in front	1 Front
● <u>Overhang</u> of 15' or more in rear	1 Rear
● <u>Height</u> of loads controlled by route clearance	
● <u>Weight</u> on loads controlled by pavement and bridge clearance	

\*Note: Rear escort for width may be replaced by: 2 -5" flashing amber lights sufficient for 500 ft. visibility mounted approximately 6 ft. above the road surface on the rear corners of the load - control of lights must be inside towing vehicle with device to alert the driver in the event of a malfunction.

*Mobile/Modular Units:**On 2-Lane Highways*

● <u>Width</u> under 14'	1 Front
● <u>Width</u> 14-1 - 16'	2 (Front & Rear)

*On 4 or More Lane Highways*

● <u>Width</u> 14' & 16'	1 Rear
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State Highway Patrol (MHP) escorts are referred as blue light escorts.

MHP escorts may be required for all loads 20' wide and over depending on the route and load conditions. A copy of the permit is required with the request.

Fees are based on each county with a max of \$ 67.42 an hour + .22 cents per mile.

If blue light escorts are required for moving a load, call: 601-987-1223 or 601-987-1495.  
MHP requires a 2-5-day advanced notice to schedule an escort.

**VEHICLE REQUIREMENTS**

A single motor vehicle equipped with a flashing or revolving amber light and two red flags mounted on top of the vehicle and an "Oversize Load" sign mounted on the front for the lead escort and on [the rear for the following escort. Two-way radio contact will be required.

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

Signs should be 18" x 84" with wording "Oversize Load" in black letters 10" high with 1-5/8" brush stroke on yellow or orange background and are required on all loads in excess of 12' wide.

**FLAGS**

A red flag 18" square must be displayed at the corner of each side (both front and rear and extremities) when over 10' wide.

**Insurance**

Applicants shall provide a valid Federal DOT number or a Certificate of Insurance with the Department listed as the certificate holder with no less than Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) single limit liability on file with the Department. Exceptions may be made when in the opinion of Department a movement is not of a nature likely to cause damage to the highway or one time personal movements. Applicable vehicle liability insurance is required. Must carry minimum insurance of \$750/500/10 for all ICC carriers.

**Weigh Stations**

I-10 1 mile E. of LA State Line EB, WB  
I-10 Orange Grove 1 mile W. of AL State Line, EB, WB  
I-20 Bovina 8 miles E. of LA State Line EB, 10 miles E. State Line WB  
I-20 & I-59 Kewanee 2 miles W. of AL State Line  
MS 35 Sandy Hook 1 mile N. of LA State Line  
US 45 By-pass Corinth 2 miles S. of TN State Line NB, SB  
US 49 Lula 2.5 miles E. of AR State Line  
US 49 Jackson 1 mile S. of I-20 NB, SB  
I-55 Nesbit 7 miles S. of TN State Line NB, SB  
I-55 Osyka 2 miles N. of LA State Line NB, SB  
I-59 Nicholson 1 mile E. of LA State Line NB, SB  
US 61 Walls 5 miles S. of TN State Line  
US 61/84/98 Natchez 6 miles E. of LA State Line  
US 78 Fulton 14 miles W. of AL State Line NB, SB  
US 78 Olive Branch 3 miles S. of TN State Line NB, SB  
US 80 Kewanee 1 mile W. of AL State Line  
US 82 Greenville 1/2 mile E. of AR State Line EB  
US 98 Lucedale 6 miles W. of AL State Line  
US 72 Luka EB, WB

**Restricted Travel**

Movement of overlength or overwidth load shall be discontinued during periods of inclement weather. No city time restrictions stated as a rule.

To view the current MDOT Traffic Restrictions  
<https://www.mdottraffic.com/restrictions.aspx>

**SPRING WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS**

No restrictions.

**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>  
Mississippi does not participate in this program but you may be affected when crossing state lines. Check map for states participating.

## Holidays

Travel is prohibited on the following holidays:

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

No movement after 12:00 noon on days preceding these holidays.

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

## Fines

Any driver of a vehicle who fails or refuses to stop and submit the vehicle and load to a weighing, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of \$1,000. All taxes, costs, and penalties shall constitute a first lien. All vehicles operated in violation will be seized and impounded until the fine has been paid.

### Overweight Fine Schedule

Instances where both the legal highway gross weight limit and legal axle weight limits are exceeded, the fine assessed for overweight will be for the violation which gives the greatest fine.

IN POUNDS	PENALTY
1 to 999	\$10.00 minimum
1,000 to 1,999	.01 per lb.
2,000 to 2,999	.02 per lb.
3,000 to 3,999	.03 per lb.
4,000 to 4,999	.04 per lb.
5,000 to 5,999	.05 per lb.
6,000 to 6,999	.06 per lb.
7,000 to 7,999	.07 per lb.
8,000 to 8,999	.08 per lb.
9,000 to 9,999	.09 per lb.
10,000 to 10,999	.10 per lb.
11,000 to 11,999	.11 per lb.

## Super Loads

**Super Load” is any vehicle that exceeds any of the following limits:**

1. Overall Width 17 feet,
2. Overall Length 120 feet,
3. Overall Height 15'7",
4. Gross Weight of 189,999 pounds or greater.

**The following list of requirements must be addressed in the application:**

1. A request for permission to move on Mississippi's highway system
2. The name and address of the applicant and shipper
3. The origin and destination of the load
4. Gross weight of vehicle and load.
5. The dimensions of the tractor, trailer, and load
6. Written acknowledgment and permission from utility and railroad companies are required for a load exceeding 16 feet in height.
7. Written acknowledgment and permission from affected railroad companies are required for vehicle and load length exceeding 120 feet.
8. Steps taken to lessen the load
9. The most direct route.
10. Steps to reduce interference with other traffic
11. If entering an adjacent state a written certification from that state allowing entrance.

**Diagrams of tractor, trailer and load:**

1. Number, spacing and individual axle weights.
2. Number and size of tires.
3. Width and height of load.

**A route survey must include the following:**

1. Route (s) surveyed
2. List of obstructions such as, highway signs (roadside and overhead), bridge rails, overhead traffic signals, and overhead power lines, railroad crossings on the route or shoulders affecting the move.
3. Pull-off areas to allow traffic to pass such as, parking lots, truck stops, other locations with the capacity to allow the tractor, trailer, and load to completely clear the road.

**Detailed traffic control plan will consist of the following:**

1. List of all points where the load and/or vehicle will encroach into opposing traffic.
  - i. How much of the lane will be encroached.
  - ii. Distance traveled in opposing traffic lanes.
  - iii. Duration of encroachment.
2. If stopping traffic is required provide the following:
  - i. Where and how
  - ii. Type or method of advanced notification

Anything exceeding 189,999 lbs will require a bridge study. Allow two (2) business days for review and approval.

After review MDOT Permit Section may require additional information before final approval.

There is no statement of how long it takes to obtain a Mississippi Superload permit. Expect at least 4 to 10 days.

**For more information please contact:****Comdata****(800) 749-7174****To obtain and order permits from Comdata please call:****(800) 749-7166**