



Rhode Island
 Division of Motor Vehicles - Room 106
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HOURS: 8:30 A.M.-4:30 P.M.
EASTERN TIME

Legal Limits	DESIGNATED HIGHWAYS	ALL OTHER ROADS
Weight:		
Single	22,400	22,400
Tandem	36,000	36,000
Tridum	Depends on axle spacings, and Bridge Formula.	Depends on axle spacings and Bridge Formula.
Gross weight	80,000 <i>Federal Bridge Formula applies.</i>	80,000
Width:	8'6"	8'6"
Height:	13'6"	13'6"
Length:		
Single unit, buses	40'	40'
Semi-trailer	48'6"*	48'6"*
Twins/doubles	28'6"	28'6"
Autotransporters	48'6" trailers	48'6" trailers
Rocky mtn. doubles	Not allowed	Not allowed
Turnpike doubles	Not allowed	Not allowed
Triples	Not allowed	Not allowed
Saddlemounts	1 down, 2 up-3 units total No length specifications	1 down, 2 up-3 units total No length specifications
TOLERANCE	Not applicable.	
TIRE WIDTH	Not applicable.	
ACCESS	Twin trailer operations limited to designated system. Permit required for access to terminals and other qualified activities.	
OVERHANG	3' front, 6' rear beyond the front or rear most of the vehicle	

EXEMPTIONS

Fire apparatus, road machinery, farm vehicles, including farm tractors, temporarily moved upon a highway, any vehicle owned and operated by the Rhode Island Transit Authority which is designed for carrying passengers and is comprised of two sections permanently joined by a hinge mechanism or an articulated joint which allows vertical and horizontal movement and a passage for riders moving from one section to another.

A pole trailer, when transporting poles, or pipes, or structural material which cannot be dismantled is exempt as long as no pole or other material exceeds 80' in length.
Must obey posted bridge limits.

Permit Limits**ROUTINE ISSUE**

The department makes decisions on every vehicle that exceeds the legal limit.

Gross weight:

5 Axles	Determined by spacing, weight and routing.
6 Axles	Determined by spacing, weight and routing.
7 Axles	Determined by spacing, weight and routing.
8 Axles	Determined by spacing, weight and routing.

Length:

No set maximum. Determined by routes and dimensions.

Width:

No set maximum. Determined by routes and dimensions.

Height:

No set maximum. Determined by routes and dimensions.

PERMITS VALID FOR

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

ACCEPTABLE PERMIT FORMAT

The permit must be carried in the permitted vehicle at time of operation.

EXTENSIONS/REVISIONS

No extensions or revisions.

OPERATING TIME

One-half hour before sunrise until one-half hour after sunset. No travel from 7:00-am - 9:00pm and 3:00pm - 7:00 pm without prior approval. Night travel is allowed upon request or mandatory for certain large loads.

WEEKEND TRAVEL

No travel allowed without prior approval.

LIFT AXLES

Lift axles are considered legal, but must be a full weight bearing axle must be used when equipped and carrying any load

DIVISIBLE LOADS

Annual permits are issued for loads which could be reduced with the following limits.

Number of Axles	Maximum Allowable Weight
3 - Single Unit	76,650
3 - Tractor - Semi Trailer	62,000
4 - Single Unit	76,650
4 - Tractor - Semi Trailer	87,000
5+ - Tractor - Semi Trailer	104,800

Permit restriction list is located at: <http://www.dot.ri.gov/travel/truckrestrictions.php>

EXCEPTIONS

Dozers/Construction Equipment are considered a non-divisible load. Blades, buckets and counterweights do not have to be removed.

SELF-PROPELLED EQUIPMENT

SP Cranes have same rules as a standard single trip non-divisible load. They may also use a blanket permit if they meet all the blanket construction equipment permit requirements. 55-80 ft long, 25,000 per axle or less, 12'4" wide or less, 13'6" high or less, and 130,000 gross or less.

INTERMODAL

Must be legal.

MANUFACTURED HOUSING/MOBILE HOMES

Manufactured housing/mobile homes have same rules as a standard single trip non-divisible load.

Types of Permits**Single Trip Permit**

Permits are issued for one specific move only.

Single Trip - \$44.50

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Blanket Permit

Blanket permits are issued for construction equipment movement only. Max dimensions are 12'4 wide, minimum 55'- 80' maximum long, 25,000 lbs. per axle, 130,000 lbs. maximum, and 6 or more axles. No travel 7:00am-9:00am or 3:00pm-7:00pm. Good for 1 year from date of purchase. 12' wide and over requires 1 escort. Fee: \$412.00

Divisible Load Permit

Rhode Island registered vehicles, the fee is reflected in the registration fee. Out-of-state registered vehicles are as follows: Fee: \$12.00

Trailers - \$100

Trucks - 2,3, or 4 axles \$50 per 1,000 lbs. over legal limit, maximum of \$1,500 for 76,650.

Tractors - \$50 per 1,000 lbs. over legal limit maximum of \$1,250 for 104,800 lbs.

Transfer fee - \$10, permit expires on March 31.

INFORMATION NEEDED TO ORDER A PERMIT

Load description, overall dimensions, routing, axle spacings, number of tires and the estimated load distribution of each axle along with additional information as required.

Escorts

Escort vehicle requirements will be generally the same on both 4-or more-lane divided highways and on 2-lane roads on the designated system.

When Escorts Are Needed:

#Escorts

On 2-Lane Highways:

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| • <u>Width</u> 12' up to 13'6" | 1 |
| • <u>Width</u> over 13'6" up to 15' | 2 |
| • <u>Width</u> over 15' - Handled as special case | |
| • <u>Length</u> over 80' up to 95' | 1 |
| • <u>Length</u> over 95' up to 120' | 2 |
| • <u>Length</u> over 120' - Handled as special case | |
| • <u>Height</u> 13'7" or more may require a height pole | |
| • <u>Height</u> over 14' - requires a height survey - May require escorts on a case by case basis | |
| • <u>Overhang</u> of 15' to 25' | 1 |
| • <u>Overhang</u> over 25' | 2 |
| • <u>Weight</u> over 200,000 lbs - Handled as special case | |

Special requirements for the Newport Bridge and Mt. Hope Bridge - permits must be obtained from the Turnpike and Bridge Authority.

A route survey may be required for any permit over legal height. Permits over 13'6" on non interstate routes typically require a survey. Any permit of 14' or higher will require a survey. A survey is required anytime RIDOT deems it necessary for reviewer.

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VEHICLE REQUIREMENTS

Escort vehicles will be at least the size of a compact car or larger. The drivers of escorts will maintain visual and two-way radio contact at all times.

Escort vehicles shall have yellow lights in operation above the highest point of the vehicle and be visible from the front and rear. Escort vehicles will also travel with low beam headlights on at all times.

Signs, Flags, Lights

SIGNS

Wording for the signs will be "Oversize Load". For the load vehicle the sign will not be less than 7' long and 18" high. The letters must be black on yellow background. The letters must be at least 10" high with 1-1/4" brush strokes. A sign will be placed on the front of the load vehicle and on the end of the load.

The location of the sign for escort vehicle will be front or rear of vehicle as appropriate.

FLAGS

All warning flags will be either red or orange fluorescent and at least 18" square. It must be clean enough to distinguish the color of the flag from a reasonable distance.

Overwidth vehicles require at least two flags and up to six flags to be mounted at the widest extremity of the load.

Overlength vehicles require one or two flags depending on the width of the load. If the load is less than 2' wide, one flag is required, greater than 2' requires two flags, one on each corner of the load.

Less than 2' of overhang requires one flag; greater than 2' of overhang, two flags required, one on each corner. Overhang in excess of 4' requires two flags, one on each corner.

LIGHTS

No special lighting is required however load vehicles will travel with low beam headlights on at all times.

In special cases a surety bond is to be furnished to the Department in lieu of adequate liability insurance.

When there is a possibility that a move may damage highway facilities, the applicant will be required to deposit a certified check or other security in an amount determined by the Department.

Insurance

Must carry minimum insurance of \$750/500/10 for all ICC carriers.

Weigh Stations

US 6 at Scituate EB,WB
I-24 Tiverton at Bridge N & S
I-95 in Richmond, exit 3 near Hope Valley N & S rest areas
RI 146 North Smithfield, N. of RI 104 N & S
I-295 at Lincoln between rest area and RI 146 NB,SB

Restricted Travel

No travel is allowed when road conditions, weather conditions, or visibility makes traveling hazardous.

No permitted loads are allowed for travel during curfew hours of 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 am and 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 pm

Veterans Memorial Parkway - East Providence - No motor vehicles with a gross weight exceeding 2 tons except vehicles of the fire department, police vehicles, corrections vehicles, ambulances, emergency vehicles, state vehicles, municipal vehicles, vehicles of the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority, marked school transportation vehicles and delivery vehicles whose destination is on said parkway, shall be allowed to travel this parkway.

More restrictions may be found at <http://webserver.rilin.state.ri.us/Statutes/TITLE31/31-25/INDEX.HTM>

Permits for Newport and Mt. Hope Bridges available from Turnpike and Bridge Authority.

Permit weight restriction list is located at: <http://www.dot.ri.gov/travel/truckrestrictions.php>

States have requirements for commercially hauled watercraft. If transporting a boat to Washington, Oregon, Idaho, or Montana. Carriers must call 1-844-311-4873 before traveling. A commercial trucking company, or hauler, may be held legally responsible for violations of state law and the federal Lacey Act if a company driver is intercepted hauling a vessel infested with quagga or zebra mussels. Boat brokers may also be held liable if the broker contracts with an independent contractor to haul a contaminated watercraft across state lines.
<https://www.westernais.org/callbeforeyouhaul>

SPRING WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS

No restrictions.

Holidays

Travel is prohibited on the following holidays:

New Year's Day
Memorial Day
Independence Day

Victory Day
Labor Day
Columbus Day

Veteran's Day
Thanksgiving Day
Christmas Day

If a holiday falls on Sunday, the following Monday is also restricted as a holiday. If the holiday falls on Saturday, the previous Friday is restricted as a holiday after 12:00 noon. If a holiday falls during the week, travel is allowed up to 12:00 noon on the day before the holiday.

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

Fines

Any owner/operator found deviating from the approved permitted routes shall be fined not more than \$1000. Any carrier operating a vehicle or combination of vehicles that exceed the weight limits of multiple axle vehicles or exceeds the weight limits of 22,400 single axle limits shall be fined \$125. Operating in excess of 104,000 lbs. the fine will be \$1025.00.

Super Loads

200,000 lbs. and over considered a super load. Each trip is reviewed individually to determine whether it is a super load or not, depends on routes, etc. A route survey may be required. Basic information needed will be axle weights, spacings and routes. Information can be phoned or faxed into the office.

Over 200,000 lbs. an outside engineering firm must survey the routes and do a full analysis of all structures.

Allow at least 5 days for approval.

For more information please contact:

Comdata

(800) 749-7174

To obtain and order permits from Comdata please call:

(800) 749-7166

