



Vermont  
Agency of Transportation  
Commercial Vehicle Operations  
120 State Street  
Montpelier, Vermont 05603

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HOURS: 7:45 A.M.-4:30 P.M.  
**EASTERN TIME**

Legal Limits	INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS	ALL OTHER ROADS
Weights:		
Single	20,000	22,400
Tandem	34,000	36,000
Tridum	Bridge formula 8' between 2 of 3 axles	54,000 No 2 axles can support more than 42,000 lbs.
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	46'	46'
Semi-trailer	68' /75' 41' kingpin setting applies. Must be equipped with rear bumper protection.	68'/75' overall/53' trailer*
	* See exception for Route 4 in Permit Types or Restrictions sections.	
Twins	28'	28'
Autotransporters	75' stingers	65'
Rocky mtn. doubles	Not allowed	Not allowed
Turnpike doubles	Not allowed	Not allowed
Triples	Not allowed	Not allowed
Saddlemounts	60"	Two in tow
<b>TOLERANCE</b>	5% on axles, none for interstate	
<b>TIRE WIDTH</b>	600 lbs. per inch width.	
<b>ACCESS</b>	One mile.	
<b>OVERHANG</b>	Rear overhang cannot exceed 1/3 total vehicle length.	
<b>EXEMPTIONS</b>	NA	

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

Single	Depends on destination, tire size and load description. Each case is looked at individually.
Tandem	Each case is looked at individually.
Tridum	Each case is looked at individually.
Quad	Each case is looked at individually.

Gross weight: 150,000 lbs. or more requires an engineering study. No vehicle or combination of vehicles shall be operated on the highways of this state when the gross weight on the road surface through any wheel thereof exceeds 600 lbs. per inch width of tire.

The gross weight allowable shall be governed by the tires and axles, other than the front or steering axles.

**Length:**

100' or more will require an engineering study.

**Width:**

15' or more requires engineering study

Height: Over 14' are limited to short distances. The clearance of facilities and general safety of the traveling public are the governing factors in issuing overheight permits.

If load exceeds any of these dimensions or weights, refer to the section on Super Loads. Permits are issued for loads having an origin or destination in the state or if travel through the state cannot be avoided.

**PERMITS VALID FOR**

Single trip permits are valid for seven (7) working days.

**ACCEPTABLE PERMIT FORMAT**

Permit must be carried in the vehicle at the time of operation.

**EXTENSIONS/REVISIONS**

In the event that the trip is not started within the two week period, an extension may be granted under certain circumstances. No refunds are made for permits issued but not used.

**OPERATING TIME**

One-half hour before sunrise and one-half hour after sunset. Vehicles which are overweight only and are capable of traveling with the traffic flow are not restricted to daylight travel time.

**WEEKEND TRAVEL**

No weekend travel if load exceeds 10'6" wide, 100' long, or 108,000 lbs.

**LIFT AXLES**

Lift axles may be used in computation of weight.

**DIVISIBLE LOADS**

Permits shall not be issued covering loads that can reasonably be reduced to legal dimensions. All loads must be reduced to the absolute minimum.

**EXCEPTIONS**

Euclids, tournarockers, dumpsters, etc., traveling on a permit shall carry no load except parts or accessories pertaining to themselves. Blades, buckets, etc., can remain attached.

Length limits shall not be construed to prevent the operation of so-called pole dinkeys or pole semitrailers when being used to support the ends of poles, timbers, pipes, or structural members capable, generally, of sustaining themselves as beams between the supporting connections, the overall length of which may exceed 75 feet under special permission from the commissioner of motor vehicles.

**SELF-PROPELLED EQUIPMENT**

Permits may be issued for the movement of extra heavy equipment such as draglines, shovels, etc., when such movements are directly across the highway or for short distances along the highway.

**INTERMODAL**

Must be legal.

**MANUFACTURED HOUSING/MOBILE HOMES**

All over legal size trailers shall be towed by equipment acceptable to the Agency of Transportation. Minimum size vehicle is a GVW not less than 24,000 lb. truck with dual wheels. Requirements for 12' and 14' wide mobile homes, in addition to the aforementioned, include a flashing amber light required on cab roof of the towing vehicle as well as on the pilot car.

Types of Permits	Single Trip	Overlength only	\$34						
		All Others	\$48						
May be issued to cover a single trip or a trip which will be completed by return to departure point within 2 weeks and the exact same routing is used. Where return to a departure point will exceed the 2 week limit, a new permit is required.									
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<b>Excess Weight Permit</b>									
3-axle trucks with a single steering axle and rear tandem axles (both powered and braked), with a maximum gross weight of not more than 60,000 lbs. Must be registered for 55,000 lbs. Fee is \$187.00									
4-axle trucks with a single steering axle and rear tri-axle unit (two axles of the tri-axle unit powered and braked), with a maximum gross weight of not more than 69,000 lbs. Must be registered for 60,000 lbs. Fee is \$422.00									

4-axle tractor semi-trailer combination with a maximum gross weight of not more than 72,000 lbs. provided the distance between the second axle of the tractor and the rear axle of the trailer is at least 24 feet, measured to the nearest foot. For each foot or fraction of a foot less than 24 feet measured to the nearest foot, a reduction of 2,000 lbs. in the maximum weight shall be made. Fee is \$18.00

5 or more axle tractor semi-trailer or truck trailer combination with a maximum gross weight of not more than 76,000 lbs. provided that the distance between the first and last axle of two consecutive sets of tandem axles is at least 24 feet measured to the nearest foot. For each foot or fraction of a foot less than 24 feet measured to the nearest foot, a reduction of 2,000 lbs. in the maximum gross weight shall be made. Fee is \$18.00

90,000 lbs. - A minimum of 51 feet between the first and last axle is required for a 5-axle combination and a minimum of 43 feet between centers of the first and last axle group is required for a 6-axle combination, and a minimum of 34 feet between the first and last axle is required for a 7-axle combination. Fee is \$458.00

99,000 lbs. PERMITS require at least six load-bearing axles and 51 feet between the centers of the extreme axles. Fee is \$671.00

Truck or truck tractor shall be registered for the maximum legal load for its class allowed on the state highway system.

Motor vehicle unit shall be equipped with adequate brakes on all wheels, and the maximum load on any vehicle axle shall not exceed a gross weight of 600 lbs. per inch of tire width computed in conformity with the manufacturer's designated width.

Tractor and trailer combination must be legal length and width. The maximums are 75 feet long and 8 feet 6 inches in total width, or the trailer may not exceed 53 feet.

A truck owner with a permit may upgrade through the purchase of additional permits by paying the difference in fees for each permit rather than the full permit fee for each permit. Permits with a lesser weight for the same vehicle or combination of vehicles may be purchased for an administrative fee of \$10.00 each.

Permits of this type are transferable only if you have relinquished ownership of the original permitted vehicle. A \$5.00 transfer fee will be required.

#### **INFORMATION NEEDED TO ORDER A PERMIT**

Description of vehicle and the load, applicant name and address, tractor information, weight, number of axles, Vermont fuel number (if applicable), trailer information, gross weight, overall dimensions, empty width/length, original origin, final destination and routes.

Overlength vehicles will need a diagram showing overhang dimensions, location of pivot points and axles. Overheight will need a letter from all utilities involved. Overweight will need a diagram showing axle spacing, tire size and weight distribution. Origin and destination must indicate street name or number of closest intersection if the trip begins or ends in Vermont.

**Escorts****When Escorts Are Needed:**

On 2-Lane Roads with traffic in both directions  
OR

On Multi-lane divided highways with 2 or more lanes in each direction with shoulders:

- Width of 12' or more

**# Escorts**

1 Front (+1 Rear if Interstate)

• <u>Length</u> of 80' or more	1 Front (+1 Rear if Interstate)
• <u>Overhang</u> of 15' or more (1/3 of length)	1 Front (+1 Rear if Interstate)
• <u>Large</u> or hazardous moves (Police escort may also be required)	2 (Front & Rear)

Convoy operation: There shall be a minimum spacing of 1,000' between permitted vehicles.

## VEHICLE REQUIREMENTS

Escort vehicles must be at least the size of a compact car or larger and shall maintain visual and two-way radio contact with permitted vehicle at all times. When one escort is required, it shall precede a load on 2-lane highways and follow the load on 4-lane highways.

Escorts must be equipped with a flashing amber light above the highest point of the vehicle visible from the front and rear with appropriate signs. Escorts preceding an oversized load shall have a sign on the front of the car and a pilot car following shall have a sign on the rear of the car. These signs must be at least 5' long and 12" high, reading "Oversized Load".

### Signs & Flags

#### SIGNS

Signs are required on loads over 8'6" wide and over 68' long or 13'6" high. Signs shall be at least 7' long by 18" high, with 10" high black letters and 11/4" brush strokes on a yellow background and shall be made of durable material that will not be affected by rain. Signs shall read "Oversized Load". Signs must be securely attached to front and rear of load or vehicle.

All signs must be covered or removed when not hauling an oversize load.

#### FLAGS

Required on all oversize loads. The flag must be bright or fluorescent red or orange and have a minimum size of 18"x 18". They shall be displayed on all four corner (or as close as practicable) of all loads or vehicles that exceed the legal dimensions except vehicles that are sixty-eight feet (68') to seventy-two feet (72') on the Truck Network or permit. Flags shall be in such condition as to be easily distinguished from a reasonable distance. All warning flags shall be secured by at least one corner or mounted on a staff.

1. Overwidth loads - At least four (4) flags mounted at the corners of the vehicle if the vehicle is oversize and at the corners of the load if the load is oversize. In cases of irregular shaped loads, such additional flags as may be necessary to mark the widest extremities of the load.
2. Overlength loads or loads with rear or front end overhang in excess of four feet (4') shall display one flag at the end of the overhang if less than two feet (2') wide and two (2) flags if the overhang is two feet (2') wide or more.
3. Commercial motor vehicles operating in interstate and intrastate commerce as defined in 49 CFR 309.5; Such vehicles must have lights installed and operable on the projecting loads as required by 49 CFR 393.11 Footnotes 9 & 10.

### Insurance

If the load to be hauled is required to have a survey prior to issuance of a permit a special certificate of insurance showing a minimum of \$250,000 for death or injury to a person, \$500,000 for death or injury to two or more persons and property damage.

**Weigh Stations**

US 4 Fairhaven

**Restricted Travel**

Travel is restricted in the city of Rutland from 7:00-9:00 A.M. and 3:00-6:00 P.M. Monday through Friday. All other restrictions will be noted on permit. Permits will not be issued for movements of loads in excess of 108,000 lbs., or over 10'6" wide, or 100' long, Saturday or Sundays and between Memorial Day and Labor Day.

If transporting a boat to Washington, Oregon, Idaho, or Montana. Carriers must call 1-844-311-4873 before traveling. <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:**

*Burlington*

**SPRING WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS**

Roads may be posted for reduced weight during spring thaw.

**Holidays**

Travel is prohibited on the following holidays:

New Year's Day

Independence Day

Labor Day

Memorial Day

Veteran's Day

Thanksgiving Day (& day after)

Columbus Day

President's Day

Christmas Day

Martin Luther King Day

The State Permit Office will be closed on the above mentioned holidays as well as Town Meeting Day, Bennington Battle Day, but travel will not be restricted on these additional days.

**Fines**

If false information is provided in order to obtain a permit, the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles Department revoke any permit issued and the applicant's privilege to obtain a permit for a period of time.

2,501 - 5,000 lbs. overweight	=	\$ 15.00 for each 1,000 lbs. or portion of
5,001 - 10,000 lbs. overweight	=	30.00 for each 1,000 lbs. or portion of
10,001 - 15,000 lbs. overweight	=	45.00 for each 1,000 lbs. or portion of
15,001 - 20,000 lbs. overweight	=	60.00 for each 1,000 lbs. or portion of
20,001 - 25,000 lbs. overweight	=	90.00 for each 1,000 lbs. or portion of
25,001 - And over	=	150.00 for each 1,000 lbs. or portion of

Upon a second conviction of a violation occurring within one year the fine will increase by 5%. Upon a third conviction of a violation occurring within 1 year, add 10%. Upon a fourth or subsequent conviction occurring within 1 year, add 15%.

**Super Loads**

Engineering studies are required for :

Width - 15' or more except on town highways  
Length - 100' or more except on town highways  
Height - 14' or more except on town highways  
Weight -150,000 lbs. or more except on town highways

Drawings are required showing the load, configurations of equipment and axle weights and spacings .

Allow at least ten (10) working days for processing.

Engineering Study Fees:

\$300 - Prefabricated Home  
\$800 - Overdimension Only and weight less than 150,000 lbs.  
\$2,000 - Weight of 150,000 lbs. up to and including 200,000 lbs.  
\$5,000 - Weight of 200,001 lbs. up to and including 250,000 lbs.  
\$10,000 - Weight of 250,001 lbs. and over

A \$48.00 permit fee will be charged for each order submitted with the survey.  
Surveys requiring over 8 hours to process will be charged \$60.00 for each additional hour.

The study must be completed prior to the permit being issued.

**For more information please contact:**

**Comdata**

**(800) 749-7174**

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

**(800) 749-7166**

