



West Virginia
 Department of Transportation
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HOURS: 7:30 A.M.-4:00 P.M.
EASTERN TIME

Legal Limits	DESIGNATED HIGHWAYS	ALL OTHER ROADS
Weight:		
Single	20,000	20,000
Tandem	34,000	34,000
Tridem	42,500	42,500
Gross weight	80,000	80,000 or 65,000
	<i>Federal Bridge Formula applies.</i>	
Width:	8'6"	8' 8'6" on highways with lane width 10' or more
Height:	13'6"	13'6"
Length:		
Single unit, buses	40'	40'
Semi-trailer	48"	60' overall
Twins/doubles	28'6"	Not allowed
Autotransporters	65'	60' or 55'
Rocky mtn. doubles	Not allowed	Not allowed
Turnpike doubles	Not allowed	Not allowed
Triples	Not allowed	Not allowed
Saddlemounts	75'	65'
	3 units maximum	3 units maximum
*Except where semi-trailers have an axle spacing of not more than 37' between the rear axle of the truck tractor and the front axle of the semi-trailer, such trailer shall be allowed to be not more than 53' in length.		
TOLERANCE	10%. Off designated network	
TIRE WIDTH	Not applicable.	
ACCESS	2 miles off route for food, repairs, etc.	
OVERHANG	3' front, 6' rear.	

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EXEMPTIONS

Fire apparatus, road machinery or implements of husbandry (only when traveling from one section of the equipment owner's farm to another section of his farm), including farm tractors, temporarily moved upon a highway. Poles, pipes or structural materials up to 80' long hauled on a pole trailer or extendable.

Permit Limits

ROUTINE ISSUE

Weight:

Single	28,000
Tandem	60,000
Tridum	70,000
Quad	80,000

Gross weight:

5 Axles	104,000
6 Axles	120,000
7 Axles	120,000
8 Axles	120,000

Excess of 120,000 lbs. or extreme weight on any axle grouping is considered a super load and requires a bridge analysis.

Length:

No maximum set for vehicles operating overlength, depends on the load and routes.

Width:

No maximum. Depends on analysis and routes

Height:

No limit

Overhang:

15' front, 30' rear

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

PERMITS VALID FOR

Single trip permits are issued for five (5) working days. Seven (7) days for Mobile Homes only.

ACCEPTABLE PERMIT FORMAT

A driver may display permit in paper or digital/electronic form.

EXTENSIONS/REVISIONS

No permit is transferable. May be revised for dates of travel, tractor and trailer license number.

OPERATING TIME

Travel for oversize vehicles which are 14'0" wide or less and any length, height, or weight (except for loads approved with low impact) are allowed on all routes (when requested), except West Virginia Turnpike, from sunrise to sunset, seven days a week. If over 14'0" wide, travel authorized Monday - Friday Sunrise to Sunset.

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Nighttime travel allowed for loads coming in West Virginia from an adjacent state that requires night travel. All escorts are required to be replaced by police escorts when traveling at night. Requests for the Turnpike will be considered on an individual basis.

Travel for vehicles that are overweight up to and including 110,000 pounds but not oversize (when requested) is allowed 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Overweight vehicles exceeding 110,000 pounds can travel from sunrise to sunset, Monday through Friday.

Mobile Homes up to and including 14'0" wide can move from sunrise to sunset, Monday through Friday and sunrise until noon on Saturday. Mobile homes greater than 14'0" wide up to and including 16'0" wide can move sunrise to sunset, Monday through Thursday and sunrise until 3:00pm on Friday. Mobile Homes greater than 16'0" wide are not allowed.

WEEKEND TRAVEL

On all routes, except WV Turnpike, loads not exceeding 14' wide are granted weekend travel upon request.

The WV Turnpike allows weekend travel if load does not exceed 14' wide, 14'6" high, 95' long or 110,000 lbs GVW. If over these dimensions the following travel times must be followed:

14'1" - 18'0" wide - Sunrise to Sunset, Monday - Thursday

18'1" - 24'6" wide - Sundays only before noon

Width greater than 24'7" - Limited approval due to toll plaza limitations

Travel for vehicles that are overweight up to and including 110,000 pounds but not oversize is allowed 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Overweight vehicles exceeding 110,000 pounds can travel from sunrise to sunset, Monday through Friday.

Routes which cannot safely accommodate the above dimensions or weights may be rerouted or denied or have more restrictive travel times.

Mobile Homes up to and including 14'0" wide can move from sunrise to sunset, Monday through Friday and sunrise until noon on Saturday. Mobile homes greater than 14'0" wide up to and including 16'0" wide can move sunrise to sunset, Monday through Thursday and sunrise until 3:00pm on Friday. Mobile Homes greater than 16'0" wide are not allowed.

Weekend travel, when allowed is given upon request. Haulers should note on their application if they desire weekend travel.

LIFT AXLES

If the lift axle is 40' or less from the drive axle, it is not considered a part of the grouping. The lift axle has to be the same width as all the other axles; wheels must be equipped with brakes.

DIVISIBLE LOADS

Property transported under a permit shall be loaded to reduce a minimum the excess over statutory size or gross weight limitations, an oversize vehicle used for transporting loads under a permit shall be reduced to statutory size limitations if practicable when being operated without load.

EXCEPTIONS

Blades, buckets, counterweights, etc., must be removed, if width exceeds 12' wide.

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SELF-PROPELLED EQUIPMENT

Travel through the state is permitted without an "M" plate, but if equipment does work in the state it requires an "M" plate (an "M" plate is for self-propelled equipment only). If the vehicle is already registered in another state it won't need to be registered in West Virginia.

INTERMODAL

Maximum gross weight allowed is 90,000 lbs. with a single axle limit of 28,000 lbs., tandem axle limit of 45,000 lbs., and tridem axle limit of 50,000 lbs. Must be a sealed ocean going container. Annual permits are \$150.00 for 1- 15 permits. \$15.00 for each additional permit. Not vehicle or route specific.

Single trip permits are \$20.00 plus \$.04 per ton mile.

MANUFACTURED HOUSING/MOBILE HOMES

Movement for 16' wide mobile homes restricted to travel Monday through Thursday and until 3:00PM on Friday. Homes up to 14' wide can travel until 12:00 noon on Saturday. Permits are valid for 10 days.

Mobile homes are limited to 110' overall length. The mobile home is not to exceed 80'. The maximum width for a mobile home is 16' and the maximum height is 15'6".

All mobile homes shall be constructed with a 3-axle undercarriage equipped with three complete sets of brakes. 10-ply tires 8-14.5 minimum size are required. A spare wheel and tire must be carrier at all times.

All mobile homes shall be equipped with brakes adequate to control the movement of and to stop and hold the vehicle. Said brakes shall be so designed that they can be conveniently applied by the driver of the towing vehicle, and said brakes shall be so designed and connected that in case of an accidental breakaway of the towed mobile home, the brakes shall be automatically applied.

No permit will be issued unless there is submitted with the application a certificate from any reputable and solvent insurance company providing liability insurance in the amount of \$100,000 for each person, \$300,000 for each accident and property damage insurance in the amount of \$50,000.

Types of Permits

Blanket Permit

Oversize	\$200
Oversize/Overweight	\$500
Mobile Home (14' wide or less)	\$200

Single Trip Permit

Non-divisible Overweight Loads

Single Trip - \$20 = \$.04 per ton mile. Basic fee of \$20 covers any and/or all overdimensions.

Overdimensional Loads and Vehicles

Single Trip - Vehicular loads \$20 basic fee.

Low Impact Monitoring

\$150 for first bridge, \$100 for second bridge, and \$50 for each additional bridge up to a maximum of \$750. Permit monitors may be assigned in certain situations, with their fees determined on a case by case basis.

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INFORMATION NEEDED TO ORDER A PERMIT

A detailed description of the vehicle and its registration, axle spacings and weights, and measurements, a detailed description of the proposed load including the manufacturer's name and model number of any equipment being transported. The particular portion of the highway or the specific point of crossing of the highway for which the permit to operate is requested.

If hauling construction equipment, need to provide description of what has been removed to reduce this load to its lowest possible shipping weight, origin and destination, the routes to be travelled, the dimensions of the load and the overall dimensions including weights.

Escorts

When Escorts Are Needed:

Certified Escorts

On 2-Lane Highways:

● <u>Width</u> 10'6" - 12'	1 Front
● <u>Width</u> 12'1" - 14'	2 (Front & Rear)
● <u>Width</u> 14'1 - 15' *	2 (Front & 1 Rear)
● <u>Width</u> 15'1 - 16'	3 (2 Front & 1 Rear)
● <u>Width</u> 16' and over ***	As required by permit
● <u>Length</u> 75' - 95'	1 Rear
● <u>Length</u> 95' and over	2 (Front & Rear)
● <u>Overhang</u> over 10'	1
● <u>Height</u> over 15'	1 Front w/pole

On 4 or More Lane Highways:

● <u>Width</u> 12'1" - 14'	1 Rear
● <u>Width</u> 14'1 - 15' *	2 (Front & Rear)
● <u>Width</u> 15'1 - 16'	2 (1 Front & 1 Rear)
● <u>Width</u> 16' and over ***	As required by permit
● <u>Length</u> over 95'	1 Rear
● <u>Length</u> over 100'	2 (Front & Rear)
● <u>Overhang</u> over 10'	1
● <u>Height</u> over 15'	1 Front w/pole

Mobile Homes:

● <u>Width</u> up to and including 12' - 2 lane highways	1 Front
● <u>Width</u> over 12 - expressways and/or interstate hwy.	1 Rear
● <u>Width</u> over 12' on all other highways	2 (Front & Rear)
● <u>Width</u> over 16' (plus law enforcement on 2 lanes w/opposing traffic)	3

* Districts and Parkway may require additional escort or time restrictions

** West Virginia Parkway Authority: Loads greater than 16' wide must be able to clear 2'9" high concrete barriers.

*** Loads greater than 16' wide many only travel on Sunday mornings until noon.

VEHICLE REQUIREMENTS

The escort vehicle must weight more than 2,000 pounds and have a manufacturer's gross weight rating less than 26,001 pounds and must be properly licensed. Identification signs or placards showing the name of the company or the owner or driver of the escort vehicle shall be displayed on the escort vehicle in a conspicuous place on both the right and left side. The signs shall be at least 8" by 12" and shall contain the telephone number of the owner or driver plainly legible and visible to the motoring public.

All escort vehicles must be equipped with the following equipment:

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A rotating or strobe amber yellow plastic, acrylic or glass covered flashing light which is visible from at least 500 feet and has a horizontal placement which is visible from all directions 360 degrees.

Shall display bumper mounted or roof mounted yellow 5' x 12" signs reading "Oversize Load" with black letters 10 inches high, 1-1/2 inch wide brush stroke, which must be visible from front or rear.

Two flags, red or safety orange, a minimum of 18" square in size, shall be mounted at a 40 to 70 degree angle on the escort vehicle's roof rack or flags may be mounted on all four corners of the vehicle.

All for-hire escort vehicles shall contain the following miscellaneous equipment:

A CB radio, or any other two way communication device with the permitted load; two 5 lb. fire extinguisher (type a-b-c); a slow sign with a handle with the word "STOP" on one side and "SLOW" on the other of not less than 18" in diameter with 6" letters suitable for directing traffic; a safety orange vest, shirt or jacket; a red hand held flag 18" in size; 2 oversize load banners, yellow with black lettering; three reflecting triangles or 18" traffic cones.

SIGNS

"Oversize Load" must be written on the sign. The sign must be at least 18" high and between 6' and 8' long. The height of the letters shall be 10" in black on yellow background. However, approved color combination or wording of other states will be permitted when trip originated outside West Virginia.

The signs shall be placed on the towing and escort vehicles and also placed at the rear of the trailer.

Insurance

Bonds or securities may be deemed necessary to compensate for any injury to such foundation, surface, bridge, ect. Must carry minimum insurance of \$750/500/10 for all ICC carriers.

Weigh Stations

US 33 Jct. US 219/250 W. edge of Elkins
I-64 Winfield between Hurricane and Winfield exits W. of Winfield M.M. 38
I-70 Wheeling 3 miles E. of Wheeling EB
I-77 Parkersburg 8 miles S. of Parkersburg at Mineral Wells NB, SB
I-77 WV Turnpike M.M. 18
I-79 Morganstown at rest area M.M. 141 NB, SB
I-81 Martinsburg between exits 16 and 20 N. or Martinsburg
I-81 Martinsburg rest area N. and S. temporary POE

Restricted Travel

Drivers may be restricted on travel by reason of determination; rain, snow, or other climatic conditions.

WV Turnpike - Operating Time & Weekend Travel on page 3

West Virginia Turnpike Travel Cut off Times (P.M.):

Charleston to Princeton or	Princeton to Beckley/North Beckley
Princeton to Charleston	or Beckley/North Beckley to Charleston
Jan 4:00	4:30
Feb 4:30	5:00
Mar 5:30	6:00
Apr 6:30	7:00
May 7:00	7:30
Jun 8:00	8:00

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Jul	8:00	8:00
Aug	8:00	8:00
Sep	7:00	7:30
Oct	6:00	6:30
Nov	4:30	5:00
Dec	4:00	4:30

Drivers going in or out of the following ports WILL BE required to have a Transportation Workers Identification Card (TWIC) issued by the Transportation Safety Administration:

Huntington

SPRING WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS

On secondary highways only, generally from January through April, limited to a 90-day period within one year. When spring weight restrictions are in effect, posted weights apply.

Holidays

Travel is prohibited on the following holidays:

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

The State Permit Office will be closed on the above mentioned holidays as well as Martin Luther King Day, President's Day, Primary Election, West Virginia Day, Columbus Day, General Election Day, Veterans Day, and the day after Thanksgiving. Travel will not be restricted on these additional days.

Fines

OVERDIMENSION ONLY: Maximum \$100 for first offense, up to \$200 for second offense in the same year, and up to \$500 for more than two offenses in the same year.

OVERWEIGHT FINES:

1 to 4,000 lbs. overweight \$ 20	21,001 to 22,000 lbs. overweight \$ 550
4,001 to 5,000 lbs. overweight \$ 25	22,001 to 23,000 lbs. overweight \$ 575
5,001 to 6,000 lbs. overweight \$ 60	23,001 to 24,000 lbs. overweight \$ 600
6,001 to 7,000 lbs. overweight \$ 70	24,001 to 25,000 lbs. overweight \$ 625
7,001 to 8,000 lbs. overweight \$ 80	25,001 to 26,000 lbs. overweight \$ 780
8,001 to 9,000 lbs. overweight \$ 90	26,001 to 27,000 lbs. overweight \$ 810
9,001 to 10,000 lbs. overweight \$ 100	27,001 to 28,000 lbs. overweight \$ 840
10,001 to 11,000 lbs. overweight \$ 165	28,001 to 29,000 lbs. overweight \$ 870
11,001 to 12,000 lbs. overweight \$ 180	29,001 to 30,000 lbs. overweight \$ 900
12,001 to 13,000 lbs. overweight \$ 195	30,001 to 40,000 lbs. overweight \$ 1,200
13,001 to 14,000 lbs. overweight \$ 210	40,001 to 50,000 lbs. overweight \$ 1,400
14,001 to 15,000 lbs. overweight \$ 225	50,001 and over \$ 1,600
15,001 to 16,000 lbs. overweight \$ 320	
16,001 to 17,000 lbs. overweight \$ 340	
17,001 to 18,000 lbs. overweight \$ 360	
18,001 to 19,000 lbs. overweight \$ 380	
19,001 to 20,000 lbs. overweight \$ 400	
20,001 to 21,000 lbs. overweight \$ 525	

Fines are calculated beginning at legal weight. Operators may be fined for either over axle or over gross, whichever produces the greater fine. Drivers may be given time to shift load to avoid an over axle citation.

Super Loads

Super loads are considered anything that exceeds 120,000 lbs. gross, 45,000 lbs. on a tandem, or 50,000 lbs. on a tridem or more. Loads less than 200,000 lbs. will generally be issued within 2 days.

For more information please contact:

Comdata

(800) 749-7174

To obtain and order permits from Comdata please call:

(800) 749-7166