



Wisconsin
Department of Transportation
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Madison, Wisconsin 53705

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HOURS: 8:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M.
CENTRAL TIME

Legal Limits	DESIGNATED HIGHWAYS	ALL OTHER ROADS
Weight:		
Single	20,000 - Straight truck 13,000 - Steering axle semi-tractor	13,000 steering axle
Tandem	34,000	34,000
Tridem	37,000 - w/7' of spacing	37,000
Gross weight	80,000	80,000
	<i>Federal Bridge Formula applies.</i>	
Width:	8'6"	8'6"
Height:	13'6"	13'6"
Length:		
Single unit, buses	45'	45'
Semi-trailer	53'	48'
Provided distance between kingpin and center rearmost axle group is 43'		
Twins/doubles	28'6"	Not allowed
Autotransporters	66' can exceed if semi-trailer does not exceed 48' plus overhang.	66' plus the overhang
Rocky mtn. doubles	Not allowed	Not allowed
Turnpike doubles	Not allowed	Not allowed
Triples	Not allowed	Not allowed
Saddlemounts	75'	-
TOLERANCE	None.	
TIRE WIDTH	Not applicable.	
ACCESS	5 mile access allowed from designated highway system.	
OVERHANG	3' front, 4' rear. After 4' a flag is required. Night time travel requires a light	

EXEMPTIONS

Farm tractors exceeding 12' in width and all other farm machinery and implements of husbandry exceeding 8'6" in width not being operated in the course of performance of its work may be moved, towed or hauled over the highway without special permit between one-half hour before sunrise to sunset on Monday through Thursday, and one-half hour before sunrise until 2:00 P.M. on Friday. Such overwidth machinery shall not be moved on any Wisconsin highway which is part of the National System of Interstate Highways without a special permit.

Permit Limits**ROUTINE ISSUE**

Weight:

Single	20,000
Tandem	65,000
Tridem	81,000
Quad	90,000

Gross weight:

5 Axles	100,000	Depends on spacing and vehicle configuration.
6 Axles	166,000	Depends on spacing and vehicle configuration.
7 Axles	182,000	Depends on spacing and vehicle configuration.
8 Axles	191,000	Depends on spacing and vehicle configuration.

Length:

Mobile home	80'	110' overall length
Single	50'	
Mobile crane	60'	
Tractor/Trailer	160'	

Width:

Interstate

16'

Mobile homes

16' (Some exceptions)

Height:

No limit.

A permit will not be issued for a vehicle and load exceeding 100' in overall length when the rear supporting axle or axles are at or near the rear of the load unless the rear support is steerable and steered.

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

PERMITS VALID FOR

Single trip permits are valid for five (5) consecutive days. May get a return trip if requested at the time of application. Permits may be ordered 5 days in advance of start date.

ACCEPTABLE PERMIT FORMAT

The driver of a vehicle operating under a permit shall carry the permit in the vehicle to which it applies and shall have the permit available for inspection by any police officer, representative of the issuing authority, or any person in charge of the maintenance of the highway being used.

EXTENSIONS/REVISIONS

Extensions will be granted if made in writing and within 3 working days of original expiration date, and must accompany the original permit. Fee is \$10.00 for oversize. \$10 for overweight + weight fee.

OPERATING TIME

Vehicles that are overweight only, unless specified otherwise in the permit, may operate 24 hours a day, including weekends and holidays.

If size does not exceed 12'00" wide, 13'06" high or 150'00" long, the vehicle does not have any restrictions, unless specified on permits, in all counties with exception of:

In Columbia, Dane, Milwaukee, Rock, and Waukesha county, the vehicle may not operate:

- Between 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. on summer Fridays and year round Sundays.
- Between 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. on any evening before the holiday and on the day of the holiday, except if July 3rd falls on a Saturday.
- Unless other hours are specified on the permit.

If size is greater than 12'00" wide, 13'06" high or 150'00" long, the vehicle may not be operate:

- Between 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. on summer Fridays
- After noon Saturday until sunrise Sunday.
- Between 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. on Sundays.
- Noon the day before a holiday until sunrise the day after the holiday.
- During the hours of darkness.
- Unless other hours are specified on the permit.

*Holidays with restricted travel times are New Years Day, Easter Weekend (Saturday & Sunday), Memorial Day weekend (Saturday, Sunday, & Monday), Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Opening and closing of Gun Deer Season, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Years Eve.

WEEKEND TRAVEL

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LIFT AXLES

Lift axles are allowed - no specific requirements. Weight-bearing axles have to be down in order to be counted and they must carry 8% of the gross weight.

DIVISIBLE LOADS

Permits shall not be issued nor valid for the transporting of loads or articles which could reasonably be divided in such a manner as to allow transporting of the loads or articles in two or more loads which would not exceed statutory size and weight limits, nor shall permits be issued or valid for transporting of more than one article if the vehicle and load exceed statutory weight limits. This prohibits, among other things, the addition of extra bucket, boom sections and so forth to a load being transported under a permit issued for an overweight vehicle and load.

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

EXCEPTIONS

If reasonably removable it must be removed. If it is part of the equipment it can be hauled with the load, as long as it does not cause overweight.

SELF-PROPELLED EQUIPMENT

Single or annual permit may be issued for self-propelled. No single axle may exceed 35,000 lbs., steer cannot exceed 20,000 lbs.

INTERMODAL

This permit is for the transportation of a sealed load. "Sealed load" means a load of commodities or products, being transported in a vehicle or container, which has been sealed with a tamper evident seal affixed at the time of initial loading. The load must be in transport as a stage in international trade. Issued for weights 80,001 to 90,000 lbs. Vehicle or vehicle combination must have a minimum of six axles.

Size Limitations - Vehicle & Load:

Width 8'6"

Height 13'6"

Length - Single Vehicle 45', truck/trailer combination 70', tractor/trailer combination 75'.

Single Trip Permit Valid 5 Days - \$30.00

Multi Trip Permits - Fees are calculated from the effective day of the permit, not the calendar months. (Example: 9/5 to 11/20 - greater than 2 months to the day, but less than 3 months, would be calculated as 3 months.)

Months	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3
90,000lbs.	\$300	\$290	\$265	\$240	\$215	\$190	\$165	\$140	\$115	\$90

MANUFACTURED HOUSING/MOBILE HOMES

All towing units, when transporting a mobile home or modular building section over 8' wide and all escort vehicles accompanying the movement of such towed units shall have at least one and preferably two (2) yellow flashing or revolving warning lights mounted above the cab.

Such flashers shall be mounted so as to be not less than 8' above the road and shall be visible to the front. When two (2) lights are provided, they shall be mounted at the same level, shall be separated laterally as much as possible, and shall flash spontaneously.

Mobile Home Permits

Issued only to licensed mobile home transporter companies and licensed mobile home manufacturers and dealers over highways in the ordinary course of their business. The vehicle towing a mobile home greater than 8' wide, but less than 12', shall be a truck of not less than 16,000 lbs. It must be equipped with dual wheels on the drive axle and the minimum tire size shall be 10-ply, 8:25 x 20. If the home is over 12' wide, the truck should not weigh less than 19,200 lbs. Length of home not to exceed 80', maximum overall length is 110'.

Single Trip Permits

For units not more than 12' wide or having a combined length of not more than 85', including the towing vehicle, permits are valid for movement only on weekdays from sunrise to sunset, except that they are not valid beginning at 12:00 noon on the day preceding and continuing until sunrise on the day following every holiday as defined herein.

Single trip permits for units over 12' wide, regardless of length are valid only:

a.) For movements between sunrise and 4:00 P.M. and between 6:00 P.M. and sunset on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and between sunrise and 4:00 P.M. on Fridays, except as set forth in paragraph (b) following, and except that they are not valid for the period beginning 12:00 noon on the day preceding and continuing until sunrise on the day following every holiday.

b.) For movements between sunrise and 7:00 A.M. and between 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. in the following counties and urban areas:

Brown, Dane, Kenosha, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Racine, Rock and Waukesha counties.

Within 10 miles of the corporate limits of cities of Appleton, Ashland, Chippewa Falls,

Eau Claire (except on I-94), Fond du Lac, Hudson (except on I-90), Mantiwoc, Menasha, Neenah, Oshkosh, Sheboygan, Stevens Point (except on US 51), Superior, Two Rivers, Watertown, Wausau (except on US 51), West Bend, Whitewater and Wisconsin Rapids.

Types of Permits

Single Trip Permit

Each permit is good for a single trip, including the return trip with the permitted load and may include the movement of the empty vehicle, whether or not oversized or overweight. Permit is valid for a maximum period of two weeks. Permits may be extended for a period of not more than two weeks. All permits are limited to one extension. Expired permits which have not previously been extended may be reinstated upon request in writing, provided the request is made no more than 3 days after the date of expiration. Single trip permits may be issued for the transportation of a vehicle or dealer to purchaser or dealer or for the purpose of repair.

SINGLE TRIP FEE CHART

Overlength only \$ 15

Overweight includes any overdimension:

0 - 90,000 lbs.	\$ 20
90,001 - 100,000 lbs.	\$ 35
100,001 - 110,000 lbs.	\$ 45
110,001 - 120,000 lbs.	\$ 55
120,001 - 130,000 lbs.	\$ 65
130,001 - 140,000 lbs.	\$ 75
140,001 - 150,000 lbs.	\$ 85
150,001 - lbs. and up	\$ 85 plus \$10.00 per 10,000 lbs or fraction thereof.

Overwidth or overheight	\$ 20
Overwidth and overheight or any combination	\$ 25
\$1.00 to \$1.50 credit card fee.	

Multiple Trip Permits (3-12 Months)

Issued for non-divisible loads only.

Transportation under an annual permit includes the movement of the empty vehicle, whether or not oversize or overweight, to and from the place of pick-up or delivery of the permitted load. The gross load on either axle of a tandem axle vehicle under annual permit shall not exceed 60% of the total gross load on both axles of the tandem axle combination.

Trailer-Train Permits

May be issued for trailer trains that are not reasonably divisible for purposes of movement to or from vehicle manufacturing, maintenance, repair, staging or terminal facilities, and for the transporting of municipal refuse or waste. The overall length of the train of vehicles shall not exceed 100'.

Pole and Pipe Permit

Pole and pipe transportation will be issued only to public service corporations and pipeline companies or operators.

General Permit

Issued for the transportation of equipment or materials for specified construction or maintenance operations and for good cause in specified instances or periods for other special types of operations.

Industrial Inter-Plant Permits

The size limitation on vehicles which may be operated on a public highway under an industrial inter-plant will be determined in each particular instance by the commission.

Mobile Home Permits

Issued to licensed mobile home transport companies and licensed mobile home manufacturers and dealers, authorizing travel on all highways.

Emergency Energy Conservation Permit

Issued during a declared energy emergency, authorizing additional weight on all highways.

Raw Forest Products Permit

Authorizes transportation of logs, etc., at up to 112 - 1/2% of the Wisconsin bridge law limits, not to exceed 90,000 GVW. Valid on all highways except interstate system.

Grain, Coal or Iron Ore Permit

Authorizes transportation of additional weight or length of these commodities within five miles of the state line. Valid on all highways except the interstate.

Agricultural Transportation Emergency Permit

Authorizes additional weights of specified commodities during a declared emergency. Valid on all highways except the interstate.

Garbage or Refuse Permit

Authorizes transportation of additional weight or length of recyclable materials on all highways except the Interstate.

INFORMATION NEEDED TO ORDER A PERMIT

Vehicle type, make, number of axles, license number or VIN, state of registration, empty and loaded weight of both the towing and towed vehicles, load description, number of such articles, total weight of vehicle and load, width, height, length of load towing vehicle, towed vehicle and

combined vehicle and load, the number of tires and gross load of each axle, axle spacings, total gross weight of vehicles and load, highways to be used, origin and destination of both the loaded trip and return trip, requested date of movement, number of hours the load will be on the road, name and address of the owner of the power unit, name and address of the insurance company, the policy number and expiration date.

Escorts**When Escorts Are Needed:****#Escorts****On 2(-way) Lane Highways:**

• When any part of vehicle or load extends beyond the left of roadway centerline	1
• <u>Width</u> over 15' up to 16' (frequently)	1 Front
• On any highway designated by permit	1 or more
• When required on permit, a uniformed police officer and vehicle with the permittee paying charges for service	
• <u>Width</u> over 16'	1
• <u>Height</u> over 16'	1 Pole Car

On Multi-Lane Highways:

Same as for 2-lane highways, except:

• When any part of vehicle/load extends beyond the left of the right hand lane	1
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Mobile Homes:

• <u>Width</u> over 12' on certain highways	1
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Permittee must give prior notice to owners of overhead wires, cables or other facilities affected by an overheight load.

VEHICLE REQUIREMENTS

Escort vehicles shall be of a size and mobility approximating that of a type 1 automobile car or single unit truck and not weighing more than 16,000 lbs. The operator of an escort or towing vehicle must be over 18 years of age and shall have chauffeurs license issued to him and valid in Wisconsin. An escort vehicle shall have an "Oversize Load" sign mounted above the cab at the minimum height of 6' above the roadway to the bottom of the sign. Private escorts may be required for unusual conditions such as extremely winding or hilly roads or where traffic is very heavy. A separate escort is required for each load being transported.

Signs, Flags, Lights**SIGNS**

Loads over 10' wide shall display the following signs. The lettering on the signs shall be black on a yellow or amber background and shall have a height of not less than 10" and 1 -1/2" brush strokes. The sign shall be not less than 7' long and 18" high. The sign must say Oversize Load and be mounted on the roof of the escort vehicle.

FLAGS

Red flags not less than 18" square shall be fastened at each front corner of the towing unit, at each front corner of the load, at each rear corner of the load. The flags shall be mounted at a height of not less than 2' nor more than 6' above the roadway. In addition, a red flag shall be placed at the widest point of the load if more than 4" wider than the width of load or vehicle at the front or rear.

LIGHTS

An oversize vehicle, or a vehicle with an oversize load operating during the hours of darkness, shall be equipped with the following additional lamps:

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A: For a vehicle with a load which extends beyond the width of the vehicle
At the outermost extremity of the foremost edge of the projecting load, an amber lamp visible from the front and side

- At the outermost extremity of the rearmost edge of the projecting load, a red lamp visible from the rear and side
- Any portion of an overwidth load extending beyond the width of the foremost or rearmost edge of the vehicle or load shall be marked with an amber lamp visible from the front, both sides, and rear
- If the overwidth portion of a load measures 3 feet or less from the front to rear, that portion shall be marked with a amber lamp visible from the front, both sides and rear, except that if the overwidth projection is located at or near the rear it shall be marked by a red lamp visible from the front, both sides, and rear

B: For a vehicle with a load which extends more than 4 feet beyond the rear of the vehicle

- On each side of the projecting load, one red lamp visible from the side, located so as to indicate maximum overhang
- On the rear of the projecting load, 2 red lamps, visible from the rear, one at each side; and 2 red reflectors visible from the rear, one at each side, located so as to indicate maximum width

C: All required lamps shall be illuminated whenever a vehicle is operated during the hours of darkness

D: All lamps shall be visible at a distance of 500 feet

Insurance

Insurance may be required on file. Limits for loads 12' wide, 16' high or 75' long and does not exceed 120,000 GVW - \$50/100/25. All other loads are \$100/300/100 or \$600,000 CSL (Combined Single Limits). In addition \$200,000 casualty insurance will be required for loads in excess of 16' wide or 100' long, unless \$600,000 combined single life coverage is provided.

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

Weigh Stations

STATE OPERATED WEIGH FACILITIES

Scale	Highway	Telephone
Abrams	41 & 141	(920) 929-3700
Beloit	I39/90	(608) 846-8500
Coloma	I-39 MP 127	(715) 845-1143
Dickeyville	11, 35, & 151	(608) 748-4201
Hudson	I-94 MP 8	(715) 839-3800
Kenosha	I-94 MP 349.8	(262) 785-4700
Madison	I-90 MP 145.5	(608) 846-8500
Menomonie	I-94 MP 48.3	(715) 839-3800
Newton	I-43 MP 141	(920) 929-3700
Racine	I-94 MP 327.3	(262) 785-4700
Sparta	I-90 MP 22	(608) 374-0513
Superior	2 & 53	(715) 635-2141
Wrightstown	41 MP 153	(920) 929-3700

Restricted Travel

Flex Lane - Is a lane on the inside median shoulders used to provide an additional lane during peak travels. The flex lane is located on the beltline between the Whitney Way exit and I-39/90 interchange in Madison - US12/18 is commonly known as the beltline in Dane County.

- Trucks over five tons and vehicles pulling trailers are not allowed in the Flex Lane.
- Single trip permits greater than 10 wide are restricted from use of the lane that is directly adjacent to the flex lane located on HWY 12/18 in Dane County when the flex lane is actively open. This will now appear on your permits if traveling on US-12 in Madison.

If traveling on the Milwaukee expressway greater than legal width, height or length* the vehicle may not be operated (except U.S. Hwy 45 between West Florist Ave and West Hampton Ave and on Interstate 94 between Waukesha line and 108th St.):

No travel:

- Between 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. and between 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday.
- Between 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. Friday
- Between 3:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Friday and Sunday
- If over 12'01 wide, no travel after noon. Saturday
- Unless other hours are specified on the permit

*Maximum allowed dimensions on the Milwaukee expressway are 14'00" wide, 14'06" high or 150'00" long.
No limit for weight.

Police escort is required in Milwaukee if the load is over:

12' Wide

75' Long

13'6" High

Permit Cost:

\$117.00 w/o police escorts

\$277.00 w/ police escorts

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

Green Bay, Milwaukee

SPRING WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS

Restricted weights on certain highways from mid-March to mid-May.

Holidays

Travel is restricted on the following holidays:

New Year's Day

Labor Day

Memorial Day

Thanksgiving Day

Independence Day

Christmas Day

If a holiday falls on a Sunday, the following Monday is the holiday. If a holiday falls on a Saturday, the previous Friday is the holiday.

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

Fines

Alteration of a permit, false information given in the application, or failure to comply with conditions of a permit shall be just cause for the summary suspension upon notice, verbally or in writing, of the permit and for the suspension upon notice in writing, of other permits held by the permittee. Fees assigned by court are based on the weight violation and number of previous violations the company has had.

Overdimensional Only: For the first conviction in a year, the fine will range between \$ 50-\$ 200.

Overweight Fines: For the first conviction in a year, the fine will be plus costs, plus the following:

1 - 2,000 lbs. overweight	1 cent per pound
2,001 - 3,000	2 cents per pound
3,001 - 4,000	3 cents per pound
4,000 - 5,000	5 cents per pound
5,001 and over	7 cents per pound

For additional convictions in the same year, the fine will be \$100 plus costs, plus the following:

1 - 2,000 lbs. overweight	2 cent per pound
2,001 - 3,000	4 cents per pound
3,001 - 4,000	6 cents per pound
4,000 - 5,000	8 cents per pound
5,001 and over	10 cents per pound

Fines are assessed based on the permit weight. Operators may be fined for either over axle or over gross, whichever produces the greater fine. If overload does not exceed 1000 lbs., driver may shift the load and avoid penalty, or pay a \$50 penalty to continue to travel if he does not shift the load.

Super Loads

Loads exceeding 16' wide, 140' long and heavier than 130,000 lbs. may incur a fee to cover application review costs. If a fee of \$10 per district is assessed, then the maximum fee will still be \$10 even if load is both overweight and overdimensional. Must submit an application including axle weights and spacings. Super heavy loads will require diagrams.

Approval takes from one day to a week.

For more information please contact:

Comdata

(800) 749-7174

To obtain and order permits from Comdata please call:

(800) 749-7166