

STATE OF OHIO
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
LIMITATIONS/PROVISIONS ON THE USE OF A SPECIAL HAULING PERMIT
THIS IS A TWO-SIDED FORM AND MUST BE CARRIED IN IT'S ENTIRETY
GENERAL LIMITATIONS



1. The original copy of the Special Hauling Permit shall be in the possession of the driver at all times during the progress of transportation and will be shown on demand to any police officer, state highway patrolman, or load limit inspector employed by the State of Ohio. **OHIO SPECIAL HAULING PERMITS MAY NOT BE RETRANSMITTED.**
2. The permission granted restricts the movement of the vehicle(s) or object(s) to the highways specified, between the point designated, and within the time allotted. Permittee is responsible to check the route for abnormal, changed, or unknown conditions which may exist during any move. Permission to travel county or township roads, local streets not part of the State Route, or the Ohio Turnpike must be obtained from the proper authorities.
3. No vehicle(s) or object(s) being transported under a Special Hauling Permit shall be left parked on the roadway either day or night except in case of an emergency, in which case adequate protection shall be provided for the travelling public. The vehicle(s) shall not be loaded or unloaded within the limits of the highway.
4. The operator of the vehicle must comply with all laws, rules, or regulations covering the movement of traffic over highways and streets.
5. Special Hauling Permits will not generally be issued for built-up loads that are divisible into legal loads or loads that have not been loaded to the least overdimension or the least overweight. Miscellaneous items may, however, be transported on the same vehicle with an overdimension piece or pieces so long as the miscellaneous items do not add to the overdimension. It is not necessary to identify these miscellaneous items. If, in the event of an extenuating circumstance, a permit is issued for a divisible load in which two or more pieces add to the overdimension or overweight, such load will be adequately described.
6. A Special Hauling Permit is void at any time road, weather or traffic conditions make travel unsafe, as determined by the local State Highway Patrol Commander.
7. Movement of mobile homes, manufactured structures, office trailers, and park model recreational vehicles is prohibited when wind velocity exceeds 25 mph on the roadway or 15 mph on bridges.

OPERATING LIMITATIONS

1. No vehicle(s) or object(s) being transported under a Special Hauling Permit shall travel in convoy with any other oversize/overweight vehicle or vehicle and load. Every vehicle operating under a permit shall maintain a minimum spacing of 500' from all vehicles travelling in front and in the same lane as said vehicle whenever possible.
2. Every vehicle operating under a Special Hauling Permit shall, when travelling on freeways, expressways, multi-lane undivided highways, remain in the extreme right-hand lane of said highway except as necessary to maintain continuous through movement, to make left turns or exits or to pass other vehicles. Overwidth vehicles shall not pass other vehicles travelling in the same direction.
3. Any load with an overall height in excess of **14 feet 10 inches** shall be required to coordinate the move with the owners of all overhead signs, signals, utilities, etc., which may obstruct safe, clear movement.
4. Reductions in legal weight posted on roadways or bridges must be obeyed. Contact the Central Permit Office immediately if your route includes legal load reductions.

DAYS/HOURS OF OPERATION

1. Overweight vehicle/loads that are not overdimensional, travelling under the authority of a Special Hauling Permit, will not be restricted as to travel hours or days so long as the overweight vehicle/load can move without obstructing the normal flow of the traffic.
2. With the exception of permitted legal dimensioned overweight vehicle/loads noted in 1. above, vehicle/loads travelling under the authority of Special Hauling Permits shall be prohibited from movement on the following holidays/holiday weekends: **New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.** Holiday prohibitions begin at noon the day preceding and continue until one-half hour before sunrise the day following the holiday or holiday weekend.
3. Movement of all vehicles/loads in excess of **twelve feet** in width shall be prohibited within a **25 mile radius** of Cincinnati, Cleveland, and Columbus and within the corporate limits of Akron, Canton, Dayton, Lima, Toledo, and Youngstown between the hours of 6:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.
4. Movement of all vehicles/loads in excess of **twelve feet** in width shall be prohibited from 3:00 p.m. on any Saturday until one-half hour before sunrise on the following Sunday, and from 3:00 p.m. on any Sunday until one-half hour before sunrise on the following Monday. Furthermore, movement of all vehicles/loads in excess of **twelve feet** in width is prohibited from 3:00 p.m. on any Friday until one-half hour before sunrise the following Saturday during the period of April 1 through November 30. These time limitations are in addition to 2. and 3. above.
5. With the exception of limits noted in 1., 2., 3., and 4. above, permit vehicles and loads may move daylight hours, Sunday through Saturday. Daylight hours are defined as one-half hour before sunrise until one-half hour after sunset.

WARNING FLAGS AND SIGNS

1. Warning flags shall be 18 inches square, red or orange in color, in good repair and free of printing or other markings. Flags shall be securely fastened by at least one corner or securely mounted on a staff.
2. Warning flags shall be displayed on all overdimensioned vehicles and loads.
3. Overwidth vehicles and loads shall bear two flags at the widest extremities of the vehicle or load as well as one flag at each corner of the vehicle or load. Warning flags are not required to be displayed on the tractor.
4. Overlength vehicles and loads or vehicles and loads with a rear overhang of 4 feet or greater shall display a single flag at the extreme rear if the overlength or projecting part is two feet wide or less. Two flags shall be displayed if the overlength or projecting portion is wider than two feet and the flags should be located to indicate maximum width.
5. Warning signs, when required, shall read "**OVERSIZE LOAD**" and shall be at least 7 feet long and 18 inches high. The sign's background shall be yellow with black lettering. Letters shall be at least 10 inches high with a 1.41 inch brush stroke. If series E Modified is used, the brush stroke is to be two inches.
6. **OVERSIZE LOAD** signs shall be displayed on any vehicle or vehicle/load exceeding the maximum legal length limit as set in the Ohio Revised Code, section 5577.05.
7. **OVERSIZE LOAD** signs shall be displayed on any vehicle or vehicle/load with an overall width of 10 feet or greater.
8. **OVERSIZE LOAD** signs shall be displayed on any vehicle or vehicle/load with an overall height in excess of 14 feet 6 inches.
9. **OVERSIZE LOAD** signs, when required, shall be displayed on the front and rear of the overdimensioned vehicle or vehicle/load.

LIGHTING

1. **PERMITTED VEHICLE STANDARD LIGHTING** - All standard vehicle lighting must be in operating order; **THE HEADLIGHTS MUST BE ON DURING THE MOVEMENT OF ANY OVERDIMENSION VEHICLE OR VEHICLE AND LOAD.**
2. **PERMITTED VEHICLE SPECIAL LIGHTING** - Clearance and side marker lights, in addition to the standard lights required by law, need not mark the extremities of an oversize load unless it is specially authorized to move at night or when visibility is less than 1000 feet, in which case, the additional lighting shall be displayed in the manner described in the **OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS** section of the Special Hauling Permit **OPERATIONAL GUIDE.**

ESCORT VEHICLES

1. Escort vehicles, when required by a Special Hauling Permit to accompany an overdimensional or overweight vehicle or vehicle/load, shall be required to display a warning sign, yellow with black letters, reading "**OVERSIZE LOAD.**" The sign shall be 5 feet long by 12 inches high with 8 inch high letters. Escort vehicles shall also be required to maintain radio communication with the operator of the permitted vehicle and shall also be required to be equipped with a roof mounted amber flashing or rotating light(s). Driver of the escort vehicle is to act as a flagman when needed.
2. **One rear** escort vehicle shall be required for the transportation of any vehicle/load with an **overall length in excess of 90 feet.**
3. **One lead** (rear on multiple lane highways) escort vehicle shall be required for the transportation of any vehicle/load with an **overall width in excess of 13 feet.**
4. **One lead** escort vehicle equipped with a **height sensing device** shall be required for the transportation of any vehicle/load with an **overall height in excess of 14 feet 6 inches.**
5. **One lead and one rear** escort shall be required on any vehicle or vehicle/load with an **overall width in excess of 14 feet 6 inches.**
6. **One lead and one rear** escort shall be required on any vehicle or vehicle/load with an **overall height in excess of 14 feet 10 inches.**
7. If more than one of the conditions set forth in numbers 2. through 4. above are met, (for example, a load exceeding 13 feet in width and 90 feet in length) **two escorts** (one lead and one rear) shall be required.
8. Lead escort vehicle, when required, is to proceed 500 feet in advance of permit vehicle/load.
9. Rear escort vehicle, when required, is to follow 500 feet in back of permit vehicle/load.

PENALTY FOR VIOLATION

1. Non-compliance with the general or special provisions of a Special Hauling Permit, exceeding the weights or dimensions granted, or operating on dates or upon highways other than assigned shall render the permit null and void and the operator of the vehicle subject to arrest, as provided in sections 5577.02 to 5577.05 inclusive, of the Ohio Revised Code.

These limitations and provisions describe the general requirements placed on the operation of overdimension and overweight vehicles travelling on Ohio's highways, and are in addition to specific provisions stated on the permit or its attachments. **For reference or detailed information, please refer to the Special Hauling Permit Operational Guide or contact the Bureau of Permits and Communications.**