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Chapter 16

General Oversize Permit Provisions

OBTAINING OVERSIZE PERMITS

Before moving a vehicle or load, which exceeds legal dimensions as outlined in the Legal Vehicle Dimensions a permit must be obtained and carried in the vehicle for inspection by law enforcement personnel. Destroyed or illegible permits may be re-printed or replaced at any port of entry.

The appropriate permit for oversize vehicles and loads, including special mobile equipment, must be obtained prior to operating within the State of Utah, except when entering on I-15 (St. George) and I-80 (Echo and Wendover).

Note: These ports are located at the border and permits are available upon entry. If port of entry is closed permits may be purchased online, or contact the closest port of entry or the Motor Carrier Division. Contact information can be found in the Utah Agency Directory Section.

Permits may be purchased online at www.udot.utah.gov/public/mcs prior to entry. Permits may be purchased by major credit card and may be issued based on annual permit dimensions and weight, or on a single trip basis.

The following conditions must be met to obtain a permit:

- Be in compliance with all financial responsibility obligations as specified under [49 CFR 387, R909-1](#).
- Vehicle(s) must be properly registered. [UCA 41-1a-101](#)
- Driver(s) are properly licensed with appropriate endorsements.
- Must be in compliance with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs). [49 CFR Parts 382-399](#)
- Must be in compliance with the Hazardous Material Regulations (HMRs). [49 CFR Parts 171-180](#)
- Must be in compliance with all UCR requirements

LIABILITY OF PERMITTEE

The applicant or permittee, as a condition for obtaining an oversize permit, shall assume all responsibility for crashes, including injury to any persons or damage to public or private property caused by operations.

INDEMNITY CLAUSE

The applicant or permittee agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Department from any and all claims resulting directly or indirectly from the operation and/or transportation of vehicles or combination of vehicles operating under an oversize/overweight permit.

PERMIT REVOCATION, SUSPENSION AND CONFISCATION

Vehicles operating under an oversize/overweight permit shall not be operated in excess of the posted speed limit or the speed indicated on the permit, whichever is less. In no case shall a permitted movement proceed at a speed which shall endanger the safety of persons or property. Permits shall be subject to confiscation for speed violations.

Violation of the terms or conditions of an oversize/overweight permit, including but not limited to: speeding, lane travel, weather, load securement, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations, and/or Hazardous Material Regulations may result in the revocation, suspension, or confiscation of the permit. Before the vehicle can be moved, it must be made legal, properly permitted, and violations corrected.

Patterns of non-compliance at a company level may constitute action taken against the carrier's overall permit privileges and may result in additional civil penalties and an order to cease operations.

WEATHER TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS

[49 CFR 392.14](#)

Extreme caution in the operation of a commercial motor vehicle shall be exercised when hazardous conditions are present, such as those caused by snow, ice, sleet, fog, mist, rain, dust, or smoke, adversely affect visibility or traction. Speed shall be reduced when such conditions exist. If conditions become

sufficiently dangerous, the operation of the commercial motor vehicle shall be discontinued and shall not be resumed until the commercial motor vehicle can be safely operated. Whenever compliance with the foregoing provisions of this rule increases hazard to passengers, the commercial motor vehicle may be operated to the nearest point at which the safety of passengers is assured.

No carrier shall operate an LCV combination, with a combined trailer length in excess of 81 feet, when the following conditions exist:

- Wind in excess of 45 mph
- Snow and ice on the roadway
- Visibility less than 1,000 feet

When any of the above conditions exist the carrier may choose one of the following options:

- Cease operations until weather conditions improve
- Driver may drop a trailer at a safe location

Note: Leaving a trailer on the roadway including exit or entrance ramps is not permitted.

TRAVEL LANE RESTRICTIONS

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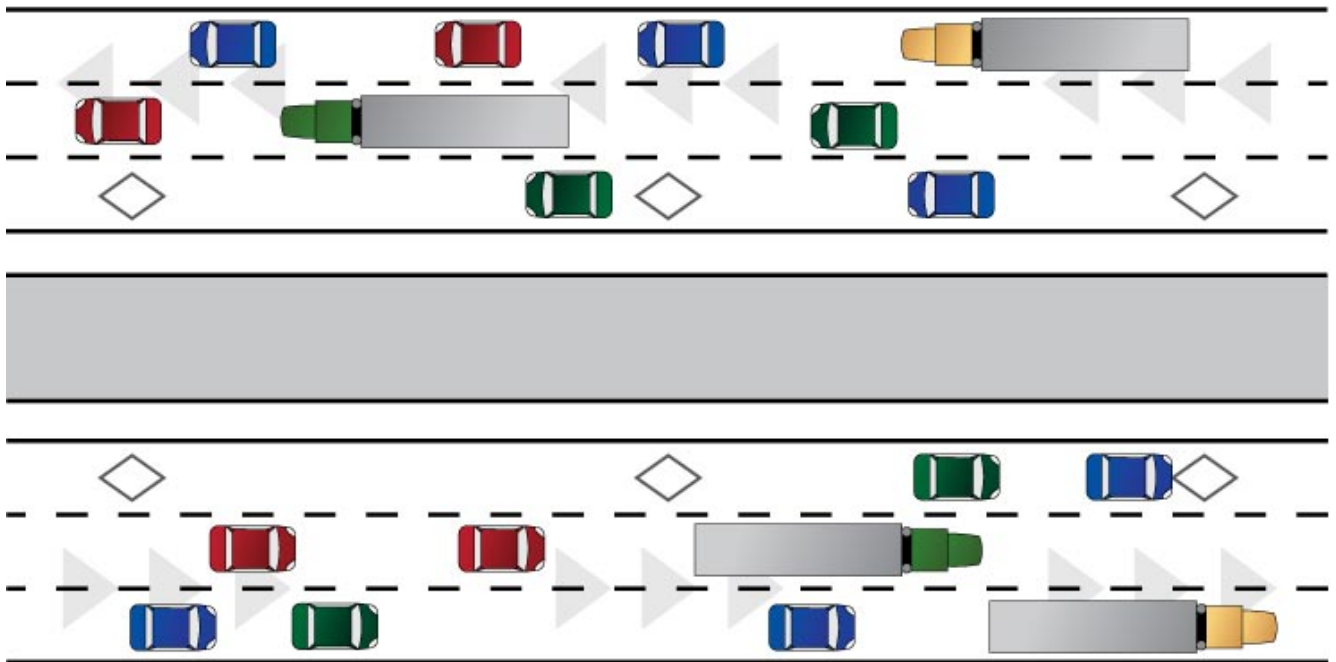
Left Lane Travel Restrictions

A person may not operate a vehicle in the left-most lane or High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes if:

- Vehicle is drawing a trailer or semi trailer regardless of size, or
- Vehicle or combination of vehicle has a gross vehicle weight of 12,001 or more pounds.
- Left most lane when three or more lanes exist in the direction of travel.

Right Lane Travel Restrictions

- Permitted non-divisible vehicles shall be driven in the right-most lane of traffic, except where the right lane must exit.
- When overtaking and passing another vehicle, permitted non-divisible vehicles shall be driven to the immediate left of the right-most lane returning to the right most lane as soon as feasible
- If right-most lane is designated as an "auxiliary" lane, vehicles shall operate in the center lane until the "auxiliary" lane ends.



CURFEW CONGESTION AREA TIMES AND RESTRICTIONS

General

Unless otherwise authorized by the Motor Carrier Division, travel is prohibited for loads in excess of 10' wide, 105' overall length, and 14' in height Monday thru Friday between 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. as well as 3:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. on the following highways:

- All highways south of Perry Interchange, I-15, Exit #357.
- All highways in Weber, Davis, and Salt Lake Counties.
- All highways north of Ironton Interchange, I-15, Exit #261
- SR 68, North of Mile Post 16 in Utah County.

[See map section.](#)

Holiday Travel

Travel is prohibited for loads in excess of 10' wide, 105' overall length, and 14' in height during the following holidays:

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

Travel is restricted on the above holidays as listed below:

- Monday Holiday Observance:

When the holiday is observed on a Monday, travel is prohibited from 2:00 p.m. on Friday until daylight on the Tuesday following the recognized holiday.

- Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday Holiday Observance:

When the holiday is observed on a Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, travel is prohibited from 2:00 p.m. on the day before the holiday until daylight the day after the holiday.

- Friday Holiday Observance:

When the holiday is observed on a Friday, travel is prohibited from 2:00 p.m. on Thursday until daylight on Monday following the recognized holiday.

Exception: The Motor Carrier Division may authorize exceptions to the above noted restrictions. This authorization may be granted by Division Administration or the Super Load Coordination Team based on mitigating circumstances.

Note: Daylight is defined as ½ hour before sunrise and ½ hour after sunset.

NIGHT TIME TRAVEL PROVISIONS

The Motor Carrier Division encourages the movement of oversize loads at night under the following conditions:

- Loads may not exceed 12' wide on secondary highways, 14' wide on interstates, and 14' high on all roadways.
- Loads exceeding 10' wide, 105' overall length, or 10' front and rear overhang are required to have one certified pilot/escort on interstate highways and two on all secondary highways.
- Loads exceeding 92' overall length are required to have proper lighting every 25', with amber lights to the front and sides of the load marking extreme width, and red to the rear.
- For non-divisible loads it may make more safety sense to allow nighttime movement to avoid heavy traffic delays and congestion. The Division may allow nighttime travel for these types of loads by contacting the Super Load Coordination Team at (801) 707-1027.
- Except as outlined above, all loads are restricted to daylight hours.
 - Daylight is defined as 1/2 hour before sunrise and 1/2 hour after sunset. For daylight hours chart visit http://aa.usno.navy.mil/data/docs/RS_OneDay.html.

Note: Nighttime travel authorization does not supersede adverse weather conditions.

VENDORS AND MANUFACTURERS

Vendors and manufacturers of trailers, special mobile equipment, or specialized vehicles and/or combination of vehicles, are urged to coordinate with the Motor Carrier Division before manufacturing, modifying or selling such equipment for use in this state.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For further information regarding General Oversize Permit Provisions contact the Motor Carrier Division at (801) 965-4892 or (866) 215-5399, or the closest Port of Entry. Contact information can be found by clicking on the Utah Agency Directory Section on the homepage or by emailing mccustomerservice@utah.gov.