SINGLE TRIP PERMIT GENERAL CONDITIONS

To Transport Non-divisible Loads Exceeding Statutory Size and/or Weight Limits

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The following conditions apply to operations under all single trip permits issued under s. 348.26(2) Wisconsin Statutes and Ch. Trans 254 Wisconsin Administrative Code, unless an exemption is specifically stated.

1. PERMIT VALIDITY. (1) A permit is valid only for the vehicle(s) described in the application and permit. (2) A permit is valid only on the route specified in the permit. (3) A permit may not be used in combination with a multiple trip permit to authorize the movement of an oversize or overweight vehicle, load, or vehicle and load.
2. PERMIT EXTENSION. A request for an extension may be made to the department at any time until the third day after the permit's expiration date. Permittee is allowed up to two extensions.
3. LOCAL ROADS. A permit issued by the department is valid only on State, U.S. and Interstate highways. Permittee is responsible for submitting an application to and obtaining permission from any applicable local road authority in the manner prescribed by the local authority, if so required.
4. VEHICLE COMBINATIONS. A permit may not authorize the operation of more than two vehicles in combination. This does not prohibit the use of dollies to support or assist in supporting one or both ends of a trailer.
5. ROADWAY LIMITATIONS. (1) An issuing authority may suspend a permit, or any of its conditions, because of seasonal highway conditions. Examples of seasonal highway conditions include spring thaw, flooding, traffic congestion, or incident. (2) A permit is not valid during periods when adverse weather or road conditions, such as fog, smoke, heavy rain, snow or ice, or wind velocity, impair the safety of a movement under the permit. (3) Notice of suspension will be posted to the department website and/or sent via email. See bottom of page two for complete website addresses.
6. POSTED ROADS AND BRIDGES. Permittee must comply with **all** posted road and bridge restrictions.
7. WIRES AND CABLES. When a vehicle operating under a permit is overheight, the permittee must give prior notice to the owners of overhead wires, cables or other facilities which may be affected.
8. OBSTRUCTIONS. Permittee must evaluate the route prior to the move to ensure the load will legally clear all vertical and horizontal obstructions along the route. Permittee must ensure the load is capable of making necessary maneuvers without damaging any private or government property, violating the rules of the road, or causing traffic delays. If any obstructions are identified and require temporary removal or adjustment, permittee must promptly notify WisDOT who will advise permittee of the appropriate agency to contact. If any moving violations are expected to occur, permittee must notify relevant law enforcement. Permittee is responsible for making necessary arrangements prior to the move. Permittee must pay all costs associated with removal, adjustment, replacement and any other accommodation required for any obstructions.
9. RETURN TRIP. A permit is valid for a return trip only if specified on the permit.
10. CARRY PERMIT. The driver of a vehicle operating under a permit must carry the permit in the vehicle to which it applies and must have the permit available for inspection by any police officer, representative of the issuing authority, or person in charge of the maintenance of the highway being used.
11. OPERATING REQUIREMENTS. (1) The driver of a vehicle operating under a permit must, whenever reasonable and practicable, maintain a distance of not less than 1,000 feet between the permitted vehicle and any vehicle the driver is following, unless actually engaged in overtaking and passing another vehicle. (2) The driver of a vehicle operating under a permit must allow traffic approaching or overtaking the permitted vehicle to pass, where it is safe to do so. (3) The right wheels of the towed unit may not leave the roadway, except to allow traffic to pass. A “roadway” does not include paved or unpaved shoulders.
12. SPEED RESTRICTION FOR LOADS 16 FEET OR WIDER. The maximum speed of any vehicle with a load 16 feet or wider operating on highways without paved shoulders must be 35 miles per hour.
13. LOADING LIMITATIONS. (1) Vehicles and loads which, when reasonably divided, would not be oversize or overweight, may not be transported under the permit. (2) Loads which, when reasonably repositioned on the transporting vehicle would not be oversize or overweight, may not be transported under the permit. (3) Loads consisting of more than one article, none of which are oversize, may not be transported under the permit. (4) Loads consisting of more than one article, one or more of which are oversize, may be transported under a permit only if (a) the vehicle and load is not overweight, and (b) the other articles transported do not cause the vehicle and load to be oversize in any manner differently from the largest single article. (5) The load must be properly secured and fastened to the transporting vehicle. (6) Wheels on one side of a transporting vehicle may not carry more than 60% of the total gross load.
14. LIGHTING. (1) All required lamps must be illuminated whenever a vehicle is operated during hours of darkness. (2) All lamps must be visible at a distance of 500 feet. (3) An oversize vehicle, or a vehicle with an oversize load operating during the hours of darkness, must be equipped with the following additional lamps:

    OVERWIDTH vehicle or vehicle/load: (a) At the outermost extremity of the foremost edge of the projecting load, an amber lamp visible from the front and side; (b) At the outermost extremity at the rearmost edge of the projecting load, a red lamp visible from the rear and side; (c) Any portion of an overwidth load extending beyond the width of the foremost or rearmost edge of the vehicle or load, must be marked with an amber lamp visible from the front, both sides, and rear; (d) The overwidth portion of a load measuring 3 feet or less from front to rear, must be marked with an amber lamp visible from the front, both sides and rear, except that if the overwidth projection is located at or near the rear, it must be marked by a red lamp visible from front, both sides and rear.

    OVERLENGTH vehicle or oversize load which extends more than 4 feet beyond the rear of the vehicle: (a) On each side of the projecting load, one red lamp, visible from the side, located so as to indicate maximum overhang; (b) On the rear of the projecting load, two red lamps, visible from the rear, one at each side and two red reflectors visible from the rear, one at each side, located so as to indicate maximum width.
15. WARNING LAMPS. When required by a permit, warning lamps must be operated as required by Ch. Trans 254.10(2) Wis. Admin. Code.
16. WARNING FLAGS. (1) When a vehicle, load, or vehicle and load is overlength, a single flag must be fastened at the extreme rear of the load if the overlength or projecting portion is 2 feet wide or less. (2) When a vehicle, load, or vehicle and load is overlength, two flags must be fastened at the rear of the load to indicate maximum width if the overlength or projecting portion is wider than 2 feet. (3) When a vehicle, load, or vehicle and load is overwidth, a flag must be fastened at each front and rear corner of the load. In addition, if any part of the load is more than 4 inches wider than the width of load or vehicle at the front or rear, a flag must be placed at the widest point of the load. (4) Each flag must be solid red or orange in color, and not less than 18 inches square. (5) In order to wave freely, flags must be securely fastened by at least one corner or securely mounted on a staff.
17. WARNING SIGNS. (1) When a vehicle, load, or vehicle and load, is more than 10 feet wide or is overlength, two warning signs must be displayed. One sign must be fastened at the front of the power unit and the other at either the rear of the towed unit or at the rear of the load. (2) Each sign must state, in black letters on a yellow background, “OVERSIZE LOAD,” and may not be less than 7 feet long and 18 inches high. The letters of the sign may not be less than 10 inches high with a brush stroke of not less than 1.4 inches. (3) The sign message may not be displayed when the vehicle is not operating under the permit.

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A vehicle escorting an oversize vehicle shall have an "OVERSIZE LOAD" sign mounted above the roof of the escort vehicle and above any equipment mounted on the vehicle which would obscure an approaching driver's clear view of the sign. The lettering on the sign shall be 10 inches high in black on a solid yellow or amber background and may not have a stroke width of less than 1.5 inches. The visible surface of the sign may not be less than 5 feet wide and 12 inches high. The sign shall be visible to traffic approaching from the front of an escort vehicle preceding a load. In the case of an escort vehicle operating to the rear of the load being transported, the sign shall be visible to traffic approaching from the rear. No sign message may be displayed to traffic when the escort vehicle is not escorting an oversize load.

18. DIMENSIONS. (1) The maximum size, axle, axle combination, and total weight limitations authorized by a permit may not be exceeded. (2) Property transported under a permit must be loaded to minimize its size and weight. (3) An oversize vehicle used for transporting loads under a permit must be reduced to legal size whenever possible when being operated without load. (4) A load transported under a permit may not extend beyond the front of the power unit, beyond the left fender line of the transporting vehicle, or more than 6 inches beyond the right fender of the transporting vehicle, unless the overhang is minimized by suitable positioning of the load upon the vehicle.
19. DISCRETIONARY AUTHORITY. An issuing authority may issue a permit for times other than those specified in Condition (25), under extraordinary circumstances when, in the opinion of the issuing authority, public health and welfare is better served, and may impose additional conditions to promote the safe operation of the vehicle and load.
20. ROUTE LIMITATIONS. (1) No permit allowing the dimensions of a vehicle or load to exceed 14 feet in width, 14.5 feet in height or 150 feet in length is valid on any part of the Milwaukee County Expressway system constructed pursuant to s. 59.965, Stats., except on Interstate Highway 41 between West Florist Avenue and West Hampton Avenue and on Interstate Highway 94 between the Waukesha county line and WI-100/Mayfair Road/108th Street. (2) Self-propelled, carry-all scrapers operating under a permit may not be operated on the interstate highway system or the Milwaukee County Expressway system.
21. VEHICLE REGISTRATION. (1) A vehicle operating under a permit must be registered as required by Wisconsin Statutes, and must be registered at not less than the permit weight or at the maximum available registration weight, whichever is less. (2) All other operational permits required by the department, the office of the commissioner of transportation, or other agencies having jurisdiction must be obtained.
22. LIABILITY. (1) In applying for and accepting a permit, a permittee agrees to: (a) pay any claim for any bodily injury or property damage resulting from operation under the permit for which the permittee is legally responsible; (b) hold the state, its subdivisions, officers, employees and agents harmless from any claim which may arise from operation over public highways under the permit. (2) Whether or not insurance, bond, or deposit as set forth in Ch. Trans 254.14(7) Wis. Admin. Code is required, the permittee must be liable for all damages which any highway or its appurtenances may sustain by reason of any operation under the permit.
23. LIABILITY INSURANCE. The following insurance amounts are required: (1) When the permitted load does not exceed 12 feet in width, 13.5 feet in height, or 100 feet in length and is not overweight by more than 25 percent:

    Bodily injury liability-each person..... $150,000
    Bodily injury liability-each accident $450,000
    Property damage liability-each accident $300,000
    OR $750,000 combined single limit

    (2) When the permitted load exceeds the size or weight limitations in par. (1):

    Bodily injury liability-each person $200,000
    Bodily injury liability-each accident.....$600,000
    Property damage liability-each accident.....$400,000
    OR $1,000,000 combined single limit
24. SUFFICIENCY. The department issued permit does not guarantee and the permittee cannot assume the sufficiency of any highway or structure for the transportation of the vehicle, load, or vehicle and load.
25. TIMES OF OPERATION.

OVERWEIGHT ONLY
Except as otherwise specified in a permit, a vehicle, load, or vehicle and load that is overweight, but not oversize, may operate 24 hours a day, including weekends and restricted-travel holidays.
IF SIZE DOES NOT EXCEED 12′00″ WIDE, 13′06″ HIGH OR 150′00″ LONG
Except as otherwise specified in a permit, no oversize vehicle or vehicle combination operating under a permit may be operated in Columbia, Dane, Milwaukee, Rock and Waukesha counties between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. on any of the following days: (1) Sunday; (2) Any Friday in the period beginning on the 4th Friday in May and ending on Labor Day; (3) Any restricted-travel holiday; (4) The day before any restricted-travel holiday, except July 3rd if that day falls on a Saturday.
IF SIZE IS GREATER THAN 12′00″ WIDE, 13′06″ HIGH OR 150′00″ LONG
Except as otherwise specified in a permit, no oversize vehicle or vehicle combination operating under a permit and that exceeds 12 feet in width, 13.5 feet in height, or 150 feet in length, may operate in any county: (1) During the hours of darkness; (2) During the period beginning at 12:00 noon on Saturday and continuing until sunrise on Sunday; (3) Between 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. on Sunday; (4) During the period beginning at 12:00 noon on the day preceding and continuing until sunrise on the day following every restricted-travel holiday.
MILWAUKEE COUNTY EXPRESSWAY
In addition to the limitations provided above, no oversize vehicle or vehicle combination may operate on any part of the Milwaukee County Expressway system constructed pursuant to s. 59.965, Stats., except on Interstate Highway 41 between West Florist Avenue and West Hampton Avenue and on Interstate Highway 94 between the Waukesha county line and WI-100/Mayfair Road/108th Street at the following days and times: (1) Monday through Thursday at the following times: (a) between 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. (b) between 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. (2) Friday between 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. (3) Friday or Sunday between 3:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.
MADISON BELTLINE
In addition to the limitations provided above, no oversize vehicle or vehicle combination may operate on the Madison Beltline (US-12 and US-18 between Verona Road and Stoughton Road) at the following days and times: (1) Monday through Friday at the following times: (a) between 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. (b) between 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

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