



**Wisconsin Department of Transportation**  
**Oversize Overweight Permit Unit**  
**Minimum Standards for Escort Vehicles**  
 Applies to all loads transported under permit except SM and MH permit types.



7/9/2018		Width of Load(up to Noted Width)													
		Legal(8'6)	9'	10'	11'	12'	13'	14'	15'	16'	17'	18'	19'	20'	>20'
Length of Load(up to Noted Length)	Legal(75')	Width <= 12 ft			Width > 12 ft and <= 15 ft			Width > 15 ft and <= 18 ft			Width > 18 ft and <= 20 ft		Width > 20 ft		
	80	No Escorts			No Escorts*			1 Private Escort*			1 Private Escort and 1 Law Enforcement*		2 Private and 2 Law Enforcement*		
	90														
	100	Length <= 140 feet			Length <= 110 feet			Length > 110'							
	110														
	120	Length > 140 ft and <= 160 ft			1 Private Escort*										
	130														
	140	Length > 160 ft and <= 200 ft			2 Private Escorts*										
	150														
	160	Length > 200 ft			2 Private Escorts and 1 Law Enforcement*										
	170														
	180														
	190														
	200														
	210														
	220														
225															
230															
240															
250															
>250															

**Note on weight:** Loads greater than 350,000 lbs shall have one Law Enforcement escort.

**Note on height:** Loads greater than 16-0" shall have a pole vehicle.

Pole vehicle shall be in addition to escort requirements above; however, the total number of private escorts including pole vehicle will not exceed two.

**Specialty lighting and flag requirements:** When transporting a load using Schnabel and/or dolly combinations so the load is carried or suspended between the tractor or jeep and the trailing equipment, and results in a combination where the load itself becomes the trailer, the following lighting and flagging standards must be followed. <https://wisconsindot.gov/Documents/dmv/com-drv-vehs/mtr-car-trkr/light-flag-req.pdf>

\* Additional escorts may be added based on route complexity and turns, and/or traffic conditions

SM Permit Escort Requirements

**Roof Width Measured at Bottom of Roof Line**

Between 12'01" and 16'00"- No escort required unless travelling on a highway listed on the From MV2740 "Escort Highways" [MV2740](#)

Greater than 16'00"-Private Escort(s) required: One behind on divided highways, one ahead and one behind on non-divided highways.

**Box Width Outside to Outside;No Exceptions for Protrusions**

Between 12'01" and 15'00"- No escort required unless travelling on a highway listed on the From MV2740 "Escort Highways" [MV2740](#)

Greater than 15'00"-Private Escort(s) required: One behind on divided highways, one ahead and one behind on non-divided highways.

MH Permit Escort Requirements

No Escort Required Unless

Travelling on a Highway listed on the Form MV2740"Escort Highways" [MV2740](#)

Any part of the vehicle or load extends beyond the left of the roadway centerline on 2-way roadways.

Any part of the vehicle or load extends beyond the left edge of the right lane on highways with more than 2 lanes.

If Escort is required, escort shall be One private; ahead on non-divided highways and behind on divided highways