

General Provisions for Oversize/Overweight Loads

These provisions are part of the permit. Movement of a load with the MnDOT permit means you acknowledge, understand, and accept the accuracy, operating conditions, and terms of the permit and provisions.

The State of Minnesota and the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) do not accept responsibility for the property, vehicles, or load of the permit holder. The permittee must adhere to the terms and conditions of the permit and must take all necessary precautions to ensure the safety of the traveling public, property owners, and the roadway infrastructure.

1. **License Plate; Motor Vehicle Registration; Tax Laws.** The MnDOT permit does not adjust the vehicle license registration. A permitted, over-legal weight vehicle must be properly licensed through the Office of Prorate for its total gross operating weight: 651-205-4141; or dvs.prorate@state.mn.us; or [Department of Public Safety](#).
2. **Electronic permits.** In lieu of a paper copy, an electronic copy of the permit may reside on a portable electronic device or smartphone if complete and legible.
3. **Annual Permit Routes (Trip Logs).** Permittee is required to route (trip log) each move in the Permit system when over-legal weight, or when exceeding 11 feet wide; or 14'6" high. Applicable permit types: Construction/Farm; Commercial Boat; Mobile Home; Mobile Crane; Baled Farm Products; Non-commercial boat.
4. **County and local roads.** Authorization for movement over streets and roads, other than state trunk, U.S. highways or the Interstate system, must be obtained from the local authorities having jurisdiction over those streets and roads. Please note that local road detours may require a permit from local agencies.
5. **Side Overhang.** Although centered loading is preferred, offset loading is permissible. When offset loading is necessary, most of the overhang should be on the right side of the vehicle as much as practical.
6. **Flags and Lights:** Red or orange 18-inch square flags are required when overhang extends more than 3 feet ahead of the front bumper or extends 4 feet beyond the rear of the vehicle, or when exceeding 9 feet wide. Flags should be securely fastened at the widest corners and extreme tips of the front or rear overhang. For vehicles exceeding 75 feet long, flags must be spaced no more than 20 feet apart along the underside of the load using red or orange 18-inch square flags. **At night**, lights are mandatory from ½ hour before sunset to ½ hour after sunrise and mounted at the required flag locations and shall be visible from 500 feet
7. **Signs:** OVERSIZE LOAD signs are required at the front and rear of the vehicle when exceeding 12 feet 6 inches wide; or 95 feet long. Signs must be lighted or of reflective material from ½ hour before sunset to ½ hour after sunrise and visible at least 500 feet.
8. **Escorts.** Certified pilot escorts are required under [M.S.169.812](#); [M.S.299D.085](#); [Chapter 7455](#). MnDOT may require additional escorts when deemed necessary to protect public safety or to ensure against undue damage to the road foundations, surfaces, or structures. The number and type of additional escorts required are

noted on the permit. Permittees are responsible for coordinating the required escorts as noted on the MnDOT permit.

9. **Posted Roads and Bridges.** Permittee must comply with all posted road and bridge restrictions.
10. **Rear Visibility Required.** The hauling vehicle must be equipped with mirrors or other technology that reflects or displays to the driver a view of the highway for a distance of at least 200 feet to the rear of the vehicle.
11. **Divisible Load:** as defined under [M.S.169.011](#) refers to a load, vehicle, or combination that can be reduced or positioned to comply with size and weight limits set by state law. If separating the vehicle or load into smaller parts would compromise it's intended use, destroy its value, or require more than eight work hours to dismantle using appropriate equipment, such load or vehicle(s) will be considered non-divisible/permissible.
12. **Restricted Travel.** In general, travel is not restricted. Exceptions include:

Travel Restrictions	Day/Time Restrictions	Load Restrictions
Rush Hour (Minneapolis/St Paul & Duluth)	No travel weekdays from 6:00am - 8:30am; 3:30pm - 6:00pm in the Twin Cities & Duluth metro	When exceeding 14 feet 6 inches wide; or 110 feet long, unless noted otherwise on the permit.
Night Travel Required	Travel restricted to 12:00am - 5:00am (<i>Monday thru Friday</i>) in the Twin Cities seven county metro	When exceeding 16 feet wide; or unless noted otherwise of the permit.
Weekends (between Memorial Day to Labor Day)	No travel statewide from 4:00pm to 8:00pm on (Fridays and Sundays)	When exceeding 12 feet 6 inches wide; or 110 feet long.
Holidays (see Holiday Schedule)	No travel statewide from 2:00pm the day before the holiday to 2:00am the day after the holiday	When exceeding 12 feet 6 inches wide; or 110 feet long.
Weather and Road Surface Conditions	Movement is prohibited	When weather or road conditions are hazardous, or when conditions prevent the vehicle from staying within its travel lane, or when visibility is less than 500 feet and insufficient to clearly see persons, vehicles, or objects on the roadway. Drivers monitor local weather reports and real time weather and road condition reports to assess conditions via MN 511 .

13. **Property and Right-of-Way.** The Permittee must obtain approval to alter property. The permittee is responsible for returning property to the same condition, or better, than it was prior to the move. All materials or supplies used to alter property must be removed from the highway and right-of-way immediately after the move.
14. **Liability for Damage.** The Permittee is responsible for damages as provided under [M.S.169.88](#).

Vehicles operating with a special permit must also comply with applicable state and federal regulations, including, but not limited to those found in M.S. Chapter 221, and Code of Federal Regulations, Title 49 Parts 382, 383, 387, and 390 – 397.

Note to Enforcement Agencies: Forward permit violations to MnDOT OSOW Permits; email: ofcvopermits.dot@state.mn.us