



1. Responsibility of Permittee

The permittee shall be knowledgeable and in compliance with all applicable California conditions, requirements, and laws for the use of the highway system and in particular movement of extralegal vehicles and/or loads.

Due to roadway construction and acts of nature of circumstances beyond control, restrictions may be imposed at any time. The permittee is responsible for verifying that all routes are clear to travel for their vehicle and load configuration.

For annual permit holders,

- It is required to have a dedicated e-mail accessible 24 hours per day and 7 days per week. Failure to have a valid working email address will void the annual permit.
- The weekly short-term restrictions are updated and emailed to the permittee on a weekly basis. Annual permit holders are allowed to carry and display the current weekly short-term restrictions in either printed or electronic form. The annual permit is not valid without this accompaniment, in addition to the other accompaniments listed on the permit. If the permittee does not receive the short-term restrictions via email, they may obtain a copy from [the Caltrans Permits website](#) and attach them to the annual permit. Contact the Caltrans Transportation Permits Office to verify and update permittee contact information.
- Travel on solid red and dashed red routes on the annual pilot car maps require a single trip permit. Annual permits are not valid on these routes.
- The permittee is responsible for timely renewal of the annual permit.

2. Possession of Permit

This permit shall be carried in the vehicle to which it refers at all times while the vehicle is within the highway limits. (California Vehicle Code (CVC), Section 35783)

3. Void Permits

This permit is null and void and hereby declared non-existent if:

- a. **ANY PORTION, PART OR SECTION IS ILLEGIBLE.**
- b. If used before or after the times and dates indicated.
- c. If any portion, part or section has been altered or if any attempt to alter is apparent.
- d. If used to represent proper authority for carrying a load and/or moving a vehicle which is not specifically described on the face of the permit.
- e. If used to represent proper authority for carrying a load and/or moving a vehicle by any company, not specifically named on the permit.
- f. If presented without the accompaniments specifically named on the face of the permit. Accompaniments must be within the driver's reach when seat belted in the driver's seat.

4. Permittee Agreement

Acceptance of this permit constitutes an agreement by the permittee to observe and comply with all of the general and specific conditions on the face of the permit and its accompaniments.

5. Verification

The use of this permit is prima facie evidence that the driver has checked the load and/or vehicle and knows it to be within the limits as set forth hereon and has verified the routing accuracy. The vehicle and/or load authorized under this permit is subject to inspection by representatives of the Department of Transportation.

6. Overhead Clearance

When height of load exceeds legal limit, it becomes the responsibility of the permittee to check



all underpasses, over-crossings, bridges, overhead wires or other structures for impaired vertical clearance and to arrange clearance or request alternate routing before commencing travel.

7. Liabilities

The permittee is responsible for all liability for injury to, or death of person, or damage to property which may occur through any act or omission of either the permittee or the State of California arising from the issuance of this permit. In the event any claim, suit or action is brought against the State of California, its officers, employees or agents thereof, by reason of, or in connection with any such act or omission, permittee shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the State, its officers, employees or agents from such claim, suit or action.

8. Repair of Damage

In accepting this permit, the permittee agrees to repair at his own expense and to the satisfaction of the District Director of Transportation, any damage to highway appurtenances or structures resulting from travel under this permit. Notwithstanding, work or repair may be done by Department of Transportation forces at the option of the District Director of Transportation, the cost to be borne by the permittee. In the event of damage to State highway facilities such as bridges, traffic signals, light standards and other appurtenances, a written report must be filed with the Department within 72 hours after such damage has been done. Failure to make this report will be considered cause for cancellation of all permit privileges pending a satisfactory arrangement with the Department for repair or replacement of the damaged facility.

9. Crash Reporting

Crashes occurring while operating under permit and requiring a report to the Department of Motor Vehicles under CVC Section 16000 shall also be reported to the Department of Transportation. A copy of the permit and crash report shall be mailed to Department of Transportation, 1120 N Street, Permits, Sacramento, 94274-0001 within 30 days of the date of the crash. Failure to mail these copies will be considered cause for cancellation of all permit privileges.

10. Reducible Loads

- a. This permit is issued for the movement of an "Extralegal Load" as defined in CVC. 320.5 when loaded at its least dimensions.
- b. This permit is automatically canceled if the permitted dimensions and weight can be reduced to legal limits by repositioning and/or practical removal of a part, portion, or unit therefrom.
- c. This permit does not authorize extralegal weight if the load can be repositioned to stay within legal axle or axle group weights authorized in CVC 35551 or 35551.5. If the load cannot be repositioned, the weights shown on the permit are authorized.
- d. Other items may be hauled in addition to the permitted item provided they do not exceed the dimensions of the vehicle or permitted item (whichever is greater) and the loaded vehicle is of legal axle and gross weights.
- e. Overheight permits shall not be issued for items transported on a conventional flat deck trailer unless the deck is needed to support a long fragile load or a long load that would cause unbalanced axle group weights.
- f. An extra legal self-propelled fixed load vehicle may tow a legal "Vehicle" with the following conditions:
 - The towed vehicle does not transfer weight to the towing vehicle
 - Maximum vehicle combination length 65' 0"
 - The self-propelled fixed load will not be close coupled to the towed trailer
 - The total gross weight imposed by the towed vehicle will not exceed 20,000 lbs.



“Vehicle” as defined in the California Vehicle Code (CVC) 670.

“Trailer” as defined in the California Vehicle Code (CVC) 630.

11. Moving In Inclement Weather

Movement shall not occur in snow, fog, rain or wind when visibility is restricted to less than 1,000 feet (304.8 meters). Movement is prohibited when road surfaces are hazardous due to rain, ice, snow or frost, or when use of tire chains is mandatory. In addition, manufactured housing shall not move when the velocity of the wind is such that it causes the vehicle being towed to whip or swerve from side-to-side or fail to follow substantially in the path of the towing vehicle.

Any crash caused by excessive wind or weather conditions shall be considered a prima facie violation of this condition. It is the permittee’s responsibility to check current highway conditions before travelling on the road. Please visit Caltrans website at the following link: <https://roads.dot.ca.gov> for the latest highway conditions or call 1-800-427-7623 (1-800-GAS-ROAD)

12. Lane Use

When practical, the vehicle shall be kept in the far right lane of the highway and shall not encroach on highway shoulders except where necessary to allow trailing traffic to pass.

13. Scales And Inspection Facilities

Every driver of an extralegal vehicle or permitted load when operating on a state highway shall be subject to CVC. 2813 and shall stop at all operational scales and inspection facilities.

14. Moving In Convoy

Movement in convoy shall not be permitted unless specified on the face of this permit.

15. Towing Disabled Permit Vehicles

Disabled extralegal vehicles or extralegal combinations of vehicles, whose movement is authorized by a transportation permit, or any disabled legal vehicle or legal combination of vehicles which because of damage has incurred distortion in width or height thereby causing an excess in legal dimensions may only be moved at the direction of a peace officer. Disabled overweight permit vehicles/loads shall only be authorized movement by a peace officer to a point where the highway has been safely cleared. Movement of the permit vehicle/load beyond this point shall be completed under the authority of a City, County or State transportation permit, whichever is applicable. Single trip permits for towing permit vehicles shall require reduction of the disabled combinations to the least dimension possible.

16. Tires

Tires on permitted vehicles shall comply with the California Code of Regulations Title 13, commencing with Section 1085 of Article 14. Permitted axle or axle group weights shall not exceed the rated capacity marked on the tire sidewall.

17. Vehicle Manufacturer’s Recommendations

By using a transportation permit for the transport of extra-legal loads issued by the California Department of Transportation, the hauler is responsible for complying with all the vehicle manufacturer’s recommendations and assumes all liability.

18. Curfew Maps

Permit movement of loads and/or vehicles over 10 feet in width are not authorized Monday



through Friday on State highways in the shaded area on the Curfew Maps during the hours indicated.

19. Warning Signs and Flags

All loads/vehicles over 8'-6" in width, 80 feet in length or more than 10 feet of overhang shall display warning signs. Signs shall be posted on the front and rear of the vehicle or on the front of the lead vehicle and the rear of the back trailer with multi-vehicle combinations. Signs shall have black letters on a yellow background and comply with Section 502.9 of the Departments "Transportation Permit Manual". Flags shall comply with Section 25104 of the CVC.

20. Movement During Darkness

"Darkness" is defined in Section 280 of the CVC as being "...any time from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise...". Reference to "sunset" and/or "sunrise" on the permit includes this one-half hour grace period before and after sunrise and sunset.