

Indiana Department of Revenue  
**General Provisions of an  
 Oversize/Overweight Vehicle Permit**

**Required Markings**

- Oversize Vehicles must be marked on front and rear with a sign reading "OVER-SIZE LOAD."
  - The sign must be at least 18 inches high and between 6 to 8 feet long.
  - The letters must be black, 12 inches high, with a 2-inch stroke on yellow background.
  - Color combinations or wording approved by other states will be permitted, when trip originates outside Indiana.
- Vehicles must be marked with 2 red or orange flags, placed at the widest extremities of the vehicle or load.
  - Flags must be in good condition, plain or orange with no figures.
  - Flags must be 18 inches square and placed so that approaching traffic can see them.

**Lighting**

- All provisions of 49 CFR 393.11 apply, plus the following:
- Permitted vehicles must have low beam headlights on while transporting a load.
- Mobile homes and sectionalized buildings having widths of 12 feet 4 inches or more must be equipped with four high intensity, amber, flashing lights.
  - Two of these must be mounted on the front. Two must be mounted on the rear of the combination.
  - Lights mounted on the load must be placed at the outer edges and not be less than 6 feet above the roadway.
  - Front lights may be mounted on the towing vehicle at furthest extreme of any safety device, not extending beyond the mirrors, and must be double-faced lamps, visible both on front and rear.
  - Lights must be visible at 500 feet in normal sunlight.

**Flagmen**

- Flagmen will be provided by the transporting company at all locations needing such traffic control. Locations needing such flagmen include: encroachment into opposing traffic lanes and stops, or blockages of traffic locations where stops are not normally required by existing traffic control devices. More information about traffic control regulation may be found at 105 IAC 9-2.

**Speed**

- Any permitted vehicle over 85' long, or 10'6" wide, or above legal height may not exceed 55 miles per hour.

**Blockage of Traffic**

- Permitted vehicles must not block traffic at any time from use of the highway, including the loading and unloading of equipment.
- Permitted vehicles must not be parked either day or night on the shoulder or right-of-way.
- Permitted vehicles will use the highway shoulder only on those occasions necessary to allow for the safe unrestricted passage of oncoming/passing traffic.

**Vehicle Operators**

- Operators must be 18 years of age or older and hold a valid Indiana Chauffeurs License or Commercial Driver's License, whichever is applicable.
- Drivers must have the vehicle permit in possession during transport and must show permit, on demand, to any police officer, motor carrier inspector, or any authorized employee of the State of Indiana.

**Hours of Operation**

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| Up to 110' long 10' wide, 13'6" high, and under 200,000 lbs   | Continuous travel 7 days a week.  |
| Over 110' long, 10'-14'4" wide, up to 15' high  | 7 days a week (1/2 hr before sunrise - 1/2 hr after sunset)   |
| Between 14'4" and 16' wide  | Monday - Friday (1/2 hr before sunrise - 1/2 hr after sunset)   |
| Over 16' wide, or over 15' high, or over 200,000 lbs gross vehicle weight   | Monday - Friday 8:30am - 3:30pm (other provisions may apply)  |
| Up to 110 long, 11'6 wide, 13' 6" high and 120,000 lbs (for paving equipment only to travel between jobsite(s) and home base with red/amber flashing light at widest point) | Monday-Friday (1 1/2 hour before sunrise -1 1/2 hour after sunset)  |
| Permitted Mobile Homes and Sectionalized Buildings between 8'6" and 14'4" wide  | Monday - Friday (1/2 hr before sunrise - 1/2 hr after sunset) Saturday (1/2 hr before sunrise - 12:00 noon) |

- The mover and/or owner of the vehicle and/or load will be held responsible in the event that it is necessary to remove any buildings, railings, or other structures from the highway. In the event that any buildings, railings, or other structures are damaged, the cost of the removal and/or damage will be the responsibility of the permit applicant.

**Weather**

- Permitted oversized vehicles are not allowed to operate during hazardous weather, road, or traffic conditions, and/or when visibility is less than 500 feet. Permitted vehicles may not operate when wind velocity exceeds 25 miles per hour.

**Escort Vehicle(s) Requirements**

- All permitted vehicles 110' in length or 14'6" in height must have at least one escort vehicle. Additional requirements vary by width and roadway as listed below.
  - Permitted vehicles exceeding 12'4" and up to 14'3" in width must have one escort
    - Front escort on an undivided highway OR
    - Rear escort on a divided highway
  - Permitted vehicles between 14'4" and up to 17' in width
    - One rear escort on a dual-lane divided highway OR
    - Two escorts (front and rear) on all other roads
  - In addition, permitted vehicles must have an escort with a height stick traveling in front of load when they exceed 14'6" in height.
- Escort vehicles may not be more than 500 feet from permitted vehicle and/or load and must have a minimum of 4 wheels with a maximum gross registered weight of 11,000 lbs., a flashing amber light mounted on top, an oversize load sign visible to approaching traffic, and have radio communication with permitted vehicle and/or load.

**Other Provisions**

- This permit does not apply to any state roads or bridges that are closed for construction purposes, or to any roads or bridges that are posted for gross load limits, and/or any **roads**, structures, wires, etc., having a restricted height **and/or width** clearance that will not clear said load.
- This permit does not apply to I-65 or I-70 inside I-465.
- This permit does not apply to any county roads or city streets.
- Any violation of this permit shall automatically cause the permit to be void. Upon violation the police officer or motor carrier inspector will have the authority to withdraw your permit.
- All transporting vehicles must meet all safety requirements as set forth in Title 49, CFR (Code of Federal Regulations).
- This permit does not cover license or other registration requirements.
- Prepass carriers **must** enter open scales when operating under an OS/OW permit.

**Holiday Restrictions**

- Permitted vehicles may not operate on state highways from 12:00 noon the last weekday preceding and continuing until 1/2 hour before sunrise on the day following: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving day and Christmas day.
- OVERWEIGHT COMMODITY permits are exempt from travel restrictions. Vehicles with Overweight Commodity Permits are no longer subject to holiday travel restrictions and may travel continuously during holiday periods. Overweight Commodity Permits apply to those vehicles with a permit to haul metal commodities up to 120,000 pounds or agricultural commodities up to 97,000 pounds.

**Note to Enforcement Agencies:** Advise the Indiana Department of Revenue as soon as possible after withdrawing this permit by calling (317) 615-7320.