

Minnesota General Provisions for Oversize/Overweight Permitted Loads

A copy of the MnDOT transportation permit, including these General Provisions, must be carried in the vehicle during transport of an OSOW load/vehicle and made available to law enforcement or a MnDOT official when requested.

An electronic copy of the MnDOT transportation permit, including these General Provisions, may reside on a portable electronic device (e.g. laptop, tablet, smartphone) as long as the device provides a complete and legible copy of the documents.

- 1. Vehicle Registration.** Vehicle must be registered for its permitted weight. A MnDOT transportation permit does not increase a vehicle's registered weight.
- 2. Annual Permit Holder.** Each load moved must have the route pre-approved by MnDOT and a copy of that approval must be carried in the vehicle during the move. Use either our online permitting system or call 651-296-6000 (M-F, 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.) for route approval.
- 3. Local Roads.** Approval to move on local roads must be obtained from the appropriate local road authority.
- 4. Bad Weather/Road Conditions.** Movement is not allowed during hazardous weather or road conditions, or when visibility is less than 500', or when winds prevent the vehicle from staying within its travel lane.
- 5. Right-of-Way.** On two-lane roadways, a Peace Officer (police) escort must precede a vehicle that encroaches over the roadway centerline onto oncoming traffic.
- 6. Warning Devices:**
 - Flags:** Red or orange warning flags, 18" square, are to be displayed at widest parts and ends of load when width exceeds 9' and/or length exceeds 75'.
 - For stretched or pole trailers, warning flags/lights must be attached to the underside of the load/vehicle, spaced no more than 20' apart.
 - Lights:** Warning lights are required whenever signs are required. Lights may be flashing, strobe, or rotating beacon and must be visible from a distance of no less than 500'.
 - Signs:** Oversize Load signs required on front and rear of vehicle when width exceeds 12'6" and/or length exceeds 95'. Signs must be lighted or of reflective material between sunset and sunrise and visible at least 500'.
- 7. Pilot Car Escort.** Pilot car escort drivers must be trained and certified through the Minnesota Department of Public Safety's Certified Pilot Car Escort Driver Program, as required under MN Administrative Rules, Chapter 7455, and as administered by the MN State Patrol.

An escort vehicle can only be a passenger automobile, light duty van, a two axle pickup or a two-axle single unit truck in proper operating condition. A pre-trip meeting between driver and escorts is required before moving.

Over 14'6" wide, 110' long: Lead and rear certified pilot car escorts on two-lane (non-divided) roadways. Rear certified pilot car escort on multi-lane (divided) roadways.

Convoying of OSOW vehicles is not allowed; a minimum ½ mile separation is required.
- 8. Posted Roads, Bridges, Detours.** Permittee must comply with all posted road and bridge restrictions.
- 9. Rear Visibility Required.** The hauling vehicle must be equipped with mirrors that provide the driver a rear view of the highway for a distance of at least 200'.
- 10. Travel Hours.** In general, OSOW travel is not restricted up to **14'6" wide; 110'0" long; 16'0" high**, unless noted otherwise on the permit.

Additionally:

 - Holiday Travel Restrictions:** No OSOW travel is allowed statewide from 2:00 p.m. the day before the holiday to 2:00 a.m. the day after the holiday, when exceeding **9'0" wide** and/or **110'0" long**. For more details, see [Holiday Schedule](#).
 - Summer Travel Restrictions:** (weekend after Memorial Day thru weekend before Labor Day) No oversize travel allowed from 2:00 - 8:00 p.m. on Fridays and Sundays, when exceeding **9'0" wide** and/or **110'0" long**.
 - Rush Hour Restrictions:** (Twin Cities & Duluth Metro areas) no OSOW travel Monday thru Friday 6:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. when exceeding **14'6" wide** and/or **110'0" long** and/or **16'0" high**, unless noted otherwise on the permit.
 - Night Travel Restrictions:** (Twin Cities Metro only) OSOW night travel only allowed 12:00 a.m. – 5:00 a.m. (Monday thru Friday, unless otherwise specified on permit) when exceeding **14'6" wide** while on non-divided roadways, and when exceeding **16'0" wide** while on divided roadways.

Note to Enforcement Agencies: Forward any documentation of permit violations to MnDOT OSOW Permit Section.
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