

# 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.

- 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

- Permitted vehicles must have escorts when they exceed:
  - 12'4" in width, 110' in length or 14'6" in height
  - One escort vehicle must be in front when on undivided highway and in rear when on divided highways
  - If over 14'6" high, must have an escort with a height stick traveling in front of load
  - If between 14'4" and 17" wide, one rear escort on a dual lane divided highway and two escorts (front and rear) on all other roads.
- Escort vehicles must have a minimum of 4 wheels with a maximum gross registered weight of 11,000 lbs. Must have a flashing amber light mounted on top and an oversize load sign, which is visible to approaching traffic. Must have radio communication with permitted vehicle and/or load and may not be more than 500 feet from 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, except those issued Overweight Commodity or Bulk Milk permits, may not operate on state highways from 12:00 noon the last weekday preceding and continuing until ½ hour before sunrise on the day following: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving day and Christmas day.
- OVERWEIGHT COMMODITY and BULK MILK permits are exempt from travel restrictions. Vehicles with Overweight Commodity and Bulk Milk Permits are no longer subject to holiday travel restrictions and may travel continuously during holiday periods. Overweight Commodity Permits that are not subject to previous metal and agriculture permits applies to those vehicles with a permit to haul various commodities up to 120,000 lbs including Bulk Milk up to 154,000 lbs.

### Hours of Operation

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 8:30 am - 3:30 pm (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 ½ hour before sunrise - 1 ½ 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)

**Note to Enforcement Agencies:** Advise the Indiana Department of Revenue as soon as possible after withdrawing this permit by calling (317) 615-7200.