General Conditions for Oregon Overwidth Permits

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Refer to separate Special Transportation Permit Attachment H (form 2362) for hauling hours and days for overwidth movement.

Weather Restrictions

Movement of a vehicle or combination of vehicles exceeding 8 feet 6 inches in width is prohibited when:

- Road surfaces are hazardous due to ice, snow or frost.
- Visibility is less than 500 feet due to snow, mist, rain, dust, smoke, fog or other atmospheric conditions.
- Wind conditions exist which cause excessive swaying or weaving, or tip-over of the towed unit, or are such that the towed unit cannot maintain its lane of travel.
- The Department of Transportation places signs indicating travel is hazardous.

Prior to travel, go to www.tripcheck.com or call the toll free Oregon road report at 511 or 800-977-6368 for current travel information throughout Oregon. If calling from out of state, call 503-588-2941.

When the hauling equipment exceeds 8 feet 6 inches in width, the load must be non-divisible in width unless specifically authorized on the permit.

Rearview mirrors are required for vehicles or combinations of vehicles towing or transporting overwidth vehicles or loads that prevent the operator a view to the rear of the vehicle and/or combination of vehicles. Mirrors may exceed width authorized herein by 5 inches on either side but must be retracted to legal width when vehicle or combination of vehicles and/or load is of legal width.

Warning Signs and Lights

Vehicle(s) transporting a load that exceeds 8 feet 6 inches in width are required to display standard signs bearing the words "**Oversize Load**" or "**Wide Load**". The signs must be displayed at the front and rear of the solo vehicle or the combination of vehicles.

- Signs must be 7 feet wide by 18 inches high with black letters 10 inches high in accordance with Federal Highway Administration Series C on highway yellow background.
- The highway yellow background of the sign shall be made of reflectorized material when operating between one half-hour after sunset and one half hour before sunrise (hours of darkness).
- Signs must be kept in good repair, free from dirt, grease and road film, and be clearly readable to other drivers. The signs shall not cover or interfere with the visibility of the registration plate. To meet this requirement, plates may be mounted to cover a portion of the sign's background, as long as the sign legend remains readable.

Overwidth loads must be marked at the outermost extremities during daylight hours with red/fluorescent orange flags not less than 18 inches square, visible to the front and rear. The attachment device shall not extend beyond the widest extremity by more than 3 inches on either side. During the hours of darkness lamps must illuminate the outermost extremities or markers as described by the requirements of ORS Chapter 816 and FMCSR 393.

Pilot vehicles may be required to ensure safety during the movement of oversize loads. A single vehicle such as a passenger car, pickup, motor truck, or truck tractor of legal size and weight may be a pilot vehicle. A pilot vehicle may not tow another vehicle. The pilot vehicle(s) shall be positioned at a distance of 300 feet to 500 feet from the unit. In areas where traffic congestion is encountered, where traffic is controlled by signals, or where other conditions may require closer spacing, the spacing shall be reduced as may be required to properly safeguard the traveling public. Pilot vehicles are under direct supervision of the towing vehicle operator. Two-way radio communications between the oversize vehicle and the pilot vehicle(s) must be maintained at all times.

Pilot vehicles escorting oversize loads or vehicles are required to have the following equipment.

- **Warning signs** mounted above the roofline. The sign shall be at least 5 feet wide by 10 inches high; have black letters 8 inches high with 1 inch brush stroke in accordance with Federal Highway Administration series B, on highway yellow background.
- Each pilot vehicle operator shall use **warning flags** to warn oncoming or overtaking traffic when the oversize unit is stopped and obstructing traffic. The warning flags shall be two 18 inches square red flags mounted on 3 feet length staffs. In addition, eight safety flares or reflectors shall be carried in each pilot vehicle."
- **Warning lights** are required in addition to those lights that may otherwise be required by law. The warning lights shall be displayed only during the course of the oversize movement, and at all other times the requirements found in ORS 816.350(7) shall apply. These lights shall be mounted above the roof of the cab, be clearly visible from a distance of 500 feet, have a minimum of 30 flashes per minute and be any of the following styles.
  - Two flashing amber lights as widely spaced laterally as is practical.
  - Revolving type amber light(s).
  - Amber type strobe light(s) with 360 degree visibility.

Warning Light Requirements for Power Units When the Width Exceeds 8 Feet 6 Inches

- In addition to any other lights required by law, an overwidth motor vehicle or a vehicle transporting an overwidth load shall be equipped with amber warning lights when the width exceeds 10 feet on a 2-lane or 12 feet on a multi lane highway.
- These lights shall be mounted above the roof of the cab, be clearly visible from a distance of 500 feet, have a minimum of 30 flashes per minute and be either:
  - Two flashing amber lights as widely spaced laterally as is practical;
  - Revolving type amber light(s); or
  - Amber type strobe light(s) with 360 degree visibility.
- An overwidth vehicle or a vehicle transporting an overwidth load is exempt from the warning light requirements when operating with a minimum of two pilot vehicles on all highways.

See the table below for the number of pilot vehicles required for operations exceeding 8 feet 6 inches in width on state highways.

Minimum Pilot Vehicles Required for Width

Width	Interstate and Multilane Highways	Route Map 2 Green Routes	Route Map 2 Purple Routes	Route Map 2 Red Routes – see Group Map 1		
				Map 1 Black Routes	Map 1 Blue Routes	Map 1 Red Routes
8’7” to 9’0”	None	None	None	None	One	Two
9’1” to 10’0”	None	None	One	One	One	Two
10’1” to 11’0”	None	None	One	One	One	Two
11’1” to 12’0”	None	None	One	Two	Two	Two
12’1” to 14’0”	None	One	Two	Specified on Single-Trip Permit		
14’1” to 16’0”	One	Two	Specified on Single-Trip Permit			
More than 16’0”	Specified on Single-Trip Permit					

When one pilot vehicle is required, it shall travel in front of the oversize unit except when operating on multilane highways it shall be at the rear of the unit. When two pilot vehicles are required, one shall be in front and one shall be at the rear of the oversize unit. When the number of pilot vehicles specified on the permit is different than the number required above, the permit shall take precedence.

If county roads or city streets are authorized on this annual permit, refer to county and city attachments for pilot vehicle requirements.

Specifically identified locations may require additional precautions. Permits may specify locations that require certified flagging to be conducted. The flagging shall be conducted in accordance with the standards in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices as adopted in OAR 734-020-0005. In accordance with OAR 734-070-0060, Pilot Vehicle operators certified in traffic control may direct traffic when the variance permit authorizes a rolling stop option in lieu of certified flagging. The rolling stop method shall be conducted with three pilot vehicles that are certified and trained to perform the rolling stop method.

If the vehicle is equipped with a transponder and you are transporting an oversize and/or heavy haul load, you must enter the open scale regardless of receiving a green light.

Spacing Interval

The convoy movement of two or more vehicles required to display oversize, long load or wide load signs is strictly prohibited, unless specifically authorized on the permit. All slow-moving lanes and turnouts must be used to allow following traffic to pass. Except when overtaking or passing, a distance of one-half mile shall be maintained between combinations traveling in the same direction.

Chain up locations are not intended to serve as staging areas for over-dimension vehicles. Parking in chain-up areas is strictly prohibited. In order to avoid being caught unaware of existing or approaching weather conditions **always** check for available highway and weather information before beginning a trip.