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Motor Carrier Handbook

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FOREWORD

To provide for the safe and efficient movement of people and goods, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is charged by the Texas Legislature with

- Routing and issuing permits for the movement of oversized and/or overweight vehicles and loads and
- Investigating and enforcing permit and size and weight rules and regulations.

To accomplish these charges, TxDOT adopted rules under: 43 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 28.

This handbook is available:

- On the Internet at www.txdot.gov
search “Publications Motor Carrier” and
- By contacting:
TxDOT Motor Carrier Division
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PURPOSE

The purpose of the *Motor Carrier Handbook* is to provide general references and to familiarize the motor carrier industry and general public with the applicable state rules and regulations, policies and procedures that pertain to oversize/overweight vehicles and loads in Texas.

The *Motor Carrier Handbook* also contains additional information on temporary registration, motor carrier safety, compliance and enforcement and state and federal contacts.

This handbook provides information on Texas rules and regulations regarding oversize/overweight vehicle operations. Since the material in the handbook is informational in nature, it should not be used to cite law.

For further information:

- Refer to the legal references cited throughout this handbook.
- Visit the TxDOT Web site at: www.txdot.gov search Motor Carrier.
- Call the Motor Carrier Division at 1-800/299-1700.

Applications and forms are available on the TxDOT Web site at: www.txdot.gov search Motor Carrier Forms.

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Oversize/Overweight Vehicles and Loads Permits

Permit Types

Overview. All vehicles and loads exceeding legal size and/or weight limits set forth by Texas Transportation Code (TRC), Chapters 621 - 623, must obtain permits according to the following table:

Permit Types	Fee	TRC Statute	Description
General Oversize/Overweight	\$60 plus highway maintenance fee when load exceeds 80,000 pounds. (See Highway Maintenance Fees table in the Load Weight subsection)	§§623.071-623.082	Single-trip permit for the movement of oversize/overweight loads that cannot be reasonably dismantled. Permit types include oil field drill pipe or drill collars stored in a pipe box that are overweight to be transported over farm-to-market and ranch-to-market roads.
Manufactured Housing	Single-Trip \$40 Annual \$1,500	§§623.091-623.105	Single-trip or annual permits for the movement of manufactured housing.
30-Day 60-Day 90-Day Width	\$120 \$180 \$240	§§623.071-623.082	Permit for period of 30, 60 or 90 days that allows the transport of loads 13 feet wide or less that cannot be reasonably dismantled.
30-Day 60-Day 90-Day Length	\$120 \$180 \$240	§§623.071-623.082	Permit for period of 30, 60 or 90 days that allows the transporter of loads 110 feet long or less that cannot be reasonably dismantled.
Annual Envelope	\$4,000	§§623.071-623.082	Annual permit for the transport of loads that cannot be reasonably dismantled and do not exceed 12 feet wide, 14 feet high, 110 feet long, and 120,000 pounds. These permits may be issued to a specific vehicle or a specific company.

Permit Types

Permit Types	Fee	TRC Statute	Description
Over Axle/ Over Gross Weight Tolerances (HB2060/ HB1547)	Base fee \$75 plus Administrative fee \$5 plus a sliding scale fee, based on the number of counties selected	§§623.011– 623.016	Annual permit issued to vehicles hauling products (loads) that can be reasonably dismantled and that exceed gross and/or axle weight limits. Two permit types available; Agricultural - allows up to 12% above legal axle weight on one tandem, 10% on the remaining axles but not more than 5% above GVW. Non-agricultural - allows up to 10% above legal axle weight but not more than 5% above GVW.
Portable Building Units and Compatible Cargo	\$15	§§623.121– 623.130	Single-trip permits for the movement of portable buildings and compatible cargo.
Oil Well Servicing Units and Oil Well Drilling Rigs (Single-Trip and Quarterly Permits)	\$31 or calculated fee	§§623.141– 623.150	Single-trip and quarterly permits for the movement of oil well servicing and drilling vehicles.
Oil Well Serving Units and Oil Field Rig-up Trucks (Annual Permit)	\$52 per axle	§§623.141– 623.150	Annual permits for the movement of oil well servicing and drilling vehicles.
Mobile Cranes (Annual Permit)	\$100	§623.181, §623.182	Annual permit for the movement of unladen lift equipment motor vehicles (motor cranes).

Oversize/Overweight Vehicles and Loads Permits

Permit Types	Fee	TRC Statute	Description
Mobile Cranes (Single-Trip and Quarterly Permits)	\$31 or calculated fee	§§623.191–623.200	Single-trip and quarterly permits for the movement of unladen lift equipment motor vehicles (motor cranes).
Annual Water Well and Implements of Husbandry	\$270 plus highway maintenance fee	§§623.071–623.082	Annual permit for the transportation of farm equipment or water well drilling equipment.
Hay (Annual Permit)	\$10	§623.017	Annual permit for the transport of cylindrically shaped bales of hay that exceed legal width up to 12 feet wide.
Utility Poles (Annual Permit)	\$120	§§622.051–622.053	Annual permit for the transportation of utility poles, required for the maintenance of electric power transmission/distribution lines. Length not to exceed 75 feet including vehicle.
Port of Brownsville Port Authority Permit	\$80	§§623.210–623.219 §§623.050–623.230	Single-trip permit issued by the Port of Brownsville, under special authority from TxDOT, for the movement of oversize/overweight vehicles carrying cargo on specified roadways at/near the port.
Victoria County Navigation District Permit	\$30	§§623.230–623.239	Single-trip permit issued by the Victoria County Navigation District, under special authority from TxDOT, for the movement of oversize/overweight vehicles carrying cargo on specified roadways at/near the port.
Chambers County Permit	\$30	§§623.250–623.259	Single-trip permit issued by Chambers County, under special authority from TxDOT, for the movement of oversize/overweight vehicles carrying cargo on specified roadways in the county.

Permit Applications and Forms

To submit an oversize/overweight permit application electronically, or to download a form, go to the TxDOT Web site at www.txdot.gov and search “Motor Carrier Forms.” Following is a list of permit applications and forms:

Oversize/Overweight Vehicles and Loads Permits

Permit Forms	Form #
Affidavit of Exception - Motor Crane/Well Service Unit	204
Annual Oversize/Overweight Envelope Permit, Application/Renewal	301
Annual Oversize/Overweight Envelope Permit, Cash Application	301c
Annual Oversize/Overweight Exempt Envelope Permit, Application/Renewal	301a
Annual Permits, Application/Renewal - <i>Annual Well Servicing Unit</i> - <i>Annual Implement of Husbandry</i> - <i>Annual Rig-Up Truck</i> - <i>Annual Mobile Crane</i> - <i>Annual Water Well Drilling</i> - <i>Annual Fracing Trailer</i> - <i>Annual Manufactured Housing</i>	302
Annual Permits, Cash Application/Renewal	302c
General Permit Facsimile Application - <i>Single Trip and</i> - <i>Temporary Registration</i>	106
General Permit Cash Payment Facsimile Application	106c
General Permit Multiple Load Sheet	103
Manufactured Housing Permit Facsimile Application	102
Manufactured Housing Permit – Cash Payment Facsimile Application	102c
Over Axle and Over Gross Weight Tolerance Permit Application	1751
Over Axle and Over Gross Weight Tolerance Permit Bond	1753

Oversize/Overweight Vehicles and Loads Permits

Permit Forms	Form #
Permit Movement Conditions and Curfews - Supplement Sheet	001
Pre-Approved House Move Route Form	109
Procedures for Time Permits	304
Procedures for Annual Oversize/Overweight Permits	304a
Ready-Mix Concrete & Concrete Pump Truck Surety Bond	1382
Ready-Mix Concrete & Concrete Pump Truck Surety Bond Certification	1382a
Ready-Mix Concrete & Concrete Pump Truck Surety Bond Amendment	1383
Route Inspection/Permit Application	306a
Shipper Certificate of Weight	2280
Specific Time Permits, Application/Renewal - <i>30/60/90 Day Width</i> - <i>30/60/90 Day Length</i> - <i>Annual Hay Permit</i> - <i>Annual Pole Permit</i>	302a
Specific Time Permits, Cash Application/Renewal	303c
Solid Waste and Recyclable Materials Surety Bond	1575
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Solid Waste and Recyclable Materials Surety Bond Amendment	1577
Super Heavy Application Packet	305
Superheavy or Oversize Permit Bond	439
Temporary Registration Facsimile Application	1710
Texas Self-Issue Application and Permit to Move Oversize or Overweight Equipment or Loads Over State Highways	1700
Western Regional (WASHTO) Permit Application	400
Weight Supplement Sheet for Annual Envelope Permits	300a

Permit Office Days and Hours of Operation

Days	Hours	Calls*/Applications Accepted
Monday - Friday	6 a.m. - 6 p.m.	6 a.m. - 5:45 p.m.
Saturday	6 a.m. - 2 p.m.	6 a.m. - 1:45 p.m.
Sunday	Closed	
* The MCD telephone system will only accept calls between these times.		

Closures. The TxDOT Motor Carrier Permit Office is closed on Sundays and the following holidays:

- New Year’s Day
- Memorial Day
- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Thanksgiving Day and the Friday following Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Eve Day and Christmas Day
- Saturday before any holiday listed above when the holiday falls on a Monday, except for the Saturday before Christmas Eve Day when Christmas Eve falls on a Monday
- Saturday after any holiday listed above when the holiday falls on a Friday, except for the Saturday after Thanksgiving Day and the Saturday after Christmas Day when Christmas Day falls on a Friday
- at other times deemed necessary by TxDOT’s administration, such as in the case of emergency weather conditions.

Route Obstructions

It is the driver's responsibility to detour all overhead structures and contact any utility company or agency to raise or move utility lines or traffic devices.

The permit holder is responsible for providing the appropriate advance notice as required by each entity.

Any damage to a bridge, underpass, or similar structure that is caused by the height of a vehicle/load is the responsibility of the owner of the vehicle. *TRC §621.207*

Movement Restrictions

Daylight movement. A permitted vehicle may be moved only during daylight hours unless it meets required criteria for night movement. Daylight is 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset.

Night movement. A permitted vehicle may be granted night movement when it

- is only overweight on any state maintained road;
- is traveling on an interstate highway and does not exceed 10 feet wide and 100 feet long, with legal front and rear overhangs;
- is overweight and meets the criteria in the second bulleted item;
- is a mobile crane not exceeding 10 feet 6 inches wide, 14 feet high, or 95 feet long on any state maintained road or
- is a self-propelled oil well servicing unit not exceeding nine feet wide on any state maintained road.

TxDOT may grant an exception allowing for night movement to certain loads in cases of emergency, such as for movement of utility poles to restore or prevent interruption of electrical service, or equipment needed to clear and restore railroad tracks in case of a train derailment. These emergency loads must have front and rear escorts.

Reduced visibility. Movement is prohibited when visibility is reduced to less than two-tenths of one mile or the road surface is hazardous due to:

- weather conditions such as wind, rain, ice, sleet, or snow; or
- highway maintenance or construction work.

Heavy traffic conditions. TxDOT may limit the hours for travel on certain routes because of heavy traffic conditions.

Holiday restrictions. Loads exceeding 14 feet wide, 16 feet high and 110 feet long may not be transported on New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

For manufactured housing movement restrictions, see subsection titled, "Manufactured Housing, Movement Restrictions."

Vehicle Registration

Motor carriers must have proper vehicle registration. This includes Texas license plates that indicate the permitted vehicle is registered for maximum legal gross weight or the maximum weight the vehicle can transport, Texas temporary vehicle registration, out-of-state license plates apportioned for travel in Texas and foreign commercial vehicles registered under Texas annual registration. Visit the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles at www.txdmv.gov for more information.

Permit Application

A permit may be obtained by Internet, fax, telephone, mail, Remote Permit System (RPS) or a third-party service provider (wire services).

Required information. To reduce the time it takes to receive a permit, have the following required information readily available before you apply:

1. Customer permit account number
2. Payment type: TxDOT-approved credit cards (MasterCard, American Express, Discover, VISA), pre-established escrow account (with TxDOT Finance) or FirstPay. A service charge is applied to each credit card transaction
3. Current truck and trailer information including:
 - o Year and make
 - o Vehicle identification number (VIN)
 - o License number and name of issuing state
4. Complete load description
5. Load dimensions including:
 - o Width
 - o Height
 - o Length (including length of truck, trailer, and overhang)
 - o Overhang (exceeding four feet rear or three feet front)
 - o Gross weight (when applicable: axle weights, axle spacings, tire size)
6. Route information including the most practical route that will accommodate the load from an exact point of origin to an exact point of destination on the state highway system
7. Permit movement date (must include enough time to make the move)

For required information on manufactured housing, modular homes, industrialized houses and industrialized buildings see subsection titled, “Manufactured Housing, Application Requirements.”

Submitting by Internet. Permit applications are accepted via the Internet 24 hours a day, seven days a week. By

using the Internet, applicants can avoid telephone hold time, filling out forms and possible delays in receiving permits. Applications will be processed during normal business hours.

To obtain a customer account number, logon and/or password:

- E-mail the Motor Carrier Division at mcd-respond@txdot.gov,
- Type “CPS Logon” in the subject line and
- Include the company’s name, address and customer account number (if known) and the contact’s name, telephone number, fax number and e-mail address in the body of your e-mail.

After obtaining a customer account number and logon ID, go to www.txdot.gov and select “Get an oversize/overweight permit?” from the “How Do I...” drop down search list then select “Online Permits (CPS).”

Permit forms. Forms may be obtained from www.txdot.gov search Motor Carrier Forms.

By fax. Fax applications are accepted 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Complete the appropriate permit application form and fax it to the number indicated on the form. Fax permit applications are processed during normal business hours.

By telephone. Permit applications are accepted via the telephone during normal business hours. Prior to calling, gather all required information (see “Required Information” in this section). Call 1-800/299-1700 (for official record, all calls are recorded), options 1, 7, 1.

The following process is followed for applications submitted via the telephone.

1. A permit application specialist enters the required information into the online permit system.
2. The applicant is given a permit ID number.
3. The application is placed into the permit system in the order it was received together with other permit applications received by phone, fax and Internet.
4. A permit specialist processes the application and verifies the route.
5. An official permit is delivered to the customer by method indicated at the time of application (fax, email, cash office, etc.).

By Remote Permit System (RPS) program. The TxDOT RPS program allows customers to process their own oversize/overweight permit applications, within specified size/weight limits, over the Internet, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Customers participating in the Remote Permitting System must meet a minimum accuracy rating each month to remain in the program.

To apply for a permit using the RPS program, a customer must have Internet access and must enter into an agreement with TxDOT as follows:

- The customer contacts TxDOT to obtain the RPS program description/instructions (can be done by letter or by telephone 1-800/299-1700).
- TxDOT and customer negotiate maximum dimensions.
- TxDOT reviews the maximum dimensions to determine eligibility and drafts a contract.
- The customer and the TxDOT Motor Carrier Division director sign the contract.
- TxDOT provides permit process training to the customer and employees.
- TxDOT provides a district permit map and instructs customers regarding map use and how to post changes and restrictions.

The training process also includes routing, special conditions, approvals, the quality assurance process and

any other items that may be specific to the customer. Training lasts up to four weeks, depending on the level of permit knowledge the customer already has.

When training is complete, the customer is assigned a logon ID and password to sign on to the permit system and to begin issuing permits.

For additional information on the RPS program, contact us at 1-800/299-1700, options 1, 4.

Proof of permit. The original permit, a fax copy of the permit, or a TxDOT computer-generated permit must be kept/carried in the cab of the vehicle for which it was issued until the day after the permit's expiration date.

Amendments, Voids and Refunds

A permit fee will not be refunded after the permit number has been issued unless such refund is necessary to correct an error made by a permit specialist.

A permit may be amended for the following reasons:

- Vehicle breakdown;
- Changing the intermediate points in an approved permit route;
- Extending the expiration date due to weather or breakdown conditions which would cause the move to be delayed;
- Changing the route origin and destination can only be done before the start date as listed on the permit;
- Size of the load (may only be changed before the start date of the permit and only when the route will not be affected by the size change. If the permit has started, or the size change affects the route, a new permit must be obtained).

For more information. Visit the TxDOT Web site at www.txdot.gov (search “Motor Carrier”).

Size/Weight Limits and Escort Requirements

Load Width

Width is measured from outside points of the widest extremities, excluding safety devices. Legal width limit is 8-1/2 feet.

Route and Traffic Studies. A vehicle operator carrying a load exceeding 20 feet or wider must physically inspect a proposed route and certify to TxDOT by letter or fax that the overwidth load can safely negotiate the route.

Permit/Movement Conditions	Maximum Width (in feet)
30-day, 60-day, or 90-day permit	13
On holidays	14
On interstate highways	16
Without route and traffic studies	20
New storage tanks	34*
New houses	34*
Manufactured housing	Unlimited
Portable building units	Unlimited
*A permit will not be issued for an existing house or storage tank that exceeds 40 feet overall width, unless TxDOT grants an exception based on a route and traffic study.	

Escort Vehicle requirements. One escort is required for all loads exceeding 14 feet up to 16 feet wide with the exception of manufactured housing and portable building units.

Two escorts are required for all loads exceeding 16 feet wide, with the exception of manufactured housing and portable building units.

The escort must precede the load on a two-lane highway to warn oncoming traffic of the approaching overwidth load.

The escort must follow the load on a roadway of four or more lanes to warn approaching traffic of the overwidth load.

Load Height

Height refers to loaded height and extends from the roadbed to the highest point of the load. Legal height limit is 14 feet.

Overheight load. A vehicle operator carrying a load 19 feet or higher must physically inspect a proposed route and certify to TxDOT by letter or fax that the overheight load can safely negotiate all power, communication and cable television lines and all other low vertical obstructions.

Permit/Conditions Types	Maximum Height (in feet)
On holidays	16
Without route and traffic studies	18 feet, 11 inches

Escort vehicle requirements. One front escort is required for loads exceeding 17 feet in height.

The escort must be equipped with a height pole to accurately measure overhead obstructions.

Front and rear escorts are required for loads exceeding 18 feet in height. The front escort vehicle must be equipped with a height pole to accurately measure overhead obstructions.

Load Length

The following table lists the legal length for each type of vehicle or combination of vehicles and the maximum length permitted.

Length Permitted

Permit/Condition Type		Legal Length (in feet)	Maximum Length (in feet)
Truck or single vehicle		45	75
Truck and trailer combination		65	Unlimited
Truck-tractor		Unlimited	Unlimited
Truck-tractor combination	Overall length	Unlimited	N/A
	Trailer	59	
Semitrailer	Single unit	59	N/A
	Double bottom	28-1/2	
Front overhang		3	25
Rear overhang		4	30
Maximum overall length			Unlimited
Maximum length permitted without route and traffic study and route certification by applicant on file			125
Maximum length permitted on holidays			110

Overlength load. The overall length (including an overhang) must be listed on the permit and the length of the overhang must be listed separately on the permit.

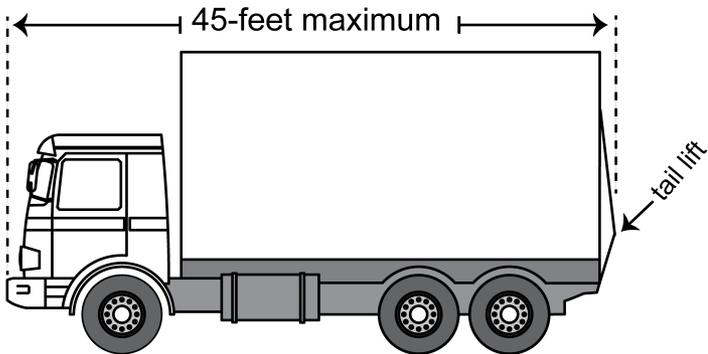
Escort vehicle requirements. Loads exceeding 110 feet, but not exceeding 125 feet long and 20 feet front and/or rear overhang, require one escort.

Loads exceeding 125 feet in length require front and rear escorts.

Vehicle Length Diagrams

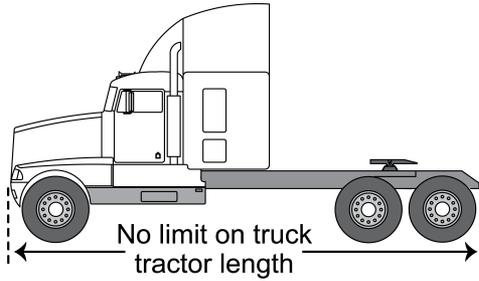
Length limits for vehicles and vehicle combinations.

TRUCK



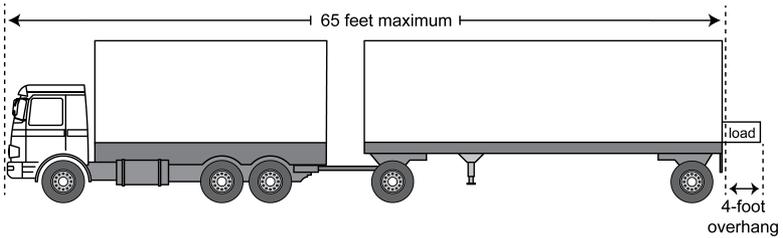
The length of a single vehicle, other than a truck tractor, may not exceed 45 feet.

Length Requirements for Truck Tractor



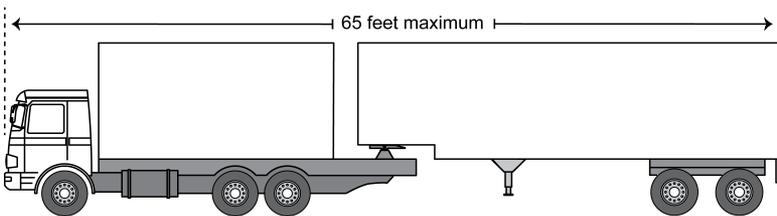
There is no length limitation for a truck tractor.

Truck and Trailer Combination



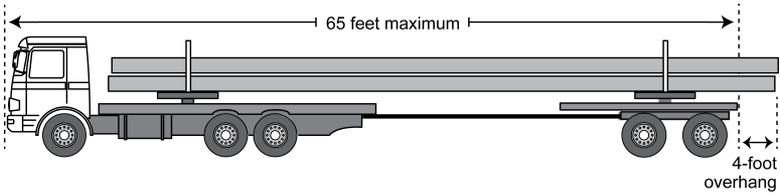
A truck and trailer combination may not exceed 65 feet in overall length.

Truck and Semitrailer Combination



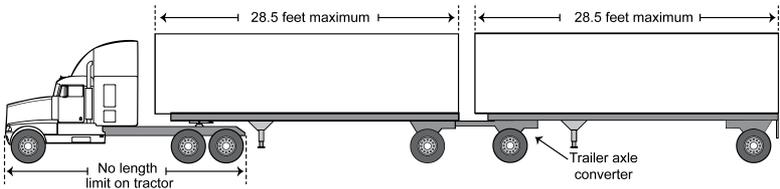
A truck and semitrailer combination may not exceed 65 feet in length.

Truck and Pole Trailer Combination



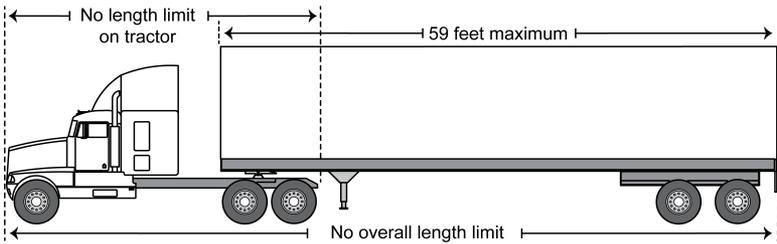
A truck and pole trailer combination may not exceed 65 feet in length.

Truck Tractor, Semitrailer, Trailer Axle Converter and Semitrailer Combination



Each semitrailer and trailer operated in a truck tractor, semitrailer, trailer combination is limited to 28-1/2 feet. There is no length limitation for a truck tractor or overall length limitation for this combination.

Truck Tractor, Semitrailer Combination



A semitrailer operated in a truck tractor, semitrailer combination is limited to 59 feet. There is no length limitation for a truck tractor or overall length limitation for this combination. Length limitation on a semitrailer is described in terms of the distance from the kingpin to rearmost axle or end of semitrailer.

Load Weight

Legal weight is based on the number of axles and the distance between axles on a vehicle or vehicle combination, also known as the federal Bridge Gross Weight Formula. The weight of groups of two or more axles must be checked against the bridge formula to ensure that they meet federal weight limit requirements and that the allowable gross and axle weights correlate with the spacing and number of axles to prevent severe overstressing of highway bridges and roads.

Additional Definitions. The following terms are used in this section:

- **Drive axles** - The axles that power a vehicle.
- **Steering axle** - The front axle of the truck.
- **Tandem axle weight** - The total weight transmitted to the road by two or more consecutive axles whose centers may be included between two parallel transverse vertical planes spaced more than 40 inches and not more than 96 inches apart, extending across the full width of the vehicle.
- **Trunion axle** - Two individual axles mounted in the same transverse plane, with four tires on each axle, that are connected to a pivoting wrist pin that allows each individual axle to oscillate in a vertical plane to provide for constant and equal weight distribution on each individual axle at all times during movement.
- **Trunion axle group** - Two or more consecutive trunion axles whose centers are at least 54 inches apart and are individually attached to (or articulated from, or both) the vehicle by a weight equalizing suspension system.

Maximum Legal Weights

- Gross weight may not exceed 80,000 pounds.
- Single axle weight may not exceed 20,000 pounds.
- Tandem axle weight may not exceed 34,000 pounds.
- Weight for a tri-tandem axle group cannot exceed 42,000 pounds.

Permit Fees

Compliance with bridge formula weight limits may require axle weights lower than the standard legal weight limits. It may also require a gross weight lower than the standard 80,000 lbs. legal gross weight limit.

Highway Maintenance Fees

Gross Weight in Pounds	Highway Maintenance	Permit	Total
80,001-120,000	\$150	\$60	\$210
120,001-160,000	\$225	\$60	\$285
160,001-200,000	\$300	\$60	\$360
200,001- more*	\$375	\$60	\$435
* Weight exceeding 200,000 pounds. In addition to the \$375 highway maintenance fee, vehicles exceeding 200,000 pounds must also pay a vehicle supervision fee according to the following table.			

Vehicle Supervision Fees

For loads exceeding 254,300 lbs. GVW and for loads exceeding 200,000 lbs. GVW with total axle spacing less than 95 feet, a vehicle supervision fee will be charged in addition to the permit and highway maintenance fees.

Criteria	Vehicle Supervision Fee
200,001-254,300 pounds total and at least 95 feet overall axle spacings and not exceeding the maximum permissible weight on any axle or axle group	\$35
200,001-254,300 pounds total and less than 95 feet overall axle spacings, or over the maximum permissible weight on any axle or axle group, or over 254,300 pounds gross weight	\$500
For multiple permits ordered within 30 days of approval (For super heavy process only)	\$35
When no bridges are crossed (For super heavy process only)	\$100
For more information regarding vehicle supervision fees, contact TxDOT at 1-800/299-1700.	

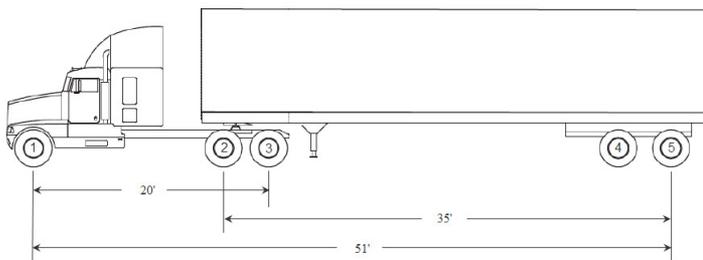
How to Use the Federal Bridge Formula

Follow the procedures and definitions below to use the Permissible Weight Table, which is based on the federal Bridge Gross Weight Formula.

- **Steer axle** – The front axle of the truck.
- **Inner bridge distance** – The distance from the center of the first drive axle to the center of the last trailer axle.
- **Outer bridge distance** – The distance from the center of the steering axle of the truck to the center of the last trailer axle.

Checking a Vehicle - Example

The following is an example of how to use the Permissible Weight Table to determine legal weight. A tractor-semitrailer combination is used to illustrate a bridge formula check.



1. Determine the inner bridge distance and number of axles within the inner bridge. **35 feet on 4 axles**
2. Determine the outer bridge distance and number of axles within the outer bridge. **51 feet on 5 axles**
3. On the Permissible Weight Table find the number in the “Distance in Feet” column that corresponds with the outer bridge distance. Follow this line across horizontally to the column that corresponds with the number of axles within the outer bridge. This is the maximum legal weight for the vehicle/vehicle combination. **80,000 pounds**
4. Find the number in the “Distance in Feet” column that corresponds with the inner bridge distance. Follow this line across horizontally to the column that corresponds with the number of axles within the inner bridge. This is the legal weight for the inner bridge. **69,150 pounds**
5. Subtract the inner bridge permissible weight from the outer bridge permissible weight. This will give the maximum allowable weight for the steer axle. (Note: No axle may exceed the manufacturer’s tire rating.) **$80,000 - 69,150 = 10,850$ pounds**

Permissible Weight Guide

Distance in Feet	2 axles	3 axles	4 axles	5 axles	6 axles	7 axles
4	34,000					
5	34,000					
6	34,000					
7	34,000					
8	34,000	34,000				
8+	38,000	42,000				
9	39,000	42,500				
10	40,000	43,500				
11		44,500				
12		45,000	50,000			
13		45,500	50,500			
14		46,500	51,500			
15		47,500	52,000			
16		48,000	52,500	58,000		
17		48,500	53,500	58,500		
18		49,900*	54,000	59,000		
19		51,400*	54,500	60,000		
20		52,800*	55,500	60,500	66,000	
21		54,000*	56,000	61,000	66,500	
22		54,000*	56,500	61,500	67,000	
23		54,000*	57,500	62,500	68,000	
24		54,000	58,700*	63,000	68,500	74,000
25		54,500	59,650*	63,500	69,000	74,500

Oversize/Overweight Vehicle and Load Permits

Distance in Feet	2 axles	3 axles	4 axles	5 axles	6 axles	7 axles
26		55,500	60,600*	64,000	69,500	75,000
27		56,000	61,550*	65,000	70,000	75,500
28		57,000	62,500*	65,500	71,000	76,500
29		57,500	63,450*	66,000	71,500	77,000
30		58,500	64,000*	66,500	72,000	77,500
31		59,000	65,350*	67,500	72,500	78,000
32		60,000	66,300*	68,500	73,000	78,500
33			67,250*	68,500	74,000	79,000
34			68,200*	69,000	74,500	80,000
35			69,150*	70,000	75,000	
36			70,100*	70,500	75,500	
37			71,050*	71,050	76,000	
38			72,000*	72,000*	77,000	
39			72,000 *	72,500	77,500	
40			72,000 *	73,000	78,000	
41			72,000 *	73,500	78,500	
42			72,000 *	74,000	79,000	
43			72,000 *	75,000	80,000	
44			72,000 *	75,500		
45			72,000	76,000		
46			72,500	76,500		
47			73,500	77,500		
48			74,000	78,000		
49			74,500	78,500		
50			75,500	79,000		
51			76,000	80,000		

* These figures were carried forward from *Article 6701d-11, §5(a)(4)* when Senate Bill 89 of the 64th Legislature amended it on December 16, 1974. The amendment provided that axle configurations and weights that were lawful as of that date would continue to be legal under the increased weight limits.

+ This figure applies only to an axle spacing greater than eight feet, but less than nine feet.

Permissible weights are based on the federal Bridge Gross Weight Formula enacted by Congress in 1975 to protect U.S. bridges (23 UCS §127 and 23CFR §658.17). A weight-to-length ratio is the basis of the formula:

$$W=500[(LN/(N-1))+12N+36]$$

W = overall gross weight on any group of two or more consecutive axles rounded to the nearest 500 lbs.

L = distance in feet between the outer axles of any group of two or more consecutive axles

N = the number of axles in the group under consideration

Load per tire. No motor vehicle may be operated with tires that carry a weight greater than the manufacturer’s tire load rating, unless the vehicle is being operated under the terms of a special permit issued by TxDOT. *TRC §621.101*

Steering/Single Axle Load Limits

The formula below determines the load limit for a steering or single axle with only two tires:

Number of Tires x Tire Tread Width (inches) x Tire Load Limit (PSI) = Axle Load Limit

The following table gives the axle load limits for 650 PSI: Axle Load Limits for 650 PSI Tires

Number of Tires (per axle)	Tire Size (in inches)	Tire Size (in millimeters)	Tire Load Limit PSI	Axle Load Limit (in pounds)
2	10	245-265	650	13,000
2	11	270-290	650	14,300
2	12	295-315	650	15,600
2	13	320-340	650	16,900
2	14	345-365	650	18,200
2	15	370-390	650	19,500
2	16	395-415	650	20,800
2	17	420-440	650	22,100
2	18	445-465	650	23,400

Axle Load Limits with Permit

Tire Load Limit (in pounds) PSI	Size of Tires (Metric Sizes in Millimeters)						
	10:00 (245-265)	11:00 (270-290)	12:00 (295-315)	13:00 (320-340)	14:00 (345-365)	15:00 (370-390)	16:00 (395-415)
650	13,000	14,300	15,600	16,900	18,200	19,500	20,800
850	17,000	18,700	20,400	22,100	23,800		

* The maximum that can be permitted on a single axle is 25,000 pounds without performing a route study and bridge analysis. 850 pounds per inch of tire width can only be used when permitting oil well servicing units and mobile cranes under *43 Texas Transportation Code, §§ 623.142, 623.181, and 623.192.*

Escort Vehicle Requirements

Dimension	Vehicle Size Exceeding	Type of Escort
Width	Exceeding 14 feet up to 16 feet	Front – two-lane highway
		Rear – divided highway
	Exceeding 16 feet	Front and rear – all roads unless TxDOT grants an exception
Height	Exceeding 17 feet	Front – equipped with height pole
	Exceeding 18 feet	Front and rear – all roads unless TxDOT grants an exception Front – equipped with height pole
Length	Exceeding 110 feet up to 125 feet	Front – two-lane highway
		Rear – divided highway
	Exceeding 125 feet	Front and rear – all roads unless TxDOT grants an exception
	Exceeding 20 feet front overhang	Front – two-lane highway
		Rear – four or more lane highway
	Exceeding 20 feet rear overhang	Rear – two-lane highway
Rear – four or more lanes highway		

Loads that exceed more than one legal dimension

When a load is over in two dimensions that require an escort, front and rear escorts are required.

Example. If a load is 16 feet wide and 112 feet long, it will require one escort for the width and one escort for the length.

Exception. If a load exceeds 110 feet, but does not exceed 125 feet in length and has a rear overhang exceeding 20 feet, only one escort is required.

For manufactured housing escort requirements, see subsection titled, “Manufactured Housing, Escort Requirements for Manufactured Housing.”

Equipment requirements for escort vehicles.

General equipment requirements for escort vehicles per *TAC §28.11(k)(7) and (8)*.

- **Lights.** Must have two flashing amber lights or one rotating amber beacon of not less than eight inches in diameter fixed to the roof of the escort vehicle. The light must be visible from all sides of the escort vehicle.
- **Signs.** Must display a sign on either the roof of the vehicle or the front and/or rear of the vehicle with the words “OVERSIZE” or “WIDE LOAD.” The sign must be:
 - o Size - at least five feet, but not more than seven feet in length and at least 12 inches, but not more than 18 inches in height,
 - o Color - yellow background with black lettering,
 - o Size of lettering - at least eight inches high, but not more than 10 inches high with a brush stroke at least 1.4 inches wide,
 - o Visibility - visible from the front and rear of the vehicle while escorting the permit load. The sign must not be used at any other time.

- **Radio.** Must maintain two-way communications with the permitted vehicle and other escort vehicles involved with the movement of the permitted vehicle.
- **Height pole.** When acting as the front escort vehicle for loads exceeding 17 feet in height, must be equipped with a height pole made of nonconductive metal to accurately measure overhead obstructions.
- **Motorcycle.** Only an official law enforcement motorcycle may be used as a primary escort vehicle for a permitted vehicle traveling within the limits of an incorporated city. The motorcycle must be operated by a highway patrol officer, sheriff or duly authorized deputy, or a municipal police officer.

Escort vehicle must be a single unit with a gross weight (GVW) of not less than 1,000 pounds nor more than 10,000 pounds.

General Permits

(TRC §§623.071-623.082)

A permit can be issued for the movement of non-divisible loads that exceed legal size and/or weight limits. Carriers must have Texas Motor Carrier Registration, Unified Carrier Registration (UCR), or a \$10,000 bond on file with TxDOT.

Permit Fees

- Single-trip general permit: \$60 (+ any applicable weight fees if exceeding legal weight)
- Annual envelope permit: \$4000

Single-trip permit. A single-trip permit is for a single continuous movement not to exceed 10 days.

Annual envelope permit. This permit allows for unlimited movement on state-maintained roads in the State of Texas for one calendar year.

There are two types of annual envelope permits, vehicle specific and company specific.

- **Vehicle Specific** – Issued to a specific vehicle and can only be used for transport of loads by that vehicle. This permit is delivered to customers by mail, fax or e-mail.

- **Company specific** – Issued to a company and can only be used by one vehicle at a time by that company. The permit will be sent to the permitted customer by registered mail or at the customer’s request and expense, by overnight delivery service. This permit may not be duplicated. This permit will only be replaced if:
 - o The customer did not receive original permit within seven business days after its date of issuance;
 - o A request for replacement is submitted to the department within 10 business days after its date of issuance; and
 - o The request for replacement is accompanied by a notarized statement signed by a principle or officer of the permitted company acknowledging that the company understands the permit may not be duplicated and that if the original is located, the company must return either the original or replacement permit to the department.

TxDOT will deny a request for replacement of a permit if the department verifies the permit customer received the original.

TxDOT will not replace lost, misplaced, damaged, destroyed or otherwise unusable permits. A new permit is required.

Manufactured Housing

(TRC §§623.091-623.105)

Carriers must have Texas Motor Carrier Registration, Unified Carrier Registration (UCR), or must be registered with the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

During the transportation of a manufactured house, affix the permittee's registration or motor carrier number to the rear of the manufactured house. The number is to have letters and numbers that are at least eight-inches high.

Permit Fees. Manufactured housing is eligible for single-trip and annual permits.

- Single-trip manufactured housing permit: \$40
- Annual manufactured housing permit: \$1,500

Single-trip permit. A single-trip permit is for single continuous movement not to exceed five days.

During the transportation of a manufactured house, affix the permittee's registration or motor carrier number to the rear of the manufactured house. The number is to have letters and numbers that are at least eight-inches high. To move the multi-section manufactured house as one unit on a set of house moving dollies requires a permit for a house move.

TxDOT considers any returnable undercarriage, temporary chassis system, or a single manufactured house frame to be component parts. For that reason, they qualify for a manufactured housing permit.

A stack of manufactured housing frames requires a general oversize permit, which costs \$60. The applicant must have Texas Motor Carrier Registration, Unified Carrier Registration or must have a current Superheavy or Oversize Permit Bond on file. The stacked load must not

exceed legal height or weight. The bottom frame or transporter must have either a regular Texas trailer license, or a 72/144-hour temporary vehicle registration.

Annual permit. A manufactured housing annual permit is for the transportation of a manufactured house from a manufacturing facility to a temporary storage location, not to exceed 20 miles from the point of manufacture.

Measurements. The *width* of a manufactured house includes any roof or eaves extension or overhang on either side.

The *height* extends from the roadbed to the highest point of the manufactured house.

The overall combined *length* of the manufactured house and the towing vehicle includes the length of the hitch or towing device.

The weight must be *legal*.

Identification numbers. The applicant must complete the application and include the manufactured house's Housing and Urban Development (HUD) label number, Texas Seal number, or the complete serial number of the unit being moved.

- **HUD label number.** A HUD label number is required on all houses built after June 15, 1976.
- **Texas Seal number.** A house built after June 15, 1976, that does not have a HUD label number must apply to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for a Texas seal number if the house is being sold.
- **Identification or serial number.** Pre-HUD years (before June 15, 1976) require a complete serial number.

Application Requirements. The following information is required when applying for a manufactured housing single-trip permit:

- Applicant name, address, phone number, account number
- When moving a manufactured house, a modular home, an industrialized house, or an industrialized building as defined in *Occupations Code 1201.001, 1202.002 and 1202.003* include the following:
 - o Manufactured house HUD label number, Texas seal number on houses manufactured after June 15, 1976, complete identification or serial number for houses manufactured before June 15, 1976
 - o Name of the owner of the manufactured house
 - o Location (physical address) from where the house is being moved unless the house is being moved from a dealer or factory
 - o Location (physical address) to where the house is being moved unless the house is being moved to a dealer or factory
- Overall length, width and height of the house and towing vehicle in combination
- Applicant’s moving/operating authority number.

Escort Vehicle and Equipment Requirements for Manufactured Housing

Escort Vehicle Requirements

Dimensions Exceeding	Type of Highway	Type of Escort
16 feet wide, but not exceeding 18 feet wide	Divided	Rear
	Non-divided	Front
18 feet wide	All	Front and rear

Two sections of a multi-section manufactured home or two single section manufactured homes may be moved in convoy and share the required escorts if the distance between the two units does not exceed 1,000 feet. Each unit requires its own permit.

Lights. A manufactured house over 12 feet wide is to have one rotating amber beacon not less than eight inches in size mounted somewhere on the roof at the rear of the manufactured house.

Instead of a roof beacon, two five-inch flashing amber lights may be mounted approximately six feet from ground level at the rear corners of the manufactured house.

The towing vehicle is required to have one rotating amber beacon of not less than eight inches in size mounted on the top of the cab. These beacons are to be operational and luminous during any permitted move over the highway.

Movement Restrictions

- **Heavy traffic conditions.** TxDOT may limit the hours for travel on certain routes because of heavy traffic conditions.
- **Holidays.** Manufactured housing may not be moved on:
 - o New Year's Day
 - o Memorial Day
 - o Independence Day
 - o Labor Day
 - o Thanksgiving Day
 - o Christmas Day.
- **Visibility, weather and construction.** TxDOT also prohibits movement when:
 - o Visibility is reduced to less than 2/10 of a mile
 - o The road surface is hazardous due to weather such as wind, rain, ice, snow
 - o Highway maintenance or construction work.

Laws of the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Manufactured Housing

(10 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §80, Texas Occupation Code §1201-1202)

The Manufactured Housing Division, an independent entity of Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA), with its own board and executive director, regulates manufactured housing in Texas, licensing those who manufacture, sell and install the homes. Additionally, they maintain a database of all home owners, provides consumer protection, installation and habitability inspections and administers the Homeowners' Recovery Trust Fund, providing consumer remedy. This regulatory authority is pursuant to the Texas Occupations Code and *Title 10, Section 80 of the Texas Administrative Code*.

It is unlawful to:

- Sell two or more manufactured homes within a 12-month period without a Texas Retailer's license.
- Construct, assemble, or ship into Texas, a new HUD Code manufactured home without a Texas Manufacturer's license.
- Install, re-level, block, anchor, or install components of a foundation, without a Texas Installer's license.

All licensed installers must report every installation which may be inspected by TDHCA.

Any home that has been salvaged can only be sold to or rebuilt by a licensed retailer or rebuilder, in accordance with extensive rebuilding and inspection requirements.

If the owner of a manufactured home relocates the home, the owner shall apply for the issuance of a new statement of ownership and location (formerly known as a title),

within 60 days from the date of relocation and include a copy of the moving permit.

To contact the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Manufactured Housing Division, call direct at 512/475-2200 or toll-free at 1-800/500-7074, or access their Web site at www.tdhca.state.tx.us/mh/.

Implements of Husbandry (Agriculture)

(TRC §§623.071 – 623.082)

Definition. Implements of husbandry are:

- Farm implements
- Machinery and tools (does not include passenger car or truck) used in tilling the soil and harvesting the resulting crop, including self-propelled machinery:
 - o Specifically designed or especially adapted for applying plant food materials or agricultural chemicals
 - o Not designed or adapted for the sole purpose of transporting the materials or chemicals.

Examples of items considered implements of husbandry. Cultivators, farm tractors, reapers, binders, combines, cotton module builders, planters, disc subsoilers, tractors, dozers (when used to till the soil in a farming operation), sprayers, bailers, fertilizer spreaders, etc.

Examples of items not considered implements of husbandry. Automobiles, trucks, or items used on farms but that do not till the soil such as irrigation systems, silo barns, storage bins, cattle feeders, water tanks, etc.

The following table lists various scenarios and whether they require a permit, a Superheavy or Oversize Permit Bond, Texas Motor Carrier Registration or Unified Carrier Registration.

Fees. Implements of husbandry are eligible for single-trip and annual permits.

- Single-trip permit: \$60 + highway maintenance fees for 80,001 pounds or more.
- Annual implements of husbandry permit: \$270 + highway maintenance fee for 80,001 pounds or more.

Implements of husbandry requirements. The following table lists various scenarios and whether they require a permit, a Superheavy or Oversize Permit Bond, Motor Carrier Registration (MCR), or Unified Carrier Registration (UCR).

Load* Description	Specifications	Requirement	
		Permit	Bond MCR/UCR**
Over-length, hailed or moved by owner, agent or owner's employee	A vehicle or combination of vehicles used to transport a combine that is used in farm custom harvesting operations on a farm if the overall length of the vehicle or combination is not longer than 75 feet if traveling on the Interstate highway system, or not longer than 81 feet 6 inches if the vehicle is not traveling on the Interstate highway system	No	No*
Overwidth, moved by: • Owner • Agent • Owner's employee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overwidth only and being delivered to new owner • To transport to/from mechanic for repair/maintenance • In the course of an agricultural operation not to exceed 50 miles on Interstate highways 	No	No

Oversize/Overweight Vehicles and Loads Permits

Load* Description	Specifications	Requirement	
		Permit	Bond MCR/UCR**
Oversize/ overweight other than width	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To deliver to new owner • To transport to/from mechanic for repair/ maintenance • In the course of an agricultural operation regardless of miles traveled on the Interstate highways 	Yes	No
Oversize/ overweight moved by dealer or manufacturer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To deliver to farmer • To bring back to place of business for repairs 	Yes	No
	To deliver to another dealer or manufacturer	Yes	Yes
Oversize/ overweight moved by a transporter (hauling for hire)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To deliver to farmer • To bring back to place of business for repairs 	Yes	Yes
	To deliver to another dealer or manufacturer	Yes	Yes
<p>* When the implement is not self-propelled and has to be moved by another vehicle, include the vehicle as part of the load. ** MCR is required for all loads that exceed 48,000 pounds.</p>			

Portable Building Units

(TRC §§ 623.121 - 623.130)

Portable building carriers are not required to have a moving authority or a Superheavy or Oversize Permit Bond when the load dimensions do not exceed those allowed for a portable building permit.

Definition. A portable building is a pre-fabricated structure and other components that are delivered by the manufacturer as a complete, inspected unit with a distinct serial number, whether fully assembled, partially assembled, or an unassembled kit, when loaded for transport.

Measurement requirements. A vehicle, or vehicle combination, transporting one or more portable building units that exceeds legal length or legal width limits are eligible for a portable building permit provided the combined measurements of the load and towing vehicle do not exceed the:

- Legal height of 14 feet and
- Overall length of 80 feet with no more than a four foot rear overhang.

Applicants exceeding these dimensions must apply for a general oversize permit and must adhere to the rules for such.

If the vehicle is transporting more than one portable building and the rear overhang exceeds four feet, a building must be removed.

Loading requirements. Portable buildings may be loaded end-to-end provided the overall length does not exceed 80 feet and/or four feet of rear overhang. Portable buildings may not be loaded side-by-side nor stacked if this causes the load to exceed legal width and or height.

Fee. Portable Building Permit: \$15.

Oil Well Servicing and Drilling Machinery

(TRC §§ 623.141 - 623.150)

Definition. Oil well servicing and drilling machinery are defined as those vehicles constructed as a machine used solely for servicing, cleaning out and/or drilling oil wells, and consisting in general of a mast, an engine for power, a draw works and chassis permanently constructed or assembled for such purpose(s).

Permits eligibility. Single-trip, single-trip (mileage), quarterly and annual oversize and overweight permits may be issued for the movement of oil well servicing and drilling machinery. The permits allow vehicle loads to exceed the legal width, height, length and weight limitations.

Limitations. The maximum weight for any single axle is not to exceed 30,000 pounds. Such weight shall not exceed 950 pounds per square inch of tire width for steerable axles.

Fees. Permit fees are as follows:

- Annual Oil Well Servicing Unit Permit: \$52 per axle
- Single-Trip, Single-Trip Mileage Permit and Quarterly Hubometer* Permit:
 - o \$31 minimum fee
 - o Mileage traveled multiplied by the fee determined by the width and the height measurements, in addition to the weight in excess of legal on the axle/s group/s.
- * A hubometer is required on all vehicles issued a quarterly permit under this section.

Unladen Lift Equipment Motor Vehicles (Motor Cranes)

(TRC §§ 623.191 - 623.199)

Definition. An unladen lift equipment motor vehicle is a self-propelled unladen mobile crane constructed as a machine used solely for lifting purposes and consisting in general of a boom, an engine for power and a chassis permanently constructed or assembled for the purpose of lifting.

Registration. An unladen lift equipment motor vehicle can be registered with a regular commercial truck registration for the gross weight of the vehicle, or with permit or machinery plates.

Permits eligibility. Single-trip, single-trip mileage, quarterly and annual permits may be issued for the movement of unladen lift equipment (mobile cranes).

These permits allow the vehicle to exceed the legal width, height, length, and weight limitations.

Limitations. The maximum weight for a single axle or any axle in an axle group may not exceed 30,000 pounds and the weight must not exceed 850 pounds per inch of tire width.

Fees. Permit fees are as follows:

- Annual Mobile Crane (Unladen Lift Equipment) Permit: \$100
- Single-Trip, Single-trip Mileage Permit and Quarterly Hubometer* Permit:
 - o \$31 minimum fee
 - o Mileage traveled multiplied by the fee determined by the width and the height measurements, in addition to the weight in excess of legal on the axle/s group/s.

* A hubometer is required on all vehicles issued a quarterly permit under this section.

Permits for Over Axle and Over Gross Weight Tolerances

(TRC §623.011)

The Over Axle/Over Gross Weight Tolerance permit allows commercial motor vehicles (truck or truck tractor in combination with a trailer or semi-trailer) to haul a divisible commodity and exceed allowable axle, axle group or gross weight for those vehicles.

This permit is issued to the power unit.

Route restrictions. A permit issued under this section does not authorize the operation of a vehicle on:

- The national system of interstate and defense highways in the state (main lanes or frontage roads)
- A bridge for which a maximum weight and load limit has been established and posted if the gross weight of the vehicle and load or axles and wheel loads are greater than the limits established and posted.

Load-posted bridges. A vehicle moving with a weight tolerance permit may not travel over a load-posted bridge when exceeding the posted weight limits, unless the bridge provides the only public vehicular access to or from the permitted vehicle's origin or destination.

Vehicle transporting non-agricultural products. This permit authorizes the operation of a vehicle transporting non-agricultural products to travel on state maintained and county roads or counties selected on the permit with a tolerance of:

- Up to 10 percent above legal axle weight
- Up to, but not more than, five percent above gross vehicular weight.

Vehicle transporting agricultural products. Agricultural products include timber, pulp wood, wood chips, cotton,

livestock, or agricultural products in their natural state that are being transported from the place of production to the place of first marketing or processing (*TRC §621.508*).

This permit authorizes the operation of a vehicle transporting agricultural products to travel on state maintained and county roads or counties selected on the permit with a tolerance of:

- Up to 12 percent above legal axle weight on one tandem, 10 percent on the rest not to exceed 84,000 pounds
- Up to, but not more than five percent above gross vehicular weight

Bond or irrevocable letter of credit. An Over Axle and Over Gross Weight Tolerance Bond or an irrevocable letter of credit for \$15,000 is required for vehicles hauling non-agricultural products. An applicant must file the bond payable to TxDOT. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation must guarantee deposits of financial institutions that issue letters of credit.

The Over Axle and Over Gross Weight Tolerance Bond is effective until the insurance or bonding company notifies TxDOT that the bond is no longer valid. For vehicles hauling agricultural products, a bond or letter of credit is not required.

Fees. A permit is valid for one year from the permit start date. The fee includes:

- \$75 base fee
- \$5 administrative fee
- fee, based on the following sliding fee scale

Fees Based on Number of Counties Traveled

Number of Counties on Permit Application	Fee
1-5	\$175
6-20	\$250
21-40	\$450
41-60	\$625
61-80	\$800
81-100	\$900
101-254	\$1,000

Motor carrier registration requirements. A commercial motor vehicle, or combination of vehicles, with a gross weight, registered weight, or gross weight rating exceeding 26,000 pounds must be registered with TxDMV as a motor carrier. For information and forms call 1-800/368-4689.

Vehicle registration. Registration must be for the maximum permissible weight for a particular vehicle, not to exceed 80,000 pounds. The permit does not increase the registered weight limit, but only allows a tolerance above the maximum registered weight.

When a semitrailer registered with a token plate or an apportioned trailer plate operates in combination with a Texas-registered truck-tractor operating with a permit, the semitrailer must increase the token fee from \$15 to \$30.

A vehicle registered in another state qualifies for a permit if it has apportioned registration and Texas is listed on its

cab card. If a vehicle does not have apportioned registration, full Texas registration is required. **TxDOT does not issue temporary vehicle registration to this type of vehicle.**

For more information on weight tolerance permits, see *43 Texas Administrative Code, Part 1, Chapter 28, Subchapter C.*

Port of Brownsville Port Authority Permits

The Brownsville Navigation District of Cameron County (Port of Brownsville), Texas, has special authority from the Department to issue permits for the movement of oversize or overweight vehicles carrying cargo on a designated corridor as set out in *Texas Transportation Code, Chapter 623, Subchapter K.*

The permit fee is \$30 per trip.

The Port of Brownsville specialized oversize/overweight permit allows for the movement of oversize or overweight vehicles carrying cargo on the following roads:

- State Highway 48/State Highway 4 between the Gateway International Bridge and the entrance to the Port of Brownsville, or
- U.S. Highway 77/U.S. Highway 83 and State Highway 48/State Highway 4 between the Veterans International Bridge at Los Tomates and the entrance to the Port of Brownsville

The gross weight of cargo and equipment shall not exceed the allowable permissible axle load, the Mexican Legal Weight Limit, or 125,000 pounds, whichever is less, and the dimensions of the load and vehicle shall not exceed 12 feet wide, 15 feet 6 inches high, or 110 feet long.

Movement of a permitted vehicle is prohibited when visibility is reduced to less than 2/10 of one mile or the road surface is hazardous due to weather conditions such as rain, ice, sleet, or snow, or highway maintenance or construction work.

An oversize permitted vehicle may be moved only during daylight hours; however, an overweight only permitted vehicle may be moved at any time.

The Port of Brownsville has an online self-permitting system that allows for online payments, virtual cash receipts and permit-tracking. The system was designed to ensure permits are issued according to statute and existing administrative rules. The permit system is located at: <https://texas.promiles.com/Brownsville>.

Chambers County Permits

Chambers County, Texas, has special authority from the department to issue permits for the movement of oversize or overweight vehicles and loads on Farm-to-Market Road 1405 and the frontage road of State Highway 99 located in the Cedar Crossing Business Park as set out in *Texas Transportation Code, Chapter 623, Subchapter M*.

The gross weight of cargo and equipment shall not exceed the allowable permissible axle load, or 100,000 pounds, whichever is less and the dimensions of the load and vehicle shall not exceed 12 feet wide, 16 feet high, or 110 feet long.

Movement of a permitted vehicle is prohibited when visibility is reduced to less than 2/10 of one mile or the road surface is hazardous due to weather conditions such as rain, ice, sleet, or snow, or highway maintenance or construction work.

An oversize permitted vehicle may be moved only during daylight hours; however, an overweight only permitted vehicle may be moved at any time.

Chambers County has an online self-permitting system that allows for online payments, virtual cash receipts and permit-tracking. The system was designed to ensure permits are issued according to statute and existing administrative rules. The permit system is located at: <http://texas.promiles.com/chambers>.

Compliance

A person operating a vehicle for which a permit is required shall comply with all applicable terms, conditions and requirements of the permit and applicable rules and *TRC Chapters 621, 622 or 623*.

A person operating on a public road or highway a vehicle for which a permit is not required shall comply with the weight and size provisions of *TRC Chapters 621, 622 or 623*.

A person may not operate on a highway or public road a vehicle that exceeds its gross weight registration.

False information on the permit is considered a violation and subjects the permit to revocation and enforcement provisions set out in *43 TAC Chapter 28*.

Shipper's certificate of weight. When a shipper's certificate of weight is used, the shipper must certify that the information on the form is accurate and must deliver the form to the motor carrier or person before an overweight permit is applied for or before transportation of the shipment begins.

A motor carrier who holds an annual envelope permit may rely on the shipper's certificate of weight to determine

whether the shipment requires an additional overweight permit.

A person may use the certificate of weight as a defense for not obtaining the required overweight permit.

Permit compliance. A permit issued under this chapter becomes invalid immediately on the violation of a rule or a condition or requirement placed on the permit. Any movement thereafter is a violation and subject to enforcement action under *43 TAC Chapter 28 and TRC Chapters 621, 622 and 623*.

Records and Inspections

Persons and motor carriers subject to *Transportation Code, Chapters 621, 622 or 623*, are required to maintain certain information and records and provide access to any such records to department investigators for examining and inspecting these records.

All records and information required by the department shall maintain at the principal place of business for not less than two years. These records shall include:

- operational logs, insurance certificates and documents to verify the person's operations;
- complete and accurate records of services performed;
- all certificate of title documents, shipper's certificate of weight, including information used to support the shipper's certificate of weight, weight tickets, permits for oversize or overweight vehicles and loads, dispatch records, load tickets, waybill or any other document that verify the operations of the vehicle to determine the actual weight, insurance coverage, size or capacity of the vehicle, and the size or weight of the commodity being transported.

Copies of the oversize or overweight permit shall be maintained in the vehicle for which the permit was issued during the period that the permit is required. The permit shall be presented to a department inspector or any other authorized government personnel upon demand.

Inspections.

- A person shall give an inspector access to the person's premises to conduct inspections or investigations of an alleged violation of 43 *TAC Chapter 28, or Transportation Code, Chapters 621, 622 or 623*. The person shall provide adequate workspace with reasonable working conditions and shall allow the inspector to copy and verify records and documents.
- Inspections and investigations will be conducted during normal business hours unless mutual arrangements have been made otherwise.
- The inspector will present to the person the inspector's credentials and a written statement from the department indicating the inspector's authority to conduct the investigation.

Regional office or driver work-reporting location. All records and documents required by this subchapter which are maintained at the regional office or driver work-reporting location shall be made available for inspection upon request at the motor carrier's principal place of business or other location specified by the department within 48 hours after a request is made.

Enforcement

Administrative penalties. The department may impose an administrative penalty against a person who:

- Provides false information on a permit application
- Violates *Transportation Code, Chapters 621, 622 or 623* or any adopted orders of these chapters
- Fails to obtain an oversize overweight permit

- Violates an order adopted under *43 TAC Chapter 28* or *Transportation Code, Chapters 621, 622 or 628*.

The amount of the penalty may not exceed \$5,000 per violation, unless it is found the person knowingly committed the violation at which time the penalty may not exceed \$15,000. If it is found that a person knowingly committed multiple violations, the penalty may be in an amount not to exceed \$30,000, based on the following factors:

- Seriousness of the violation
- Economic harm to property or the environment
- History of previous violations
- Amount necessary to deter future violations
- Efforts made to correct the violation and
- Other matters that justice may require.

Administrative sanctions. The department may revoke, suspend, or deny an oversize or overweight permit if the person

- Provides false information on a permit application
- Violates *Transportation Code, Chapters 621, 622 or 623* or any adopted orders of these chapters
- Fails to obtain an oversize overweight permit
- Violates an order adopted under *43 TAC Chapter 28* or *Transportation Code 621, 622, 623*.

The department may probate a suspension upon review of

- Seriousness of the violation
- Prior violations
- Prior probated suspensions for the person
- Cooperation by the person in the investigation and enforcement proceeding; and
- Ability of the person to correct the violation.

The length of the probation will be based on the seriousness of the violation. During the probation, the

person will be required to report to the department on a monthly basis. The department may revoke the probation and impose a deferred administrative penalty if the person fails to abide by the terms of the probation.

Nonpayment of penalties. The department may not issue an oversize or overweight permit to the person who has not paid an administrative penalty that is due or for the vehicle that is the subject of the enforcement order until the amount of the delinquent administrative penalty has been paid to the department.

Proceedings. If the department decides to take an enforcement action under this subchapter, the department shall, in writing give notice to the person whom the action is being taken. That notice must include:

- Summary of alleged violation;
- Statement of each enforcement action being taken;
- Effective date of each enforcement action;
- A statement informing a person of their rights to request a hearing;
- A statement describing the procedure for requesting a hearing;
- A statement that the proposed penalties and sanctions will take effect on the date specified in the letter if the person fails to request a hearing.

The person must submit a written request for a hearing not later than the 26th day after the date the notice is mailed. On receipt of the written request, the department will refer to the State Office of Administrative Hearings. When the hearing is set, the department will notify the person of time and place of hearing. If the person does not make a written request for a hearing, or enter into a settlement agreement before the 27th day after the date that the notice is mailed, the department's decision becomes final and unappealable.

False information on certificate by shipper. The department may investigate and impose an administrative penalty on a shipper who provides false information on a shipper's certificate of weight. The amount of such penalty is calculated in the same manner as other administrative penalties.

Temporary Vehicle Registration

Temporary vehicle registration may be issued to allow temporary movement of unregistered vehicles in Texas.

72-Hour and 144-Hour Temporary Vehicle Registration

(TRC §502.352)

A temporary 72-hour or 144-hour registration (permit) can be issued for the movement of a laden truck, truck-tractor, trailer, semitrailer, or a motor bus upon the highways of Texas in either interstate or intrastate operation.

Temporary 72-hour or 144-hour permits may only be issued to commercial vehicles and buses owned by residents of the United States, Mexico, or Canada. Residents of any other foreign country are not eligible to obtain this type of temporary registration.

Nonresidents of Texas may use these permits to:

- Operate an unregistered commercial vehicle or bus in Texas.
- Engage in intrastate operations in Texas with out-of-state licensed commercial vehicles.

Texas residents may use these permits to operate:

- An unregistered commercial vehicle or bus in Texas.
- A Texas registered commercial vehicle with a heavier gross weight than registered. The heavier load may operate for only the period that the permit is valid unless the owner purchases additional permits.
- A farm registered or soil conservation registered vehicle with its maximum legal gross weight in a manner other than normally intended.

Note: When a pulling unit (Texas or out-of-state) displays a 72-hour or 144-hour permit, then each semitrailer operated in combination must also display a 72-hour or 144-hour permit or regular Texas Trailer license plates (not Token Trailer license plates).

Weights. Vehicles operating with 72-hour or 144-hour permits may operate at the maximum weight allowed under the Texas registration laws.

Requirements. The applicant must present evidence of insurance in the minimum amounts prescribed by the Texas Motor Vehicle Safety Responsibility Act.

Note: Temporary 72-hour or 144-hour permits issued by Texas are not honored by all states. To operate outside of Texas with one of these permits, the vehicle operator should contact the motor vehicle jurisdiction(s) in the appropriate state(s) in which travel is planned.

Fees

- 72-Hour Permit: \$25
- 144-Hour Permit: \$50

One-Trip Temporary Vehicle Registration

A one-trip permit temporary registration (permit) is issued for the temporary movement of an unladen vehicle subject to the registration laws of this State. The permit is valid for a period of 15 days.

Eligibility for one-trip temporary vehicle registration. The following vehicles are eligible for one-trip temporary vehicle registration:

- Truck or truck-tractor operating in combination with an unladen trailer or semitrailer. (If both vehicles are unregistered, two permits must be issued, one for each unit.)

- Charter bus. (Only those from another state or country may carry property and passengers.)
- A private bus carrying property and passengers.
- Commercial vehicle with a camper unit mounted on it.
- A commercial vehicle which is not transporting any passengers or property.
(Vehicle must be empty)
- Passenger car. (The carrying of passengers and property is permitted.)
- Park Model trailers
- Motorcycle.

One-trip permits may not be issued for:

- Manufactured housing
- Charter bus based in Texas which is transporting passengers.
- Commercial vehicle which is transporting the owner's household goods.
- Boat trailer which is carrying a boat.
- Laden luggage trailer or laden utility trailer.
- Vehicle carrying a fixed load regardless of whether the vehicle is conventional or unconventional.
- Vehicle which has been apprehended for operating unregistered.
- Junked, salvage, or non-repairable vehicle.
- A trip that originates and terminates outside Texas.

Requirements. The applicant must present evidence of insurance in the minimum amounts prescribed by the Texas Motor Vehicle Safety Responsibility Act.

Route. A one-trip registration permit is valid for one trip only between the point of origin and the point of destination and the intermediate point as shown on the permit or license receipt. The operator must show an

intermediate point for the purpose of establishing a definite route.

A one-trip temporary vehicle registration may not be issued for a trip that originates and terminates outside of Texas. Either the trip point of origin or the point of destination must be within the State of Texas.

Note: One-trip permits issued by Texas are not honored by all states. To operate outside of Texas with one of these permits, the vehicle operator should contact the motor vehicle jurisdiction(s) in the appropriate state(s) in which travel is planned.

Fee. One-Trip Temporary Vehicle Registration: \$5.

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Other Helpful Information

Motor Carrier Forms and Publications

Motor carrier forms and publications are located on the TxDMV Web site at www.txdmv.gov, select “FindForms” under the “How do I...” section.

Motor Carrier Important Notices and Rules/Regulations

Motor carrier important notices and rules and regulations are located on the TxDMV Web site at www.dmv.gov, select “Notices and Rules” under the “Motor Carriers” section.

Motor Carrier Safety

Motor carriers are required to follow specific safety regulations. A *Texas Motor Carrier’s Guide to Highway Safety* is available on the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) Web site: www.txdps.state.tx.us, then search keyword CVE for a listing of all DPS Commercial Vehicle Enforcement information and publications. DPS is responsible for safety enforcement in Texas. For federal safety information and enforcement, visit the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration Web site at www.fmcsa.dot.gov/safety-security/sites/company-safety.htm.

Commercial Driver License

Most motor carrier drivers are required to have a Commercial Driver License (CDL). To determine if a driver is required to have a CDL, visit the DPS Web site at www.txdps.state.tx.us/cve/texaslaws.htm, then select, “Do I need a commercial driver license (CDL)?”

The *Texas Commercial Motor Vehicle Driver’s Handbook* can also be found on the DPS Web site. At the DPS home page, select “TX Driver License” then “Driver License Forms.”

DPS, Motor Carrier Bureau Headquarters in Austin, can be contacted by calling 1-800/299-1700, options 6 or 7 or by visiting www.txdps.state.tx.us.

TxDOT Toll-Free Number

TxDOT offers a toll-free number for contacting state and federal agencies regarding motor carrier compliance.

- Dial toll-free 1-800/299-1700 and press a menu option for a desired topic.

If you do not have a touch-tone phone or would like to speak to an operator, hold for assistance. Menu options may change without notice.

TxDOT Automated Telephone Menu

Topic	Options		
Oversize/overweight (single-trip) permits or temporary tags	1	7	1
Weight Tolerance Permits	1	1	1
30/60/90 day overwidth or overlength permits, annual hay, vehicle specific envelope or utility pole permits	1	1	2
Annual company specific envelope, annual manufactured housing, annual well servicing, mobile crane & annual implement of husbandry permits	1	1	4
Quarterly self-propelled cranes and well servicing unit permits	1	1	3
Super heavy loads exceeding 254,300 pounds	1	2	
Route Inspections, loads exceeding 20 feet wide, or 18 feet 11 inches high, or 125 feet long or for house moves	1	3	
Remote Permit System questions or information	1	4	
Permit Amendments	1	5	1
Questions concerning internet permit applications and general permit information	1	5	2
Questions concerning fax permit applications	1	5	3

TxDOT Automated Telephone Menu (cont.)

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PAC, FirstPay, and Credit Card transaction information	1	6	1
Escrow Account Information	1	6	2
Cash, Check, or Money Order Transactions	1	6	3
Western Regional multi-state permits	1	7	2
Size/weight Compliance and Enforcement Inquiries and Complaint Management System (CMS) Information	3		
International Fuel Tax Agreement and Other Motor Fuel Tax Information	5		
Drivers License Information	6		
Motor Carrier Safety Regulations			
Make your selection based on the geographic area nearest to your location.			
Region 1 – Dallas, Tyler, Texarkana	7	1	
Region 2 – Houston, Beaumont, Lufkin	7	2	
Region 3 - Corpus Christi, Brownsville, Laredo, San Antonio	7	3	
Region 4 – Midland, Abilene, El Paso	7	4	
Region 5 – Lubbock, Amarillo, Wichita Falls	7	5	
Region 6 – Waco, Austin, Temple	7	6	

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District	Location	Number
Abilene	4250 North Clack Abilene 79601	325/676-6801
Amarillo	5715 Canyon Drive Amarillo 79114	806/356-3201
Atlanta	701 East Main St. Atlanta 75551-2418	903/799-1220
Austin	7901 North I-35 Austin 78753	512/832-7022
Beaumont	8350 Eastex Freeway Beaumont 77708-1701	409/898-5731
Brownwood	2495 Highway 183 N. Brownwood 76802-3227	325/643-0411
Bryan	1300 N. Texas Ave. Bryan 77803-2760	979/778-9611
Childress	7599 U.S. 287 Childress 79201-9705	940/937-7145
Corpus Christi	1701 S. Padre Island Dr. Corpus Christi 78416	361/808-2220
Dallas	4777 East Hwy. 80 Mesquite 75150-6642	214/320-6110
El Paso	13301 Gateway Boulevard West El Paso 79928-5410	915/790-4203
Ft. Worth	2501 SW Loop 820 Ft. Worth 76133	817/370-6512
Houston	7600 Washington Ave. Houston 77007	713/802-5001
Laredo	1817 Bob Bullock Lp. Laredo 78043	956/712-7400
Lubbock	135 Slaton Road Lubbock 79404-5201	806/748-4420
Lufkin	1805 N. Timberland Dr. Lufkin 75901	936/633-4322

TxDOT District Offices (cont.)

District	Location	Number
Odessa	3901 E. U.S. Hwy. 80 Odessa 79761	432/498-4711
Paris	1365 N. Main St. Paris 75460-2697	903/737-9206
Pharr	600 W. U.S. Exp. 83 Pharr 78577-1231	956/702-6101
San Angelo	4502 Knickerbocker Rd. San Angelo 76904	325/944-1501
San Antonio	4615 NW Loop 410 San Antonio 78229-0928	210/615-5801
Tyler	2709 West Front Street Tyler 75702-7712	903/510-9220
Waco	100 South Loop Drive Waco 76704-2858	254/867-2701
Wichita Falls	1601 Southwest Pkwy. Wichita Falls 76302-4906	940/720-7790
Yoakum	403 Huck Street Yoakum 77995-2973	361/293-4332

Definitions

144-hour temporary vehicle registration. Temporary vehicle registration authorizes a vehicle to operate at maximum legal weight on a state highway for a period not longer than 144 consecutive hours, as prescribed by TRC §502.352.

72-hour temporary vehicle registration. Temporary vehicle registration authorizes a vehicle to operate at maximum legal weight on a state highway for a period not longer than 72 consecutive hours, as prescribed by TRC §502.352.

Applicant. Any person, firm, or corporation requesting a permit.

Bill of lading. A document issued describing the kind and quantity of goods being shipped, the shipper, the consignee, the port of loading and discharge and the carrying vessel. In the case of household goods, this would be the moving services contract.

Cab card. General term with multiple meanings – In this handbook, cab card refers to the 'insurance cab card' which lists vehicles registered as commercial motor vehicles under a Certificate of Registration number issued by TxDMV, Motor Carrier Division for intrastate operations.

DOT. This term has multiple meanings because it is not specific – When used, it most commonly is pertaining to the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT), Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) regulations regarding safety requirements of drivers and/or commercial motor vehicles. It could also refer to commercial motor carrier licensing agencies, such as USDOT, FMCSA, for interstate operations (shipment crossing state line), or Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for intrastate operations (shipments with origin and destination within the borders of Texas).

Gross weight. The unladen weight of a vehicle or combination of vehicles plus the weight of the load being transported.

Interstate. Movement from state to state across state lines, including from a port or railway.

Intrastate. Movement within the State of Texas borders.

Lading. Cargo; freight being transported.

Net weight. Weight of cargo or freight (gross weight less tare weight = net weight)

Nondivisible load. A load that cannot be reduced to a smaller dimension without compromising the integrity of the load or requiring more than eight hours of work using appropriate equipment to dismantle.

Permit account card (PAC). A debit card that can only be used to purchase a permit or temporary vehicle registration and which is issued by a financial institution that is under contract with TxDOT and the Comptroller of Public Accounts.

Permit specialist. An employee of TxDOT who is authorized to issue an oversize/overweight permit and temporary vehicle registration.

Permitted vehicle. A vehicle, combination of vehicles, or vehicle and its load operating under the provisions of a permit.

Shipper's certificate of weight. Form 2280 in which the shipper certifies to the maximum weight of the shipment being transported. Form is available at www.txdot.gov, search "Motor Carrier Forms," select "Oversize/Overweight Load Permits," and then "Shipper Certificate of Weight."

Shipper. Person who consigns the movement of a shipment.

Tare weight. Weight of a vehicle when it is empty of a load and occupants.

Temporary vehicle registration. A 72-hour temporary vehicle registration, 144-hour temporary vehicle registration, or one-trip registration, as defined by *TRC §502.352 and §502.354*.

Truck. A motor vehicle designed, used, or maintained primarily for the transportation of property.

Truck-tractor. A motor vehicle designed or used primarily for drawing another vehicle: (A) that is not constructed to carry a load other than a part of the weight of the vehicle and load being drawn, or (B) that is engaged with a semitrailer in the transportation of automobiles or boats and that transports the automobiles or boats on part of the truck-tractor.

Waybill. A document giving details and instructions relating to the shipment of goods. Unlike a bill of lading, which includes much of the same information, a waybill is not a document of title.

Railroad Crossings Emergency Hotline

To report malfunctions of mechanical devices at railroad crossings or other types of situations that may require immediate attention including a vehicle that may be hung-up on the tracks call 800/772-7677. This hotline is manned 24 hours a day by the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Be prepared to provide operator with the location site number (all railroad crossing locations equipped with mechanical devices have a sign attached identifying the location site) and the exact location in relation to the state highway system. Report the highway number and mileage from a town. If possible give the name of the railroad company that is listed at the site, as this will give the operator the information needed to be able to contact the company that owns the rail line.

Texas State Contacts

Agencies	Topics	Contact
<p style="text-align: center;">Texas Online</p> <p>A one-stop-shop for government interactions, saving time and effort by directing you in the right direction. Texas Online makes government accessible 24 hours a day, seven days a week.”</p> <p style="text-align: center;">www.texas.gov</p>	<p>Driver’s License Vehicle Registration Taxes and more...</p>	877/452-9060
<p style="text-align: center;">Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts Window on State Government</p> <p style="text-align: center;">www.window.state.tx.us</p> <p>Any Texas-based entity operating qualified motor vehicle(s) in two or more IFTA (International Fuel Tax Agreement) jurisdictions may obtain a Texas IFTA license in lieu of obtaining trip permits to satisfy their motor fuels tax obligations to other states. Texas must be your based jurisdiction.</p>	Motor fuels tax	(TX) 800/ 252-1383
	Fuel permits IFTA	800/252-1383
<p>Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs</p> <p>www.tdhca.state.tx.us/mh.htm</p>	Manufactured housing regulation	800/500-7074 512/475-2200
<p style="text-align: center;">Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">www.tceq.state.tx.us</p>	Hazardous materials transport registration and reporting	512/239-6833
	Air Check Texas Repair and Replacement Assistance Program (financial assistance for qualified owners of vehicles that failed emissions test)	800/913-3321

Texas State Contacts (cont.)

Agencies	Topics	Contact
Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) www.txdps.state.tx.us	Headquarters	512/424-2000
	Driver records	512/424-2600
	Commercial Vehicle Enforcement	To locate a CVE office www.txdps.state. tx.us/cve/
	License & weight service	512/424-2116
	Traffic law enforcement	512/424-2110
	Hazardous materials	512/424-2010
	Motor Carrier Bureau	512/424-2051
	Emergency roadside assistance	800/525-5555
	Complaints	http://www.txdps. state.tx.us/OIG/ complaint.htm
	Open records	Fax: 512/424- 2649 or e-mail: pio@txdps.state. tx.us
	Vehicle inspection & emission	512/424-2770
	Commercial driver license	512/424-2600
Safety hazardous materials	512/424-2051	

Texas State Contacts (cont.)

Agencies	Topics	Contact
Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) www.txdot.gov	OS/OW load permits	800/299-1700
	Texas Highways Magazine	800/839-4997
	Traffic operations/ crash records	512/486-5780
	Tourism	800/452-9292
	TTY (phone device for the deaf)	800/687-5288
Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TxDMV) www.txdmv.gov	International Registration Plan (IRP)	888/368-4689, opt. 4,3,1
	Motor carriers & Vehicle Titles and Registration (license plates, liens, titles)	888/368-4689, opt. 4,3,2
	Special plates	512/374-5010
	Certificates of title	512/465-7611
Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation www.license.state.tx.us/towing/ towing.htm	Vehicle storage facilities (VSF) and tow trucks	800/803-9202 512/463-6599 512/475-2871 (fax)
Texas Secretary of State www.sos.state.tx.us	Selecting a business structure	512/463-5555
Texas Department of Insurance www.tdi.state.tx.us	Consumer Helpline	800/252-3439
Railroad Commission of Texas www.rrc.state.tx.us	Liquid Petroleum Gas (LPG or LP-Gas) Propane, Propylene Normal Butane Isobutane Butylenes	Main 877/228-5740 Austin 512/463-7288

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Federal Contacts

Agencies	Topics	Contact
U.S. Department of Transportation www.dot.gov		202/366-4000
Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration www.fmcsa.dot.gov	USDOT Numbers Operating Authority Safety Ratings Insurance filings	800/832-5660
	Household Movers (interstate moves only)	888/DOT-SAFT 888/368-7238
	Licensing	866/637-0635
	Insurance	202/385-2423
Hazardous Materials Information Center (HMIC) www.phmsa.dot.gov/ hazmat	Pipeline Hazardous materials Hazardous cargo routing Rules Registration	800/467-4922 202/366-4488
Federal Highway Administration www.fhwa.dot.gov		Austin 512/536-5952
Internal Revenue Service (IRS) www.irs.gov	Heavy Vehicle Use Tax (HVUT) Form 2290	800/829-1040

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