

BLANKET PERMIT MOVEMENT CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS

NOTICE: Loaded dimensions must not exceed the maximum allowed on the face of the issued permit. The Permittee must read, understand and comply with all conditions, requirements and terms of the issued permit and this list. If you do not understand the requirements of the permit or this list, contact the **Permit Office** at **(850) 410-5777** immediately. Any posted signage for oversize and/or overweight shall supersede the requirements and terms of the attached permit and this list. The attached permit does not allow the permitted vehicle/load to encroach upon adjacent lanes, block roadways, stage on FDOT right-of-way or interfere with the normal flow of traffic without proper escorts and explicit permit approval.

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ESCORT VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR QUALIFIED ESCORTS (NON-LAW ENFORCEMENT ESCORT VEHICLES)

The Permittee is responsible for ensuring that escorts are currently authorized to operate in Florida and for meeting the requirements below.

Escort Vehicles:

1. Escort vehicle(s) must be a single unit vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating of at least 2,000 pounds and less than 26,000 pounds. The vehicle must be properly licensed, registered and operated by a qualified escort.
2. Identification signs or placards showing the name of the company, owner or driver of the escort vehicle must be in a conspicuous place on both the right and left sides of the escort vehicle. The signs or placards shall be at least 8 inches x 12 inches, or contain the equivalent square inches, and shall also contain the telephone number of the owner or driver plainly legible and visible to the motoring public.
3. All escort vehicles must be equipped with high visibility rotating, strobe or flashing Class 2 amber warning lights mounted so as to be seen by all approaching traffic at a distance of at least 500 feet.
4. Escort vehicles shall display a bumper and/or roof mounted yellow sign reading "OVERSIZE LOAD" with black letters with a minimum brushstroke of 10 inches high, 1 ½ inches wide, which must be visible from front and rear.
5. Two flags, either red or florescent orange in color, which must be at least 18 inches x 18 inches, shall be mounted at approximately a 40 to 70 degree angle on the escort vehicle.

On-Board Equipment:

During escort operations, all escort vehicles shall have onboard the following equipment and such equipment shall be in working order:

1. Operable two-way electronic communications. Qualified escorts must have a method for maintaining verbal communication with the driver of the permitted load at all times during movements.
2. One Class ABC fire extinguisher, minimum five pounds.
3. "STOP" and "GO" or "STOP" and "SLOW" paddles (minimum 18 inches in diameter with 6 inch letters).
4. A high visibility, fluorescent class 2 safety vest for flagging during daytime hours or a high visibility, fluorescent class 3 safety vest when flagging at night.
5. One hand-held flag, either red or florescent orange in color, which must be at least 12 inches by 12 inches.
6. Two warning signs (yellow with black lettering) with a minimum brush stroke of 12 inches high and 1 ½ inches wide. Each sign shall have a total dimension of not less than 7 feet long by 18 inches high. These signs shall be used in the event the permitted vehicle or load loses its sign(s).
7. Three 36 inch traffic cones, which must be reflective if used at night.
8. For over height loads, the lead vehicle must have a height indicator, (i.e. height pole) made of non-conductive and non-destructive material. The height pole must be 6 inches above the height of the load.

Escort Functions:

1. Escorts are required to watch and direct traffic or the load to ensure public safety. Qualified escorts (as defined in FAC 14-26) and flag persons may, when actively escorting permitted loads, perform necessary traffic control functions as defined in Section 316.079(2), Florida Statutes. No escort or escort vehicle may be used to perform any other function that could distract from the escort responsibilities.
2. If one escort is required for an over-width load, the escort shall precede the load on two lane highways or follow the load on four lane highways.
3. If two escorts are required, one must precede the load and one must follow.

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4. If the load is over-length only, the escort vehicle shall be in the rear of the load at all times.
5. Escorts shall operate no more than 300 feet in front of or behind the load unless road conditions or permit stipulations dictate otherwise.
6. Escorts equipped with a vertical height indicator must precede the load at a distance which allows the permitted vehicle to take evasive action when approaching overhead obstructions.
7. Escort vehicles in the process of escorting a permitted vehicle or load must proceed through weigh stations and must not bypass such stations.
8. The Permittee is responsible for providing the escort with a copy of the permit prior to the move.

SAFETY REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS FOR PERMITTED LOAD AND VEHICLE

1. General – All permitted vehicles must proceed through all open weigh stations, including vehicles equipped with an automatic vehicle identification system.
2. Flags – Flags shall be clean, have high visibility, and be at least 18 inches x 18 inches. They shall be displayed so as to wave freely on all four corners of the vehicle and at the extreme ends of all protrusions, projections, or overhangs.
3. Warning Lights – Required Display: All vehicles or loads exceeding 10 feet in width, 80 feet in length (or over 3 feet of front overhang for self-propelled equipment) or 14 feet 6 inches in height, shall have warning lights which shall:
 - a. Be high visibility rotating, strobe or flashing Class 2 amber warning lights, and;
 - b. Be mounted so as to be seen by all approaching traffic at a distance of at least 500 feet.
4. Warning Signs – Required Display: All vehicles or loads exceeding 10 feet in width, 80 feet in length or 14 feet 6 inches in height must display two warning signs. Each warning sign shall:
 - a. Consist of black letters 12 inches high with a brushstroke of not less than 1 ½ inches wide on a yellow background.
 - b. State “OVERSIZE LOAD”.
 - c. Have a total dimension of not less than 7 feet long by 18 inches high.
 - d. Be either bumper or roof mounted. If one of the signs is roof mounted then, the other sign must be at the rear of the towed unit or at the rear of the load. Voids (holes) may be cut in warning signs as signs must not cover any vehicle light, reflector, or license plate(s).
5. Surveys – The Department is responsible for verifying the load carrying capacity of the route (bridges and similar load bearing structures). The hauler is responsible for verifying adequate vertical (height) and horizontal (length and width) clearances exist on route. A survey must be performed prior to movement for all oversized loads. When the load exceeds 15 feet in height and/or 16 feet in width, the hauler must maintain a copy of the Survey Letter on board and present it to law enforcement and weight inspectors upon request. The survey letter must be on the hauler’s letterhead and include a signed statement verifying that the route has been surveyed, and that the clearances on route exceed the vehicle and load dimensions by a minimum of 6 inches for height and 2 feet for width. The route on the Survey Letter must match the route shown on the permit and the survey must be performed by a qualified escort as described in FAC 14-26.012(2).

TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS

FLORIDA – ALABAMA STATE LINE

A vehicle operating under a valid permit with a law enforcement escort, may enter Florida at the Alabama Line on I-10 and proceed to the eastbound Pensacola Weigh Station or exit Florida at the Alabama Line on I-10 when leaving the westbound Pensacola Weigh Station during nighttime hours.

HOLIDAY – Movement is not allowed for vehicles exceeding 10’ wide, 14’-6” high or 80’ long on New Year’s Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, the day after Thanksgiving, and Christmas Day. If any of these holidays fall on a Saturday, the preceding Friday shall also be observed as a holiday. If any of these holidays fall on a Sunday, the following Monday shall also be observed as a holiday.

PEAK TRAFFIC – Movement is not allowed for vehicles over 12’ wide or 85’ long, from 7AM-9AM & 4PM-6PM weekdays, on any state maintained roadway (including interstates) in the following counties: Dade, Broward, Palm Beach, Orange, Duval,

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Hillsborough and Pinellas nor on any state maintained roadway (excluding interstates) in the following cities: Daytona Beach, Gainesville, Lakeland, Melbourne, Palm Bay, Pensacola, Port St. Lucie, Sarasota and Tallahassee.

HEIGHT LIMITATIONS:

1. Height Greater than 13 feet 6 inches and Less Than or Equal to 14 feet 6 inches
 - Movement is permitted all days, all hours. Except for local moves, this is the maximum height allowed for straight trucks.
2. Height Greater than 14 feet 6 inches and Less Than or Equal to 16 feet
 - Movement is permitted daytime hours only in addition to holiday and peak traffic restrictions described in this document. Flags, warning signs, and two (2) warning lights are required. One (1) warning light shall be mounted on the front of the vehicle and one (1) warning light shall be mounted on the rear of the load. One (1) qualified escort vehicle with a vertical height indicator is required to precede the load at a distance which allows the permitted vehicle to take evasive actions when approaching overhead obstructions.
3. Height Greater than 16 feet and Less Than or Equal to 18 feet
 - Movement permitted daytime hours only in addition to holiday and peak traffic restrictions described in this document. Flags, warning signs and two (2) warning lights are required. One (1) warning light shall be mounted on the front of the vehicle and one (1) warning light shall be mounted on the rear of the load. One (1) qualified escort vehicle with a vertical height indicator is required to precede the load at a distance which allows the permitted vehicle to take evasive actions when approaching overhead obstructions. One (1) law enforcement escort is also required. Movement is restricted to local moves only. Appropriate utility personnel will also be required for low barriers such as overhead structures, traffic signals, and low wires.
 - **NO MOVEMENT ALLOWED OVER 18 FEET HIGH WITH THIS PERMIT.**

WIDTH LIMITATIONS:

1. Width Greater than 8 feet 6 inches and Less Than or Equal to 10 feet
 - Movement is permitted all days, daytime hours only. Flags required.
2. Width Greater than 10 feet and Less Than or Equal to 12 feet
 - **All Movement:** Warning lights are required, mounted in such a way as to be seen by all approaching traffic. Flags and warning signs are required. Except for local moves, this is the maximum width allowed on a straight truck.
 - **North of Florida City:** Movement is permitted daytime hours only in addition to, holiday and peak traffic restrictions described in this document.
 - **South of Florida City:** Movement is only permitted between the hours from 9:00 PM to 5:00 AM. Movement is not permitted on holidays. Movement requires a minimum of one (1) Qualified Escort.
3. Width Greater than 12 feet and Less Than or Equal to 14 feet
 - **North of Florida City:** Movement is permitted daytime hours only in addition to holiday and peak traffic restrictions described in this document. No movement will be allowed in congested areas during peak traffic hours. Flags, warning signs, and warning lights are required. Minimum two (2) warning lights, one front and one rear, are required, except for all manufactured buildings, manufactured homes, mobile homes, modular buildings, sheds, and swimming pools requiring a minimum four (4) warning lights, two front and two rear at each corner. One (1) qualified escort vehicle required at all times. Two (2) qualified escorts, one front and one rear, are required when traveling on roadways as described in FAC 14-26.012(7)(c)(3), except on loads with a minimum of four (4) warning lights, two front and two rear at each corner.
 - **South of Florida City:** No movement allowed over 12 feet wide with this permit.
 - **NO MOVEMENT ALLOWED OVER 14 FEET WIDE WITH THIS PERMIT.**

LENGTH LIMITATIONS:

1. Length Greater than 68 feet and Less Than or Equal to 80 feet
 - Movement is permitted all days, all hours. Rear overhang, is limited to maximum of 10 feet during nighttime movement. When overhang exceeds 4 feet, a warning light is required on top of the vehicle. At the extreme rear of the load must be two (2) red lamps and two (2) red reflectors, one of each on each side of the load.
2. Length Greater than 80 feet and Less Than or Equal to 95 feet

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- 3. Length Greater than 95 feet and Less Than or Equal to 120 feet
 - Movement is permitted daytime hours only in addition to the holiday and peak traffic restrictions described in this document. Flags, warning signs and two (2) warning lights are required. One (1) warning light shall be mounted on the front of the vehicle and one (1) warning light shall be mounted on the rear of the load. One (1) qualified escort is required during all movement, except for truck tractor semi-trailers up to 105 feet with three points of articulation. Mobile home and tractor combinations cannot exceed 120 feet and the mobile home itself cannot exceed 81 feet (including all overhangs and tongue). Maximum length of multiple sections or single units of manufactured buildings on a trailer is 80 feet.
 - **NO MOVEMENT ALLOWED OVER 120 FEET LONG WITH THIS PERMIT.**

SELF-PROPELLED EQUIPMENT LENGTH LIMITATIONS:

For all self-propelled equipment, the boom must be fully retracted. No movement is allowed on limited access facilities with units designed for off-road use. Nighttime movement requires that the front overhang has a minimum of 80 inches clearance above the roadway. The boom must be fully retracted and all attachments removed. One (1) warning light must be mounted on the end of the boom.

1. Length Greater than 40 feet and Less Than or Equal to 80 feet
 - a. Front Overhang Greater than 3 feet and Less Than or Equal to 9 feet
 - Movement is permitted all days, all hours.
 - b. Front Overhang Greater than 9 feet
 - Movement is permitted all days, during daytime hours only.
2. Length Greater than 80 feet
 - Movement is permitted daytime hours only in addition to holiday and peak traffic restrictions described in this document. Flags and Warning Signs are required.

SELF-PROPELLED TRUCK CRANES TOWING A VEHICLE

Under Section 316.550, FS, permitted self-propelled truck cranes may tow up to a 5,000 pound vehicle on the State Highway System when the combined weight of truck crane and towed vehicle do not exceed 95,000 pounds, and is not being operated on the Interstate Highway System.

EMPTY TRUCK TRACTOR SEMI-TRAILOR

Movement of an empty truck tractor semi-trailer up to 11 feet in width and not to exceed 105 feet in length, traveling on or within five miles of limited access roadways, and when operating with an existing valid permit will be allowed to travel during nighttime hours. Warning lights, flags, signs, and escorts will be required as permit conditions based upon the dimensions of the load when traveling empty during nighttime hours. Extra axles and stingers may be hauled on the trailer to reduce overall dimensions for safety purposes.

MULTI-LOADING IS ALLOWED ONLY UNDER THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS WITH A VALID PERMIT

Multiple loading does not cause the dimensions of the load to exceed those limits established in Section 316.515, FS. Vehicles will only be allowed to exceed the gross vehicle weight limits established in Section 316.535, FS, when:

1. Any attachments (e.g., blade, rake, bucket, counterweights, etc.) that are a normal part of the equipment have been removed to reduce the size of the load for safety reasons. A maximum of two attachments may be transported if they are attachable to the equipment and necessary for operation.
2. The gross vehicle weight does not exceed 100,000 pounds and no more than two over-length items are being hauled.
3. Operating under a divisible load permit.