

# WEST VIRGINIA

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Website to Legislative Rules: [www.wvsos.com/csrdocs/wordDocs/157-05.doc](http://www.wvsos.com/csrdocs/wordDocs/157-05.doc)  
Websites to Apply On Line: <http://wv.gotpermits.com> (for West Virginia permits only – no convenience fee) or [www.gotpermits.com](http://www.gotpermits.com) (multi-state site – convenience fee added). Website for More West Virginia Hauling and Permit Information: [www.transportation.wv.gov](http://www.transportation.wv.gov) - Use Permits link, then Hauling Permits Link.

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## LEGAL LIMITS

### Interstate Highways

GVW	80,000
0 (steer)	20,000
0 (single)	20,000
00 (tandem)	34,000

-Federal Bridge Formula applies to all other combinations  
TOLERANCE: None

### US and WV Routes

GVW	80,000
Axle Limit	20,000
Single Unit Tandem (3 axles total)	60,000
Single Unit Tridem (4 axles total)	70,000
Single Unit Quadrum (5 axles total)	73,000
Tractor-Semi Trailer (5 axles total)	80,000
Tractor-Semi Trailer (6 axles total)	80,000
Combination Tandem w/2 axles	
Trailer (5 axles total)	80,000
Combination Tridem w/2 axles	
Trailer (6 axles total)	80,000

TOLERANCE: 10%

### Local Service Routes

GVW	65,000
0 (steer)	20,000
0 (single)	20,000
00 (tandem)	34,000

TOLERANCE: 10%

<b>WIDTH</b>	8'	Local Service routes with lanes under 10' wide Interstate, US and WV routes, also local service routes with lane 10' or greater	45'	unlimited overall length on Interstates and National Network Highways	
	8'6"				
<b>HEIGHT LENGTH</b>	13'6"	Interstate, US and WV Routes single unit (inclusive of front and rear bumper) semitrailer (measurement from tractor rear axle to trailer first axle cannot exceed 37') doubles, triple trailers not allowed overall length on US, WV, and county routes	65'	motor home (exclusive of front and rear bumper) combination travel trailer and tow vehicles (exclusive of front and rear bumper) Driveway Saddle Mount Vehicles front (all loads) rear (all loads)	
	40'		OVERHANG		
	53'				97'
	28'				3'
	70'				6'

## TYPES OF PERMITS

**Single Trip** – Issued for oversize and overweight. Vehicle and route specific.

**Superload** – Issued for size and/or weight exceeding single trip limits. Vehicle and route specific.

**Blanket:**

**Regular** – Annual permit issued for moderately oversize and/or overweight. Not vehicle or route specific.

**Seagoing** - Annual permit for moderately overweight seagoing containerized cargo. Not vehicle or route specific.

**Mobile Home Blanket** – Annual permits for mobile homes 14' wide or less. Not vehicle or route specific.

**Mobile Home Single Trip** – Vehicle and route specific.

All permits issued through either one of the “gotpermits” sites or through the Central Permit Office in Charleston. Both <https://wv.gotpermits.com> and [www.gotpermits.com](http://www.gotpermits.com) are self-issue sites; you are required to select routes and run an analysis. If it passes, you may print your permit and travel; if it does not, you must forward it for Central Permit Office review.

## PERMIT LIMITS

### SINGLE TRIP

#### WEIGHT

0 (single)	28,000
00 (tandem)	45,000
000 (tri)	50,000
0000 (quad)	55,000
Gross	120,000

<b>WIDTH:</b>	16'
<b>HEIGHT:</b>	No limit if routes can accommodate
<b>LENGTH:</b>	No limit if routes can accommodate

### SUPERLOAD PERMIT

Weights or dimensions exceeding any of the limits for single trip permits are superloads.

No limit on weight but all loads must pass a bridge analysis.

No limit on dimensions (except for overhang – see below) but overall size must be suitable for the route.

### BLANKET PERMIT – REGULAR

Annual permit for oversize and/or overweight.

May be used for modular homes and most other nondivisible loads excluding mobile homes.

Size and weight limits are listed below:

Interstate & Other Divided Routes	US and Selected Routes	All Other Routes	Axle Limits All Routes	
14' 6" high	14' 0" high	13' 6" high	28,000 pounds single	For OW Permit
14' 0" wide	12' 0" wide	12' 0" wide	45,000 pounds tandem	For OW Permit
95' 0" long	75' 0" long	75' 0" long	50,000 pounds tri	For OW Permit
15' 0" overhang	10' 0" overhang	10' 0" overhang	20,000 pounds single	For OS Permit
110,000 pounds	90,000 pounds	Legal Weight	34,000 pounds tandem	For OS Permit

### BLANKET PERMIT – SEAGOING

Annual permit for overweight seagoing containerized cargo.

Travel is allowed on most major highways. Some restrictions apply.

Maximum gross weight allowed is 90,000 pounds with a single axle limit of 28,000 pounds, tandem axle limit of 45,000 pounds, and tridem axle limit of 50,000 pounds.

### BLANKET PERMIT – Mobile Home

Annual permit for mobile homes 14' wide or less. Except for width and height, Single Trip limits listed below apply.

### SINGLE TRIP MOBILE HOME PERMIT

Combination Length	110'
Mobile Home Length	80'
Width	16'
Height	15' 6"

### ALL PERMITS

OVERHANG: 15' front 30' rear

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### FEES

Single Trip - \$20.00 for overweight or oversized plus \$.04 per ton mile for overweight.

Superload – Same fee as for single trip.

Blanket (Regular) - \$200 for each oversized permit or \$500 for each oversized and overweight permit.

Blanket (Seagoing) - \$150 for 1-15 permits, \$15 for each additional permit.

Blanket (Mobile Home) - \$200 for each permit.

Single Trip Mobile Home - \$20.00 per trip.

Low Impact Monitors - \$150 for the first bridge, \$100 for the second bridge, and \$50 for each additional bridge up to a maximum of \$750. Permit monitors may be assigned in certain situations, with their fees determined on a case-by-case basis.

Payment for permits can be made by major credit card or escrow account (through Bentley Services) or through a wire service company.

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### GENERAL PERMIT RESTRICTIONS

Single Trip and Superload permits are good for (5) five days. Single Trip Mobile Home permits are good for ten (10) days. No travel is permitted on holidays. Divisible load permits are not available. School bus hour or other curfew may be applied.

Travel for oversized vehicles which are 14' 0" or less wide and any length, height, or weight (except for loads approved at low impact) is allowed on all routes except the West Virginia Turnpike\* (when requested) from sunrise to sunset, seven days a week.

\*The West Virginia Turnpike allows weekend travel for loads no more than 95' long and/or with no more than 15' combined overhang, and/or no more than 14'6" high and/or with a gross vehicle weight of no more than 110,000 lbs.

Oversize vehicles exceeding these dimensions up to and including 16' 0" wide can travel from sunrise to sunset, Monday through Friday on all routes. Travel for vehicles exceeding 16' 0" wide is allowed only on Sunday mornings.

Travel for vehicles that are overweight up to and including 110,000 pounds but not oversize is allowed (when requested) 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Routes which cannot safely accommodate the above dimensions or weights may be rerouted or denied or have more restrictive travel times.

Mobile homes up to and including 14' wide can move from sunrise to sunset, Monday through Friday and sunrise until noon on Saturday. Mobile homes greater than 14' wide up to and including 16' can move sunrise to sunset, Monday through Thursday and sunrise until 3:00 pm on Friday. Mobile homes greater than 16' wide are not allowed.

Weekend travel, when allowed, is given upon request. Haulers should note on their application if they desire weekend travel.

Bulldozers may be hauled with the blades on, so long as the blade is angled away from oncoming traffic and the total width of the load is not more than 14'. If the load is more than 14' wide, the blade must be taken off and hauled on a separate trailer (if the load is also overweight).

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## INSURANCE

Not required to be on file with the permit office (except mobile home). Operators must obtain a minimum of \$350,000 coverage.

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## PERMIT INFORMATION REQUIRED

Single Trip and Superload – Tractor and trailer information; load (make and model) information; overall dimensions; load weight and gross weight; axle spacings; axle weights; origin and destination; effective dates; routes to be traveled. Revision for dates of travel, tractor and trailer license numbers.

Blanket – Company name, address and phone number

Mobile Home Blanket – Company name, address, phone number, and insurance information.

Single Trip Mobile Home – Company name and address, Driver's name, insurance information, origin and destination, travel dates, license number, make and year of tow truck, mobile home make, serial number, license number and size.

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## ESCORTS AND SIGNS

### ESCORT REQUIREMENTS – Overwidth and/or Loads

Escort vehicles must be in compliance with WV Administration Regulation Section 3, Title 157-05.

<u>Highway Lanes</u>	<u>Escort Requirements</u>	<u>Days of Travel</u>
	Overall width 10' 6" to 12' Escort vehicle with Oversize Load sign required:	
2 lane	At front	Seven days
4 lane	None	Seven days

Overall width 12' 1" to 14'  
Escort vehicle with Oversize Load

2 lane	sign required: At front and rear	Seven days
4 lane	At rear	Seven days
Overall width 14' 1" to 15' *		
Escort vehicle with Oversize Load		
sign required:		
2 lane	At front and rear	Mon. thru Fri. **
4 lane	At front and rear	Mon. thru Fri.
Overall width 15' 1" to 16'		
Escort vehicle with Oversize Load		
sign required:		
2 lane	Two front and one rear ***	Mon. thru Fri. and
4 lane	One front and two rear	
Overall width 16' 1" and above		
Escort vehicle with Oversize Load		
sign required:		
2 lane and 4 lane	As required by permit	Sunday

\* Districts and Parkway may require additional escort or time restrictions

\*\* West Virginia Parkway Authority: Loads greater than 16' wide must be able to clear 2'9" high concrete barriers.

\*\*\* Loads more than 16' wide may move only on Sunday morning until noon.

#### ESCORT REQUIREMENTS – Overlength Vehicles and/or Loads

Escort vehicles must be in compliance with WV Administration Regulation Section 3, Title 157-05

<u>Highway Lanes</u>	<u>Escort Requirements</u>	<u>Days of Travel</u>
	Length 75' to 95' *	
	Escort vehicle required with Oversize Load sign:	
2 lane	At rear	Mon. thru Fri.
4 lane	None	Seven Days
	Length 95' 1" to 100' *	
	Escort vehicle required with Oversize Load sign:	
2 lane	At front and rear	Mon. thru Fri.
4 lane	At rear	Mon. thru Fri.
	Length 100' 1"	
	Escort vehicle required with Oversize Load sign:	
2 lane	At front and rear	Mon. thru Fri.
4 lane	At front and rear	Mon. thru Fri.

## OVERHANG

Front overhang Exceeds 10' \*\*

	Escort vehicle required with Oversize Load sign:	
2 lane	At front	Mon. thru Fri.
4 lane	At front	Mon. thru Fri.

Rear Overhang Exceeds 10' \*\*

	Escort vehicle required with Oversize Load sign:	
2 lane	At rear	Mon. thru Fri.
4 lane	At rear	Mon. thru Fri.

Pole or extendable trailer can legally carry a load of 80' in length (without permit) providing load is not overweight. Escorts are not required but are encouraged for safety.

\* Districts and Parkway Authority may require additional escorts.

\*\* No escort required until overhang exceeds 10' front or rear.

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## ESCORT REQUIREMENTS - Overheight Vehicles and/or Loads

Escort vehicles must be in compliance with WV Administration Regulation Section 3, Title 157-05.

<u>Highway Lanes</u>	<u>Escort Requirements</u>	<u>Days of Travel</u>
	Height Exceeds 15'	
	Escort vehicle required with Oversize Load sign:	
2 lane	Front pole car required	Mon. thru Fri.
4 lane	In addition to any other escort	Mon thru Fri.

Escort requirements must be stated within the permit. These requirements are the policy of the WV Division of Highways. Districts and Parkway Authority may require additional escort or movement requirements, but never less than those listed above.

\* Parkway (I-77/64 maximum height Yeager Bridge 15' 10". 16' in center of bridge.)

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## VEHICLE REQUIREMENTS

The escort vehicles must weigh more than 2,000 pounds and have manufacturer's gross weight rating less than 26,000 pounds and must be properly licensed. Identification signs or placards showing the name of the company or the owner or driver of the escort vehicle shall be displayed on the escort vehicle in a conspicuous place on both the right and left side. The signs shall be at least 8" by 12" and shall contain the telephone number of the owner or driver plainly legible to the motoring public.

All escort vehicles must be equipped with the following equipment:

A rotating or strobe amber yellow plastic, acrylic or glass covered flashing light which is visible from at least 500 feet and has a horizontal placement which is visible from all directions 360 degrees.

Shall display bumper mounted or roof mounted yellow 5' x 12" signs reading "Oversize Load" with black letters 10 inches high, 1-1/2 inch wide brush stroke, which must be visible from front or rear.

Two flags, red or safety orange, a minimum of 18" square in size, shall be mounted at a 40 to 70 degree angle on the escort vehicle's roof rack or flags may be mounted on all four corners of the vehicle.

All for-hire escort vehicles shall contain the following miscellaneous equipment:

A CB radio, or any other two way communication device with the permitted load; two 5 lb. Fire extinguishers (type a-b-c); a slow sign with a handle with the word "STOP" on one side and "SLOW" on the other of not less than 18" in diameter with 6" letters suitable for directing traffic; a safety orange vest, shirt or jacket; a red hand held sign 18" in size; 2 oversize load banners, yellow with black lettering; three reflecting triangles or 18" traffic cones.

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## FINES

**OVERDIMENSION ONLY:** Maximum \$100 for first offense, up to \$200 for second offense in the same year, and up to \$500 for more than two offenses in the same year.

### OVERWIGHT FINES:

1 to 4,000 lbs. overweight	\$ 20	21,001 to 22,000 lbs. overweight	\$ 550
4,001 to 5,000 lbs. overweight	\$ 25	22,001 to 23,000 lbs. overweight	\$ 575
5,001 to 6,000 lbs. overweight	\$ 60	23,001 to 24,000 lbs. overweight	\$ 600
6,001 to 7,000 lbs. overweight	\$ 70	24,001 to 25,000 lbs. overweight	\$ 625
7,001 to 8,000 lbs. overweight	\$ 80	25,001 to 26,000 lbs. overweight	\$ 780
8,001 to 9,000 lbs. overweight	\$ 90	26,001 to 27,000 lbs. overweight	\$ 810
9,001 to 10,000 lbs. overweight	\$ 100	27,001 to 28,000 lbs. overweight	\$ 840
10,001 to 11,000 lbs. overweight	\$ 165	28,001 to 29,000 lbs. overweight	\$ 870
11,001 to 12,000 lbs. overweight	\$ 180	29,001 to 30,000 lbs. overweight	\$ 900
12,001 to 13,000 lbs. overweight	\$ 195	30,001 to 40,000 lbs. overweight	\$ 1,200
13,001 to 14,000 lbs. overweight	\$ 210	40,001 to 50,000 lbs. overweight	\$ 1,400
14,001 to 15,000 lbs. overweight	\$ 225	50,001 and over	\$ 1,600
15,001 to 16,000 lbs. overweight	\$ 320		
16,001 to 17,000 lbs. overweight	\$ 340		
17,001 to 18,000 lbs. overweight	\$ 360		
18,001 to 19,000 lbs. overweight	\$ 380		
19,001 to 20,000 lbs. overweight	\$ 400		
20,001 to 21,000 lbs. overweight	\$ 525		

Fines are calculated beginning at legal weight. Operators may be fined for either over axle or over gross, whichever produces the greater fine. Drivers may be given time to shift load to avoid an over axle citation.