Sub-Part 6601 – Office of Enforcement

Chapter 03001 Over-Dimensional Permits

Purpose

100 Define the authority for Mississippi Department of Transportation Office of Enforcement Permit Division to issue over dimensional permits.

101 This rule cites the the statutory authority for the issuance of over dimensional permits and displays the over dimensional permitting rules as adopted by the Mississippi Transportation Commission.

102 The Mississippi Transportation Commission's is authorized to establish rules by Section § 65-1-8 (2)(c), et. seq. of the Mississippi Code of 1972 Annotated as amended. The Mississippi Department of Transportation Office of Enforcement Permit Division is authorized to issue over-dimensional permits by Transportation Commission Order. All cites to the Mississippi Code for this rule may be accessed at www.state.ms.us.

Definitions

200 Daylight Hours - For loads 12 feet in width or less is defined as sunrise to sunset reported by National Weather Service – For loads greater than 12 feet in width "Daylight Hours" will be defined as 30 minutes after sunrise to 30 minutes before sunset reported by the National Weather Service.

201 Escort Vehicle - A single motor vehicle equipped with a flashing or revolving amber light, two warning flags mounted on the vehicle, an oversize load sign mounted on top of the vehicle, and an oversize load sign mounted on the front for the lead escort and rear for following escort. An escort vehicle that alternates from lead to following shall have oversize load signs front and rear. Two-way communication is required between escort/escorts and towing vehicle.

202 Gross Weight - The total weight of vehicle or combination of vehicles including all loads.

203 Height - The maximum vertical dimension of a vehicle above the ground surface, including any load and load-holding device.

204 Inclement Weather - Anytime when there is not sufficient light to render clearly discernible persons or vehicles upon the highway at a distance of five hundred (500) feet, or when pavement conditions, winds or other weather conditions constitute hazardous travel.

205 Length - The maximum longitudinal dimension of a vehicle or combination of vehicles, including any load or load-holding device.

206 Load - The item to be transported, including items placed on or in a vehicle, and towed by a vehicle. A load will generally be a one-piece item which cannot readily be disassembled.

207 MDOT- The Mississippi Department of Transportation and is referred to as "Department."

208 MDOT Permit Section- the term "Department" also applies to the Permit Section.

210 Motor Vehicle - A vehicle which is self-propelled, except such devices moved by human power or designed to operate upon rails or tracks.

211 Oversize Load Sign - A sign, measuring eighty-four (84) inches by eighteen (18) inches, with the words "OVERSIZE LOAD" in black letters ten (10) inches high with a one-and-five-eights (1⅝) inches brush-stroke on yellow or orange background.

212 Permit - Written permission to transport a vehicle or load exceeding the statutory size or weight limits.

213 Semi-Trailer - A vehicle without motive power, which is designed to carry persons or property and to be drawn by a motor vehicle and so constructed that some part of its weight and/or rests upon, or is carried by another vehicle.

214 Single Trip Permit - A permit authorizing the movement of specific vehicle and or specific load for a period not to exceed three (3) consecutive days.

215 Trailer - A vehicle without motive power, which is designed to carry persons or property and to be drawn by a motor vehicle, and so constructed that no part of its weight rest upon another vehicle.

216 Warning Flag- A red flag measuring eighteen (18) inches square.

217 Width - The maximum transverse dimension of a vehicle, including any load or load-holding devices thereon.

GENERAL PERMIT REGULATIONS

300 A written application for overweight overweight/oversize permit will be submitted to the Department. Application forms may be obtained from the Department or the Department's internet web site or calling 1-888-737-0061.

301 Applicants shall provide a valid Federal DOT number or a Certificate of Insurance with the Department listed as the certificate holder with no less than Five Hundred Thousand Dollars ($500,000) single limit liability on file with the Department. Exceptions may be made when in the opinion of Department a movement is not of a nature likely to cause damage to the highway or one time personal movements. Applicable vehicle liability insurance is required.

302 Movement prohibited on all posted bridges. Posted bridge map located at http://www.GoMDOT.com.

303 Section § 63-5-53, et. seq. of the Mississippi Code of 1972 Annotated as amended, places damage liability upon the permit holder.

304 Application for Continuous Movement/Self Issued Blanket Authorization (CMSI), Timber Industry Two-Piece Load Blanket Permit or Oversize/Overweight Write Your Own Blanket Permit must submit a written application and establish a Department charge account. For more information contact Financial Management Division (601)359-7055.

305 Company/applicant with delinquent assessment should not apply for permits until delinquency is satisfied.

306 The applications will be reviewed by the Department.

307 Denied applications will be returned to applicants with reasons for denial.

308 A copy of the applicable blanket authorization and/or permit must be carried in the vehicle at all times.

309 Any misstatement, misrepresentation, or failure of an applicant to comply with the terms of the permit, or the Department's rules and regulations, may result in revocation of all permits privileges for a period of time determined by the Director of the Office of Enforcement. The mover/permit holder may appeal suspension/revocation to the Executive Director

310 Permits are generally intended for one-piece items. However, it is recognized that there are manufactured products which, when placed side by side, do not appreciably surpass the statutory width; e.g., concrete pipe, rolled hay, shipping pallets. Accordingly, permits may be issued for movement of such products up to a maximum width of ten and one-half (10½) feet.

311 Rear overhang of fifteen (15) feet or greater will require a permit and a front and/or rear escort. Forest products may have a 28 foot overhang but only daylight movement is allowed.

312 Front projection exceeding 3 feet will require a permit, 15 feet or greater requires front and/or rear escort

313 Vehicles with a total length exceeding ninety-nine (99) feet must obtain an oversize permit.

314 Trailers exceeding fifty-three (53) feet in length will require an oversize permit.

315 Night movements may be permitted for loads not exceeding twelve (12) feet in width, or 150,000 pounds or 99 feet long or height exceeding 13 feet 6 inches (**the maximum height is dependent on the route**).

1. When moving at night operating on *two (2) lane roadways* (one lane per direction of travel) loads 10 feet wide or greater will require, at minimum, the use of a front escort and flashing amber lights mounted on the rear of the load.

2. When moving at night operating on *divided highways* (two or more through lanes per direction of travel) loads 10 feet wide or greater will require, at a minimum, the use of a rear escort and flashing amber lights mounted on the rear of the load.

3. Loads less than ten (10) feet will not require escorts.

316 Movement of loads in excess of 8 feet 6 inches (102 inches) will require a permit. Exceptions are allowed in Section § 63-5-13 et. seq. of the Mississippi Code of 1972 Annotated as amended.

317 Over width loads shall not be moved during inclement weather.

318 Oversize Load Signs are required on all loads in excess of twelve feet in width.

319 Escort requirement:

1. When moving during "Daylight Hours" operating on *two (2) lane roadways* (one lane per direction of travel) loads 13 feet wide or greater will require, at minimum, the use of a front escort and flashing amber lights mounted on the rear of the load.

2. When moving during "Daylight Hours" operating on *divided highways* (two or more through lanes per direction of travel) loads 13 feet wide or greater will require, at a minimum, the use of a rear escort and flashing amber lights mounted on the rear of the load.

GENERAL SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

400 When considered necessary for the protection of the public or the highway, permits may require reduced speed limits, law enforcement escort (s) or other safety precautions such as:

1. Front and rear escort.

2. Escorts with a height pole.

3. Daylight movement only.

4. Certain portions of the roadway or routes may be excluded for travel.

401 Traffic control devices (signs, signals, etc.) that are removed just prior to the load passing their location shall be re-erected immediately after the load passes the location. Re-erecting a sign and sign post requires the applicant to drive the sign post (s) immediately adjacent to its previous location and attaching the sign(s).

402 The applicant is responsible for any additional permits, notifications or clearances as may be required by other jurisdictional agencies or regulations.

403 Movement will not be allowed on Sunday, after 12:00 noon on days preceding or on the following holidays; New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas, unless permitted.

404 Warning flags will be displayed on all corners at a height of six (6) feet above the pavement on moves in excess of ten (10) feet, not exceeding twelve (12) feet in width.

405 Two (2) five (5) inch flashing amber lights sufficient for five hundred (500) feet visibility will be mounted approximately six (6) feet above the pavement on the rear corners of loads and an <u>oversize load</u> sign on the front and rear of loads exceeding twelve (12) feet in width.

406 Transporters of loads in excess of twelve (12) feet shall time movements to avoid the major urban areas of Jackson, Memphis/Southaven and the Gulf Coast (excluding I-10) from 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. weekdays.

Oversize Manufactured Housing Blanket Authority

500 May be issued for non-divisible manufactured housing over 14 ft. in width not exceeding 16 ft. in width, not exceeding 14 ft. in height, overall length of towing vehicle and manufactured housing must not exceed 120 feet, and legal weight.

501 There is no charge for the blanket authority.

502 Pre-numbered permit books must be purchased from the Department. Each book contains 50 permits and cost $500.00. ($10.00 per permit)

503 The permittee will complete a permit form for each trip; the original will be placed in the vehicle. Completed books must be returned to the Department

Sealed Container Permits

600 Sealed containerized cargo units are considered as non-divisible loads and overweight permits will be issued subject to the following restrictions:

1. Containerized cargo units are transporting commodities for export or import moving to or from a port.

2. A copy of the international bill of lading signed by a customs official or an international bill of lading with an equipment interchange and inspection report must be submitted to the Department before a permit is issued.

3. Maximum gross vehicle weight 95,000 lbs, with maximum tandem axle weight of 42,000 lbs. (Attachment 1)

4. All vehicles permitted for movement of overweight sealed containerized units are authorized 24/7 continuous movement.

Continuous Movement/Self Issued Blanket Authorization (CMSI)

700 The CMSI blanket authorizes companies transporting sealed containerized cargo or equipment to move seven (7) days a week, twenty-four (24) hours a day, with gross weight not to exceed 95,000 pounds. All other dimensions must be legal.

701 The fee for the CMSI Blanket Permit is $500.00 per year per company.

702 The CMSI blanket authorization must be renewed each year.

703 Authorizes companies to issue their own permits without contacting the Department.

704 Since there is no control of routing after the blanket is issued, care must be taken during the application process to insure that the Department has a complete understanding of the nature of these loads.

705 Once the application is approved, a Continuous Movement/Self Issued (CMSI) blanket authorization agreement between the company and the Department will be issued to the company.

706 The Department will review submitted permits and bill the company. If any discrepancies are noted by the staff the company will be notified prior to billing.

707 The company will be issued a series of pre-numbered permit forms.

708 The company will complete the permit form prior to any move, fax the form to the Permit Office, and issue a copy of the permit to the driver of the vehicle.

709 If the permit is not faxed to the Department, or if it is not displayed by the driver upon request, the move will be deemed not to have a permit and will be penalized accordingly.

Tractor With Dirt Pan In-Tow

800 Must have a 72-hour road use permit.

801 Must have a 72-hour road use permit.

802 Must have an oversize permit.

803 May move in convoy of no more than three (3) units with escorts front and rear.

804 The Escort will have flashing amber lights and radio contact with each unit.

805 “Wide Load” signs must be placed on all units and escorts

806 Routes will use four lane roadways where possible.

807 Convoys will pull off the highway at sufficient intervals, to allow traffic to pass.

808 Daylight movements only.

Super Load

900 “Super Load” is any vehicle that exceeds any of the following limits:

1. Overall Width 20 feet,
2. Overall Length 120 feet,
3. Overall Height 17 feet,
4. Gross Weight of 190,000 pounds or greater.

901 The following list of requirements must be addressed in the application:

1. A request for permission to move on Mississippi’s highway system
2. The name and address of the applicant and shipper
3. The origin and destination of the load
4. Gross weight of vehicle and load.
5. The dimensions of the tractor, trailer, and load
6. Written acknowledgement and permission from utility and railroad companies are required for a load exceeding 17 feet in height.
7. Written acknowledgement and permission from affected railroad companies are required for vehicle and load length exceeding 120 feet.
8. Steps taken to lessen the load
9. The most direct route.
10. Steps to reduce interference with other traffic

11. If entering an adjacent state a written certification from that state allowing entrance.

902 Diagrams of tractor, trailer and load:

1. Number, spacing and individual axle weights.

2. Number and size of tires.

3. Width and height of load.

903 A route survey must include the following:

1. Route (s) surveyed

2. List of obstructions such as, highway signs (roadside and overhead), bridge rails, overhead traffic signals, and overhead power lines, railroad crossings on the route or shoulders affecting the move.

3. Pull-off areas to allow traffic to pass such as, parking lots, truck stops, other locations with the capacity to allow the tractor, trailer, and load too completely clear the road.

904 Detailed traffic control plan will consist of the following:

1. List of all points where the load and/or vehicle will encroach into opposing traffic.

   i. How much of the lane will be encroached.
   ii. Distance traveled in opposing traffic lanes.
   iii. Duration of encroachment.

2. If stopping traffic is required provide the following:

   i. Where and how
   ii. Type or method of advanced notification
   iii. After review MDOT Permit Section may require additional information before final approval.

Oversize Width Blanket Permit

1000 Authorizes the movement of loads not exceeding 14 feet.

1001 The fee for the blanket permit is $100.00 per year, per company.

Continuous Movement Over Length Trailer Blanket Permit

1100 Maximum length truck and trailer combination not to exceed 99 feet.

1101 Written application must be submitted, including a list of highways to be traveled

1102 The fee for the blanket permit is $100.00 per year, per company

1103 The company will be issued a blanket permit with designated routes.

Timber Industry Two-Piece Load Blanket Permit

1200 Authorizes the movement of two pieces of equipment used in the timber industry as a one piece load.

1201 The fee is $200 per year.

1202 The company will be issued a series of pre-numbered permit forms.

1203 The company will complete the permit form prior to any move, fax the form to the Permit Office, and issue a copy of the permit to the driver of the vehicle.

1204 The Department's permit staff will review submitted permits and bill the company. If any discrepancies are noted by the Department the company will be notified prior to billing.

1205 If the permit is not faxed to the Permit office, or if it is not displayed by the driver upon request, the move will be deemed not to have a permit and will be penalized accordingly.

1206 No tandem axle may exceed 44,000 pounds, and no tri-axle may exceed 60,000 pounds.

1207 If the gross vehicle weight exceeds 100,000 pounds, the company will be deemed not to have a permit and will be penalized accordingly.

1208 Two-Piece Load Blanket Permit is valid on state routes only.

Special Heavy Equipment Blanket Permit

1300 All vehicles permitted for movement under the Special Heavy Equipment Blanket Permit will be allowed 7 days a week, 24 hour movement for loads not exceeding 150,000 pounds, 12 feet wide, 13 feet 6 inches high or 99 feet long.

1301 Daylight moves only for loads over 12 feet wide not to exceed 14 feet wide. (Monday through Saturday with normal travel restrictions)

1302 When moving at night operating on *two (2) lane roadways* (one lane per direction of travel) loads 10 feet wide or greater will require, at minimum, the use of a front escort and flashing amber lights mounted on the rear of the load.

1303 When moving at night operating on *divided highways* (two or more through lanes per direction of travel) loads 10 feet wide or greater will require, at a minimum, the use of a rear escort and flashing amber lights mounted on the rear of the load.

1304 Loads less than ten (10) feet will not require escorts.

1305 Special Heavy Equipment Blanket Permit is Four Thousand Five-Hundred Dollars ($4,500.00) for excess weight and is non refundable. The permit shall expire one (1) year from the issue date or on the expiration date of the insurance policy. An over width blanket permit not exceeding 14 feet is available for One Hundred Dollars ($100.00) annually.

1306 The permit will be vehicle specific

1307 Request for authorization to transfer this permit to another vehicle shall be submitted in writing to Department section justifying the request.

1308 Denial of the request may be appealed to MDOT Office of Enforcement Director.

Oversize/Overweight Write Your Own Blanket Permit

1400 All "Write Your Own" permits are good for three (3) consecutive work days and daylight movement only, Monday thru Saturday no movement on Sunday.

1401 Motor cranes and/or off-road self powered equipment must submit a certified scale receipt indicating the dimension of each axle's spacing, each axle's weight, and the date.

1402 Oversize/Overweight, motor cranes and off-road self-powered equipment Blankets are $200.00. A series of pre-numbered permit books will be issued. Prior to each move the permittee will complete the information on the permit form and fax it to the Vehicle Permit Office.

Timber Industry 12 Foot Rear Overhang Permit

1500 Authorizes the night movement of timber with overhang from the rear trailer lights not to exceed 12 feet.

1501 Applicants must provide a description of the vehicle/s that will operate under this permit, including, but not limited to, license plate number, vehicle identification number, vehicle color, and manufacturer.

1502 The name and phone number of the owner/operator shall be displayed on both sides of the pulling vehicle. The markings must be legible from a distance of 25 feet at night while the vehicle is stationary and the markings are to be maintained in a manner ensuring legibility.

1503 Applicants must provide and maintain a current valid U.S. DOT number or submit and maintain a current, valid Certificate of Insurance, with the Department listed as the certificate holder, with a minimum of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars ($500,000) single limit liability coverage.

1504 This Certificate of Insurance or a copy and a copy of any replacement policies and/or modifications must be present in the cab of the vehicle.

1505 Failure to produce a current, valid and acceptable Certificate of Insurance voids all permits issued.

1506 Vehicles without valid insurance coverage will not be allowed to resume movement until proof of valid insurance coverage is provided.

1507 Prior to the issuance of the permit, each vehicle listed on the application must pass a safety inspection by the Department

1508 Vehicles operating under this permit will be subject to safety inspections at anytime.

1509 Must have a valid or current registration, harvest permit and oversize permit in the vehicle.

1510 Must have a rotating/oscillating amber light securely attached at both sides of rear of the load.

1511 A 2 inch by 24 inch retroreflective sheet in a red and white pattern must be securely attached to the outside of the lowest piece of timber on both sides of the load, approximately 6 feet from the end of the load.

1512 The hours for moving such loads will be limited to 2 hours before sunrise and ending 2 hours after sunset.

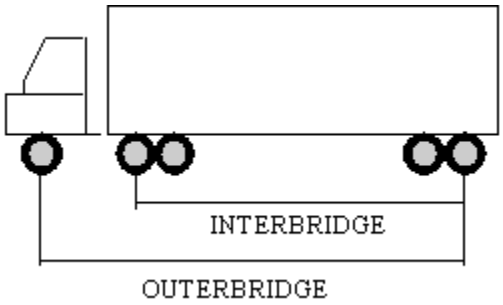
1513 Vehicles operating under this permit will comply with weight limits and other regulatory guidelines.

1514 The fee is $100 per year for an annual blanket permit or $10 per trip.

Attachment 1

Sealed Container Measurement Calculations

The maximum gross vehicle weight is determined by these measurements. Vehicles cannot exceed 42,000 lbs on a tandem axle.



Maximum gross vehicle weight with maximum tandem axle weight of 42, 000 lbs.

Length:	Outer bridge Min. (ft.)	Inter bridge Min. (ft).	Gross Vehicle Weight Max (lbs.)
	51	39	95,000
	49	37	94,500
	47	35	92,000
	45	33	90,000
	43	31	85,500
	41	29	79,500
	39	27	74,400
	37	25	70,800
	35	23	68,200
	33	21	65,700
	31	19	63,000
	29	17	59,900
	27	15	57,900
	25	13	56,600