

1. **When is a permit needed?**

A permit is needed for the movement of a vehicle or a combination of vehicles, including the load, of a size and/or weight that exceeds the maximum legal size and weight limits as established by Indiana law [IC 9-20-3, IC 9-20-4]. Except for certain vehicles, which are given a permit exemption, any transport exceeding these limits must obtain a permit prior to moving on Indiana highways:

- Legal width limitation is 8 feet 6 inches.
- Legal height limitation is 13 feet 6 inches.
- Legal length limitation of a single vehicle operated under the vehicle's own motive power is 40 feet;
- Recreational vehicle is 40 feet.
- Common carrier of persons is 40 feet.
- Two-vehicle combination is 60 feet, with a 53-foot limit on the semitrailer. In addition, a semitrailer longer than 48 feet 6 inches may not be operated on any Indiana public highway when the distance between the kingpin and the rearmost axle of the semitrailer exceeds 40 feet 6 inches for semitrailers manufactured after December 31, 1984; or 42 feet 6 inches for semitrailers manufactured before January 1, 1985.
- Three-vehicle combination is 65 feet, with a limit of 28 feet 6 inches for each semitrailer and trailer.
- Legal weight limitation of 80,000 pounds total gross weight, subject to all individual axle weights conforming to the Federal Bridge Formula.

2. A Superload Permit is needed if, in addition to exceeding the legal limitations, the dimensions and/or the weight exceed additional pre-defined limitations. If you find that your load exceeds the maximum legal dimensions and/or weight, but does not meet the criteria for a Superload Permit, you should contact the Indiana Department of Revenue for a "routine issue" oversize/overweight permit. That Agency may be reached by phone at (317) 615-7320, by fax at (317) 821-2336, or by mail at:

The pre-defined limitations for a Superload Permit are as follows:

- Width exceeds 16 feet
- Height exceeds 15 feet
- Length exceeds 110 feet
- Weight exceeds 108,000 pounds. **NOTE:** *There are six approved drawing configurations for which an applicant may receive a "routine issue" permit at weights up to and including 120,000 pounds.*

In general, vehicles that exceed these dimensions and weights will require additional efforts, engineering judgment, coordination between INDOT's six District Offices, etc.

▪ Escort requirements

If vehicle and/or load is...	...and dimension is...	Escort requirements for...		
		Dual-lane divided highway	Multi-lane divided highway	Two-lane bi-directional highway
		Are:		
Overlength	Greater than 85'	One rear escort	One front escort	One front escort
Overheight *	Greater than 14'6"	One rear escort	One front escort	One front escort
Overwidth	Greater than or equal to 12'4" but less than 14'4"	One rear escort	One front escort	One front escort
	Greater than or equal to 14'4" but less than 16'	One rear escort	One front escort and one rear escort	One front escort and one rear escort
	Greater than or equal to 16'	One front escort and two rear escorts	One front escort and two rear escorts	Two front escorts and one rear escort
Overweight (with bridge slowdowns**)	Any	Escorts must detain trailing traffic.	Escorts must detain trailing traffic.	Escorts must detain both trailing and on-coming traffic.

- * Any load exceeding 14'6" in height must have an escort vehicle with a height stick traveling to the front of the load.
- ** Bridge slowdowns on Interstate routes will require an Indiana State Police escort.

▪ **Oversize/Overweight Vehicle General Provisions**

1. The permitted oversize vehicle shall be marked on front and rear with a sign reading "oversize load," the sign must be at least 18" high, at least 6' but not over 8' long, the letters shall be black and 12" high, with a 2" stroke on yellow background. Officially approved color combinations or wording of other states will be permitted when the trip originates outside Indiana. This provision applies to oversize loads only; not required on vehicles that are overweight only.
2. The permitted vehicle shall be marked with two (2) red or orange flags, placed at the widest extremities of the vehicle or load. These flags shall be in good condition, plain red with no figures, with a minimum of 18" square and shall be placed so approaching traffic can see them clearly. This provision applies to oversize loads only; not required on vehicles that are overweight only.
3. All permitted vehicles shall have low beam headlights lighted while transporting a permitted load.
4. Mobile homes and sectionalized building movements having a width in excess of 12'4" shall be equipped with four (4) high intensity amber, flashing lights,

- two (2) of which shall be mounted on the front and two (2) of which shall be mounted on the rear of the combination. The lights mounted on the home or building shall be placed at the outer edges and not less than six- (6) foot above the level roadway. The front lights may be mounted on the towing vehicle, at the furthest extreme of any safety device, not extending beyond the mirrors, and shall be double-faced lamps visible both front and rear. The lights shall be lighted during the permitted movement and shall have sufficient intensity to be visible at five hundred (500) feet in normal sunlight.
5. The operator of the permitted vehicle shall be at least 18 years of age and hold a valid Indiana Chauffeurs License or a Commercial Drivers License when applicable.
 6. The driver of the permitted vehicle and/or load will have the permit in his possession during the progress of transportation, and will show said permit, on demand, to any police officer, motor carrier inspector, or authorized employee of the State of Indiana.
 7. The mover and/or owner of said vehicle and/or load will be held responsible in the event that it is necessary to remove any buildings, railings or other structures from the highway or in the event that any buildings, railings or other structures are damaged, said cost of the removal and/or damage shall be borne by the applicant.
 8. Permitted vehicles shall have escort vehicles as described below:
 - A. When the vehicle and/or load exceeds 12'4" in width, 85' in length or 14'6" in height, one escort vehicle shall be in front when moving on an undivided highway and in the rear when moving on a divided highway.
 - B. Any load exceeding 14'6" in height must have an escort vehicle with a height stick travelling to the front of the load.
 - C. When the permitted vehicle width is between 14'4" and 16', escort requirements are:
 1. Dual Lane Divided Highways - one rear escort;
 2. All Other Roads - Two escorts, one front and one rearAll escort vehicles shall have a minimum of 4 wheels with a maximum gross vehicle registration weight of 11,000 pounds, a flashing amber light mounted on top, an oversize load sign which is visible to approaching traffic, radio communication with the permitted vehicle and/or load, and shall not be more than 500 feet away from the oversize vehicle and/or load.
 9. Hours of operation for permitted vehicles shall be as follows:
 - A. Permitted oversize only vehicles between 85' to 110' in length, 10' to 14'4" in width and up to 15' in height may travel Monday through Friday, one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset, and Saturdays from one-half hour before sunrise to 12:00 Noon.
 - B. Permitted vehicles up to 85' in length, 10' in width, legal height and/or overweight may have continuous travel seven days per week.
 - C. Permitted mobile homes, sectionalized buildings, with widths from 8'6" to 14'4" may travel only Monday through Friday from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset, Saturdays from one-half hour before sunrise to 12:00 Noon.
 - D. Permitted vehicles between 14'4" to 16' in width may travel Monday through Friday, one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.
 - E. The permitted vehicle shall not be operated on state highways during the period beginning 12:00 noon on the last weekday (Monday through Friday) preceding and continuing until one-half hour before Sunrise on the day following: New Years Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas.
 10. The transporting company at all locations needing such traffic control will provide Flagmen, in compliance with the provisions of the Indiana Manual on

Uniform Traffic Control Devices. Locations requiring flagmen include, but are not limited to, encroachment into opposing traffic lanes and stops or blockage of traffic at locations where stops are not normally required by existing traffic control devices.

11. The permitted oversize vehicle whose dimensions exceed 8'6" wide, 13'6" high, and/or 80' long shall not be operated at a speed in excess of 45 miles per hour.
12. Permitted vehicle and/or load will at no time block traffic from the use of the highway, nor will equipment, load or object be loaded or unloaded within the travelway, nor vehicle or object be permitted to be parked either day or night on the shoulder or right-of-way.
13. The permitted vehicle and load are not to be operated during the existence of hazardous weather, road and traffic conditions, and/or when visibility is less than 500 feet. Oversize loads will not be operated at any time when wind velocity exceeds 25 miles per hour.
14. This permit does not apply to any state roads or bridges that are closed for construction purposes, or to any roads or bridges that are posted for gross load limit and/or structures, wires, etc., having a restricted height clearance that will not clear said load; or to any county roads or city streets.
15. Any violation of this permit shall automatically cause the permit to be void and upon violation the police officer or motor carrier inspector shall have the authority to withdraw said permit.
16. All transporting vehicles shall meet all safety requirements as set forth in Title 49, CFR (Code of Federal Regulations).
17. All permitted vehicle movements with widths from 14'4" to 16' are subject to a Special Provision Sheet attached to the permit and the permit shall not be valid without this attachment.

Superload Special Provisions

18. ON ALL SUPERLOAD APPLICATIONS UNLESS DIRECTED OTHERWISE.
The hours of movement shall be from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., local time only, Monday through Friday.
19. HEIGHT EXCEEDS 15 Feet
Whenever a movement is routed off an interstate system a pre-qualified signal contractor with a bucket truck, for each permitted load, is required to accompany the movement. Any manipulation of a traffic control device shall be conducted at the applicants expense by an approved contractor and shall be performed to the complete satisfaction of the Indiana Department of Transportation.
20. HEIGHT EXCEEDS 17 Feet
The carrier or the driver must complete a route survey. If no utility lines interfere with the route, the carrier or the driver must sign an affidavit attesting the fact. If utility lines exist along the route, the driver must have letters from the utility company(s) stating that overhead lines will be moved and replaced.
21. WIDTH EXCEEDS 16 Feet
Front and rear police escorts are required.
22. PERMITTED VEHICLES WITH WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS
Bridge run over 29.49
Due to weight restrictions, a total of two escorts are required one in the front and one in the rear. When crossing bridges the escorts should be located as listed below:

Restrictions for crossing bridge structures:

1. Dual-lane divided highways: The vehicle must travel center of the existing lanes on the structure at a speed not to exceed 45 mph. The civilian escorts must detain trailing traffic.
2. Multi-lane undivided highways: The vehicle must travel center of the directional existing travel lanes on that structure at a speed not to exceed 45 mph. The civilian escorts must detain trailing traffic only.
3. Two-lane/Two-way highways: The vehicle shall be the only vehicle on the bridge structure. The vehicle must travel in the center of the two lanes and cross the structure at a speed not to exceed 30 mph. A police escort is required and must detain oncoming and trailing traffic.

After crossing structures every reasonable effort shall be made to allow trailing traffic to pass while vehicle proceeds with movement.

23. DISTRICT ACCOMPANIMENT RECOMMENDATION

District accompaniment will be provided for this movement. The district office(s) may have a district permit inspector present while the movement is on state highways, and the applicant will reimburse the state for all inspection costs within ten (10) days from receipt of a statement. Please contact: (list which district(s) must be contacted)

24. DISTRICT RECOMMENDATIONS

Listed below are additional provisions that must be met for this movement.