

Maryland State Highway & Baltimore City General Conditions for Hauling Permits

1. This permit does not give the permittee the right to move over highways or bridges under the jurisdiction of any city, county or municipality, nor over railroads or railways, except to cross such highways or bridges, or railroads or railways, at grade, after giving sufficient notice to and making appropriate arrangements with responsible authorities; nor does it authorize the permittee to use or damage private property in anyway. The permittee shall comply with all rules posted on any bridge or road traversed. Any damage caused directly or indirectly to any road surface, bridge or other structure, whether maintained by City of Baltimore, Maryland State Highway Administration or by another, by the operation of the vehicle, is the responsibility of the permittee. Damage to structures under its jurisdiction shall be repaired by the City of Baltimore or State Highway Administration at the expense of the permittee.
2. This permit or approved substitute shall be carried in the vehicle moving under its authority and shall be open for inspection by any City, State, county municipal, or other public official, or to any person involved in an accident in which the vehicle played a part.
3. The permittee shall give strict attention to safety and rights of public travel and shall yield the right of way to passing traffic in either direction. Arrangements must be made in advance for adequate flag-persons or police to be present when any narrow bridge is crossed.
4. No move which is expected to disturb any overhead wires, cables, signal or traffic lights, limbs of trees, or other structures may begin, until the permittee obtains permission and makes arrangements with owners thereof.
5. NO permit for overweight may be issued to or used by a vehicle and load which can be dismantled or disassembled so that together they are not overweight, or a vehicle which is neither special mobile equipment nor 5 axles vehicle, or a vehicle registered in Maryland which is not registered for the maximum permissible gross weight.
6. Every vehicle and load which together are overweight shall be stripped of as much excess weight as possible, and every vehicle and load which together are oversize shall be reduced in size as much as possible.
7. The permit is granted under and subject to the vehicle laws of Maryland and to all applicable general and specific conditions for operating oversize and overweight vehicles, as promulgated and published by the State Highway Administration and by the City of Baltimore. As set out in part of this section of this permit, and as specified in part in the preceding sections of this permit. Those laws and conditions must be complied with in all respects. Any false statement of a material fact on the permit application may result in the denial of future permits to the permittee. No compliance with specific restrictions stated in the preceding sections of this permit renders this permit subject to immediate revocation and confiscation by any duly appointed representative such as city, county or state police .

Note the permit is subject to favorable road and weather conditions. The permit is not valid when snow emergency plan is in effect for specified area.

Over dimensional Permit Limitations

MARYLAND OVERDIMENSIONAL PERMIT LIMITATIONS (Updated May 2018)

If your dimensions exceed any of the following limits, a permit is required when qualified.

WEIGHT - GENERAL

All weights must be compliant with the Federal Bridge Formula Charts as indicated in Title 24 of the Maryland Transportation Article unless authorized by an SHA Hauling Permit

Single-20,000; Tandem-34,000; Tridum-42,500;80,000 maximum gross

WIDTH

The maximum allowable vehicle width in Maryland is **102** inches except where prohibited by posted signs. The width of a vehicle includes any load that it carries and shall be exclusive of safety and energy conservation devices, such as side mirrors, turn signal lamps, marker lamps, steps and handholds for entry and egress. For a detailed description of the Maryland vehicle width law, refer to Title 24, Subsection 102 of the Maryland Vehicle Law. Over 102 inches wide requires a permit. Any load extending more than 4 inches beyond the sides of any transport vehicle requires lamps & flags.

HEIGHT

The vehicle and load height limit in Maryland is 13 feet 6 inches.

14'6" in height requires a pole vehicle and route survey before a permit will be issued

LENGTH

The length of a vehicle includes its front and rear bumpers and any part of its load that extends beyond the vehicle, but is exclusive of non-load bearing safety and energy conservation devices, front-mounted refrigeration units, and front-mounted air compressors. Refer to the Maryland Vehicle Law Title 24, subsection 104.1 for a list of the different vehicle length limits in Maryland. Indivisible loads over 70'ft require a permit. Pilings, poles and mill logs require a permit exceeding 75'ft. Indivisible loads up to 70'ft maybe moved during daylight hours without a permit on a combination vehicle.

Semi-trailers over 48' but not over 53'ft. are allowed on interstates & the Maryland truck route system. Pick up or delivery on local roads must be the closest practicable distance from an authorized route.

Load extensions- Max front 3' Max rear 6' (except for indivisible cargo). Flags & lamps are required beyond 4' of rear overhang.

SUPER LOAD PERMITS OVER 150,000 lbs. GROSS WEIGHT

WEIGHT: Single-27,000; Tandem-52,000; Tridum-63,000; WEIGHT: LENGTH: 120' WIDTH: 16' HEIGHT: 16' POLECAR: 14'6" POLICE & PRIVATE ESCORTS REQUIRED

Day moves 9:00am – 3:30 pm; Night moves can be 8:00pm to 6:00am (see COMAR Title 11.04.02.06.) Travel is prohibited on the following: New Year's Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day. The State Permit Office will be closed on the above-mentioned holidays as well as Martin Luther King Day, Columbus Day, Election Day, and the day after Thanksgiving, but travel will not be restricted on these additional days. (see [Holiday Restrictions](#))

Procedure-Superload applications require a engineering review. Once approved you will need to activate the permit by opening the seed application and entering the drivers name & phone number and then submitting for approval.

TRAVEL TIME

Moves for loads up to and including **150k GVW, 13' wide, 14'6" high, 90' long** may move 24/. All other loads are one-half hour after sunrise and one-half hour before sunset. No Sunday travel.

CURFEW:The permittee or user may move any vehicle and load that together exceeds **45** tons gross weight or is **100'** or more in length or **12'** or more in width over I-495 and I-95 (Capital Beltway) or I-695 (Baltimore Beltway) from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. If 14' wide or more, 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on any highway. **Maryland has many toll, bridge, and tunnel restrictions make sure you contact them before you make your move. For further information, call Permit Office 1-800-846-6435. Curfew restrictions will be noted on your permit.**

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TRUCKS SIGNING & FLAGS

"Wide Load" or "Oversize Load" signs are required if the vehicle and load exceeds 9' in width, front and rear. The sign shall appear in black letters not less than 10" high, with a brush stroke not less than 1 5/8" wide. The letters shall appear on a yellow background, 18" high and 7' wide on the front and rear of vehicle load. Red or orange fluorescent flags during daylight hours at least 18" square fastened by at least one corner on a staff placed at the widest extremities instead of flags, 2 red lights shall be displayed on a rear overhang exceeding 4' indicating the widest part of the overhang and 1 on each side of the load.

ESCORT REQUIREMENTS

One escort shall be provided for a permit move on any highway in the State if the permit move is: More than 13' wide, unless the load is a manufactured housing unit; More than 85' long; **14'6" high or more (pole vehicle required)**; More than 60 tons gross weight; Traveling when weather or road conditions justify the requirement of one escort vehicle. **Two escorts.** The permittee shall provide two escort vehicles for a permit move if the permit move is: 14' wide or more including a load that is a manufactured housing unit; 140' long or more. The permittee shall provide for police escort for any permit move which is 16' wide or

more, 75 tons gross weight or more, or the road or weather condition justify, or traveling against traffic may require 2 escort vehicles.

ESCORT VEHICLE SIGNING AND LIGHTING REQUIREMENTS

Must have two-way radio contact and maintain constant communication. A private **Escort** must have at least one oscillating or rotating yellow light on the roof, at least 3" in diameter and visible from the front and rear. Headlights shall be on while conducting the move. Escort vehicle shall display a sign on the front and rear of the escort vehicle and shall appear in black letters not less than 10" high, with a brush stroke not less than 15'8" wide. The letters shall appear on a yellow background, 18" high and 7' wide or on the roof of the vehicle at least 5' long, 12" high, letters 8" high.

TOLL FACILITIES

Far RIGHT toll lane MUST be used at all toll plazas. Toll facilities MUST be contacted at least one hour prior to arrival . If lane is closed – Pull up- Wait- MDTA will open for you . DO NOT proceed until authorized. Loads may not go through other toll lanes.

TOLL FACILITIES & PHONE NUMBERS

JFK Memorial Hwy.-I-95 - (410) 537-1150

Ft. McHenry Tunnel - I-95 - (410) 537-1230

Francis Scott Key Bridge I-695 -(410) 537-7600 (ALL Wide loads must use Far Right Lane)

Chesapeake Bay Bridge US 50/301 - (410) 537-6601

Potomac River Bridge (Nice Bridge) – US 301 - (410) 537-6800

Hatem Bridge - (410) 537-1197