Length Limits for Vehicles & Vehicle Combinations

Commercial Truck and Stinger-Steered Semi-trailer Combination
Transporting Automobiles (or Boats)

Stinger-steered automobile transporters are those with the fifth wheel located on a drop frame located behind and below the rear-most axle of the truck-tractor.

To qualify as an automobile and boat transporter, the vehicle must be capable of carrying cargo on the power unit.

Traditional Boat or Automobile Transporter Combination

Traditional (conventional) automobile transporters are those with the fifth wheel hitch located on the tractor frame over the drive axle or axles.

Truck camper units, designed to be loaded onto and unloaded from the bed of a pickup truck, can be hauled by automobile transporters.

Recreational 2-Vehicle Combinations

Motor home combinations, whether combined with a trailer, boat, or car, are limited to 65 feet overall length.

Recreational 3-Vehicle Combinations

Combinations of three vehicles, whether truck-trailer-boat, or motor home-boat-car, are limited to 65 feet overall length.
State law does not limit the length of a truck tractor. A
oversize permit from the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles may allow a vehicle or vehicle combination to exceed legal limits provided that the excessive length is not caused by hauling or towing multiple items. For information, call the Motor Carrier Division at 1-800-299-1700, press options 2,3,1.

For more information on vehicle length limitations:
- Refer to these legal references:
  - Texas Transportation Code, Chapter 621
- Visit the TxDMV website at www.txdmv.gov, under “Motor Carrier.”
- Visit the Federal Highway Administration at www.fhwa.dot.gov, search “length limits.”

A semitrailer operated in a truck tractor and semitrailer combination is limited to 59 feet.

A semitrailer and trailer operated in a truck tractor, semitrailer, and trailer combination is limited to 28-1/2 feet for each trailer or semitrailer.

A truck and pole trailer combination may not exceed 65 feet in overall length.

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