

Motor Carrier Division

Motor Carrier Handbook



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FOREWORD

The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TxDMV) is authorized by the Texas Legislature to:

- Register motor carriers and motor transportation brokers
- Issue permits for the movement of oversize and/or overweight vehicles and loads on the state highway system

To carry out these responsibilities, TxDMV has adopted rules under Title 43, Texas Administrative Code, Chapters 218 and 219.

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Motor Carrier Registration

If you operate exclusively within Texas—all origins, routes, and destinations remaining in-state—you must obtain a TxDMV Number, also referred to as a TxDMV Number or Certificate of Operating Authority.

For interstate operations or travel into Mexico, you are also required to register under the UCR program.

TxDmv Number

Motor carriers operating intrastate commercial motor vehicles on Texas roadways must register with the TxDMV's Motor Carrier Division (MCD) if they meet any of the following criteria:

- Operate a vehicle or combination of vehicles with a gross weight, registered weight, or gross-weight rating exceeding 26,000 pounds
- Transport hazardous materials in a quantity that requires placarding
- Operate a farm vehicle with a gross weight, registered weight, or gross weight rating of 48,000 pounds or more
- Operate a vehicle designed to transport more than 15 passengers, including the driver
- Operate a commercial school bus
- Transport household goods for compensation, regardless of weight

Operators of the following types of vehicles are not required to register their operations with TxDMV:

- Vehicles registered as cotton vehicles under Tex. Transp. Code, § 504.505
- Vehicle registered with the Texas Railroad Commission under Texas Natural Resources Code §§ 113.131 or 116.072
- Vehicles used to transport liquor under a private carrier permit issued under Alcoholic Beverage Code, Chapter 42
- Vehicles used to transport passengers that are operated by an entities whose primary function is not passenger transportation (e.g., hotels, daycare centers, or nursing homes)
- Vehicles registered under the UCR program operating exclusively in interstate or international commerce
- Vehicle operated by a governmental entity

How to Register

Please note: Before beginning the registration process, you must have a valid USDOT Number. If this is your first time registering, visit eLINC at www.TxDMV.gov/eLINC to create an account and begin the registration process.

Once your application is submitted and reviewed, you will receive an email with further instructions. Reviews typically take 24 to 48 business hours. If approved, you will receive an email containing your Unique Identifier Number (UIN), login ID, and password.

You must provide your UIN to your insurance company so they can file the required insurance (Form E) electronically with TxDMV.

Processing time. Once your insurance company files the Form E and all applicable fees are paid, eLINC will convert your temporary UIN into an active TxDMV Number.

Please note that applications containing any misrepresentation, misstatement, or omission of required information will not be processed until all requirements are satisfied.

Note: Household Goods Carriers and Hazardous Material Haulers are not eligible for 7- or 90-day registration.

Fees

Motor carrier registration fees (excluding household goods movers) are as follows:

| Fee Type | 7-Day | 90-Day | Annual | Biennial |
|---------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Application | \$5 | \$25 | \$100 | \$100 |
| Vehicle | \$10 per vehicle | \$10 per vehicle | \$10 per vehicle | \$20 per vehicle |
| Insurance Filing (Form E) | \$100 | \$100 | \$100 | \$100 |

Motor carrier registration fees for household goods movers are as follows:

| Fee Type | Annual | Biennial |
|--------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Application | \$100 | \$100 |
| Vehicle | \$10 per vehicle | \$20 per vehicle |
| Insurance Filing (Form E) | \$100 | \$100 |
| Insurance Filing (Forms H & I) | \$100 | \$100 |

Payment methods. Fees may be paid using MasterCard, VISA, Discover, or American Express. A service charge of \$0.25 plus 2.25% of the total transaction amount applies to all credit card payments.

Alternatively, fees may be paid by personal check, business check, cashier's check, or money order, made payable to the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles.

Cab Card

Once your certificate number is assigned, TxDMV will notify both you and your insurance provider by email.

At that time, TxDMV will issue a motor carrier registration vehicle listing (also known as the insurance cab card). You may log in to the Motor Carrier Credentialing System ([MCCS](#)) to print your cab card and certificate.

A copy of the cab card—either printed or electronic—that identifies the vehicle being operated must be carried in the vehicle and presented to law enforcement upon request.

Insurance Requirements

Automobile insurance requirements are listed in the table below.

| Carrier Type | Description | Minimum Insurance |
|---|--|-------------------|
| Transporters of Hazardous Materials (that require placarding) | Hazardous substances, as defined in 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 171.8, transported in cargo tanks, portable tanks or hopper-type vehicles, with capacities in excess of 3,500 water gallons; or any quantity of Division 1.1, 1.2 and 1.3 materials, any quantity of Division 2.3, Hazard Zone A, or Division 6.1, Packing Group I, Hazard Zone A material; in bulk Division 2.1 or 2.2; or highway route controlled quantities of a Class 7 material, as defined in 49 CFR § 173.403 | \$5,000,000 |
| | Oil listed in 49 CFR § 172.101: hazardous waste, hazardous materials and hazardous substances as defined in 49 CFR § 171.8 and listed in 49 CFR § 172.101, but not mentioned in paragraphs (a) or (b) of this subsection and petroleum products that are lubricants or fuels | \$1,000,000 |
| Household Goods Movers | Household goods carriers with a gross weight, registered weight or gross weight rating less than 26,000 pounds | \$300,000 |
| Commercial School Bus Operators | For-hire school buses operating within the boundaries of a municipality and transporting preprimary, primary or secondary school students on a route between the students' residence and a public, private or parochial school or day-care facility | \$500,000 |

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| Bus Operators | Vehicles designed or used to transport > 15 passengers (including driver) but < 26 passengers (not including driver) | \$500,000 |
| | Vehicles designed or used to transport 26+ passengers (not including driver) | \$5,000,000 |
| All Others | Private or for-hire motor carriers with a gross weight, registered weight or gross weight rating in excess of 26,000 pounds | \$500,000 |

Cargo insurance requirements for household goods carriers are listed in the table below.

| Description | Insurance |
|--|-----------|
| Loss of or damage to total cargo on any one motor vehicle | \$5,000 |
| Aggregate loss of or damage to multiple shipper cargo carried on any one motor vehicle | \$10,000 |

Your insurance policy must remain active for the duration of your motor carrier operations. Under Texas law, all intrastate motor carriers are required to register with TxDMV and maintain continuous proof of insurance or other acceptable financial responsibility.

Failure to maintain active insurance coverage associated with your TxDMV Number may result in administrative penalties, sanctions, or the revocation of your operating authority.

Your insurance policy must include a provision requiring the insurance provider to submit electronic notice to TxDMV at least 30 days prior to the policy's cancellation or expiration. All proof of insurance and notices of cancellation or expiration must be submitted electronically by your insurance provider as follows:

- Form E - Proof of liability insurance
- Form H & I - Proof of cargo insurance
- Form K - Notice of cancellation for both liability and cargo insurance

Note: Forms E and K are submitted electronically by your insurance company and must be filed by the appropriate underwriter. Although liability insurance filings are submitted online by your insurance provider, it is your responsibility to ensure the filing remains active in order to maintain an "Active" TxDMV Number.

Motor carriers seeking self-insured status must submit an "Application for Qualification as a Self-Insurer" to TxDMV. The application must include a true and accurate statement of the carrier's financial condition, along with supporting documentation demonstrating the ability to meet bodily injury and property damage liability obligations without compromising business stability or continuity.

To request an application or obtain qualification criteria, contact TxDMV at (512) 465-4194.

Drug-Testing Certification. All motor carriers registered with TxDMV must certify compliance with applicable federal drug-testing requirements.

Motor carriers that participate in a drug-testing consortium are also required to provide the names of the individuals managing the consortium.

For more information on drug-testing requirements, contact the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) at (512) 424-2052.

Making Changes

You can make the following updates online using [MCCS](#):

- Change cargo type
- Change motor carrier name, address, or legal agent for service of process
- Change drug-testing consortium status
- Cancel your TxDMV Number
- Change principal officers or corporate titles
- Re-register a revoked or cancelled TxDMV Number

You must contact the Motor Carrier Division to request the following:

- File a corporate conversion - Following a successful corporate structure conversion, the change must be approved by the Texas Secretary of State before it can be filed with TxDMV.
- Request a PIN
- Convert a TxDMV Motor Carrier Certificate to a UCR Carrier - This conversion updates your status to reflect registration under the UCR program.

Replace Vehicles

There is no vehicle fee for replacing a vehicle. Replacements can be processed online through [MCCS](#).

Add Vehicles or Renew Registration

TxDMV sends renewal notices for annual and biennial certificates of registration by mail and email approximately 30 days before expiration, using the most recent contact information on file.

You may add vehicles or renew your registration online through the Motor Carrier Credentialing System (MCCS). Payment is required at the time of registration:

- \$10 per vehicle for one-year registration
- \$20 per vehicle for two-year registration

Note: You are responsible for renewing your registration on time, even if you do not receive a renewal notice.

7-day and 90-day certificates of registration are not eligible for renewal.

Unified Carrier Registration

TxDMV works with both domestic and international individuals and companies involved in motor carrier transportation within and through Texas. Under the federal Unified Carrier Registration (UCR) Act, individuals and companies operating commercial vehicles in interstate or international commerce must register at www.UCR.gov and pay an annual fee based on fleet size.

The UCR Act applies to the following entities engaged in interstate or international operations:

- Motor carriers
- Motor private carriers
- Freight forwarders
- Brokers
- Leasing companies

UCR registrations expire on December 31 of each calendar year. Roadside enforcement of UCR requirements begins on January 1 of the following year.

Note: You are not required to carry proof of UCR compliance in your vehicle.

How to Register or Renew UCR

Register through the National Registration System (NRS) at www.UCR.gov. A valid USDOT Number is required to begin the registration process. The system is mobile-friendly and accessible on most devices.

Note: If your USDOT Number is designated as interstate and you have not

previously registered, you must complete UCR applications for all registration years since the interstate designation was assigned - even if no operations occurred during those years.

Non-expiring certificate. Motor carriers issued a non-expiring certificate must complete initial registration and must not transport any of the following commodities or operate in the following categories:

- Waste
- Recyclables
- Household goods
- Non-charter buses

Engaging in any of these activities will disqualify the carrier from maintaining a non-expiring certificate and result in non-compliance with Texas motor carrier regulations.

Fees

UCR fees are based on the number of commercial motor vehicles (excluding trailers) most recently reported by the carrier to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA).

For fee calculation purposes, a commercial motor vehicle is defined as a self-propelled vehicle used on highways in commerce to transport passengers or cargo, if the vehicle:

- Has a gross vehicle weight rating or gross vehicle weight of at least 10,001 pounds, whichever is greater
- Is designed to transport more than 10 passengers, including the driver
- Is used to transport hazardous materials in quantities requiring placarding

For the current UCR fee schedule, visit www.TxDMV.gov.

Companies operating solely as brokers, freight forwarders, or leasing companies are required to register and pay the fee associated with the lowest fleet size bracket.

Registrations completed through the NRS at www.UCR.gov will include applicable convenience fees for credit card processing.

Transportation Brokers

Motor transportation brokers sell, offer for sale, negotiate, or arrange for the transportation of cargo by a motor carrier.

Intrastate. Motor transportation brokers operating solely within Texas are required to obtain a bond and receive bond approval from TxDMV. However, they are not required to obtain intrastate operating authority (TxDMV Number) to arrange point-to-point transportation within the state.

A bond is not required if the broker is either registered as a motor carrier with TxDMV or registered as a broker under 49 U.S.C. § 13904.

To operate as a motor transportation broker within Texas, follow these steps to obtain and file a required surety bond:

1. Obtain a Surety Bond. The bond must be in the amount of at least \$10,000 and must:
 - Be issued by a bonding company authorized to do business in Texas
 - Be payable to the State of Texas or to any person to whom the broker provides services
 - Be conditioned upon:
 - The faithful performance of transportation contracts or agreements by the motor carrier represented by the broker, and
 - The honest and faithful performance of the broker in carrying out their responsibilities
2. Mail the original surety bond along with a \$5 bond review fee to:

TxDMV, Motor Carrier Division
4000 Jackson Avenue
Austin, Texas 78731

The \$5 fee may be paid using one of the following methods:

- Credit Card: MasterCard, VISA, Discover, or American Express (A service charge of \$0.25 plus 2.25% of the transaction amount will apply)
 - Check or Money Order: Personal check, business check, cashier's check, or money order, payable to the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles
3. TxDMV will notify the broker once the bond has been reviewed and approved.

Interstate. Motor transportation brokers who arrange transportation across state lines or into Mexico are required to obtain the following:

- Federal broker registration issued by the FMCSA
- UCR

For more information on federal broker registration, visit the FMCSA website at www.fmcsa.dot.gov and search for “broker registration.”

Intrastate and interstate. Texas-based motor transportation brokers who facilitate both in-state and out-of-state cargo movements must obtain both intrastate and interstate credentials. This applies to brokers who arrange transportation for:

- Shipments that originate and deliver within Texas, and
- Shipments that cross state lines or enter Mexico

Please refer to the Intrastate and Interstate sections above for all applicable requirements.

Oversize/Overweight Vehicles and Loads Permits

Vehicles and loads that exceed the legal size and weight limits established under Tex. Transp. Code, Chapter 621, must obtain an oversize/overweight (OS/OW) permit from TxDMV to operate on Texas roads. These permits are issued under the authority of Chapters 622 and 623 of the Tex. Transp. Code.

TxDmv issues OS/OW permits with the condition that the permittee complies with all applicable laws and rules governing the movement of oversize and/or overweight vehicles, equipment, and loads on Texas roads and highways. By accepting the permit, the permittee assumes full responsibility and liability for any damage resulting from the movement of the permitted load on the state highway system.

How to Apply for Permits

Permits may be obtained online through the Texas Permitting and Routing Optimization System (TxPROS) or by contacting the TxDMV Permit Office by phone.

To help reduce processing time, please have the following information ready before applying:

- Customer account information: TxPROS customer account number or user name and password (if applying online).
- Payment method: TxDMV-approved credit cards (MasterCard, VISA, American Express, Discover) or Automated Clearing House (ACH). Note: A service fee of \$0.25 plus 2.25% applies to credit card transactions.
- USDOT Number: A valid USDOT Number is required. TxDMV will verify the number with the FMCSA Motor Carrier Management Information System (MCMIS) to ensure the carrier is not under an out-of-service order. The permit will be issued under the company name as it appears in the FMCSA system. Note: For certain permit types where a USDOT Number is not required, a \$10,000 Permit Surety Bond must be on file with TxDMV.
- Complete load description
- Truck and trailer information:
 - Year and make
 - Vehicle Identification Number (VIN)
 - License plate number and issuing state
- Overall load dimensions:
 - Width
 - Height
 - Total length (including truck, trailer, and any overhang)
- Weight information:
 - Gross weight

- Axle spacings
- Axle weights
- Tire size
- Additional details (for single-trip routed permits):
 - Exact point of origin and destination on the state highway system
 - Requested permit start date

Note: Additional documentation or information may be required depending on the specific permit type. Please refer to the individual permit requirements for complete details.

Apply by Internet. Oversize/overweight permits are issued through TxPROS. Applicants may apply online 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Many permit types are available for self-issuance.

Permits that require review by the TxDMV Motor Carrier Division or cannot be self-issued will be processed during normal business hours.

To order and self-issue permits through TxPROS: Visit <http://TxPROS.TxDMV.gov>. Under the welcome message, select “create one” to set up your account, including a username and password.

Apply by telephone. To apply by phone, call (800) 299-1700 and select option 2. Please note: All calls are recorded.

Movement Conditions

The following are general conditions that apply to oversize/overweight movements. Some permit types may include additional restrictions; refer to the specific permit type for detailed requirements.

Route obstructions. It is the responsibility of the permittee to contact utility companies, including electric, telephone, cable, and other entities, when it is necessary to raise or lower any overhead obstruction such as wires, traffic signals, street lights, signs, or cables.

The permittee must provide advance notice to each affected utility in accordance with their specific requirements.

Daytime movement. Permitted vehicles may travel only during daytime hours, unless the permit specifically authorizes nighttime movement. For permitting purposes, daytime is defined as 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset.

Nighttime movement. Nighttime movement is allowed under the following

conditions:

- Vehicle is overweight only (not oversize)
- Vehicle is traveling on the Interstate Highway System and its size does not exceed 10 feet wide and/or 100 feet long, with legal front and rear overhangs
- Vehicle is an unladen lift equipment motor vehicle or self-propelled well servicing unit that does not exceed 9 feet wide
- Load consists of utility poles being transported by a utility company to restore power. (A rear escort is required for emergency night movement by utility companies.)

The department may authorize night movement in emergency situations, such as transporting equipment needed to clear or restore railroad tracks following a train derailment. Additional lighting and escort requirements may apply.

Traffic conditions. The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) may restrict travel on certain routes due to highway maintenance, construction activity, or congested traffic conditions.

Holiday restrictions. Manufactured housing are prohibited from moving on national holidays.

Proof of Permit

A copy of the permit—whether original, faxed, TxDMV computer-generated, or electronic—must be kept in the permitted vehicle until the day after the permit expires.

An electronic copy of the permit is not acceptable for the following permit types: the Annual Envelope Company Specific Permit, Over Axle/Over Gross Weight Tolerance Permit, Annual Ready-Mixed Concrete Truck Permit, Annual Timber Permit, Annual Intermodal Shipping Container Port Permit, and the Annual Fluid Milk Transport Permit. A physical copy must be carried in the permitted vehicle for each of these permit types.

Company Name on Permit

The name on an oversize/overweight permit must match the name of the company or individual operating the permitted vehicle. Operating under a permit with a mismatched name is a violation and may result in a Class C misdemeanor.

Exception: This requirement does not apply to tow trucks transporting a disabled, abandoned, or accident-damaged vehicle or vehicle combination to the nearest terminal, storage facility, or repair facility.

Amendments

The following are general amendment conditions and restrictions. Some permit types have additional conditions and restrictions; see the specific permit type for more information.

A General Single-Trip Permit may only be amended for the following reasons:

- Vehicle change due to breakdown
- Changing the intermediate points in an approved permit route
- Extending the expiration date due to weather or mechanical issues
- Changing the route's origin and destination (only if requested before the permit's effective date)
- Adjustments to the load size—provided the change is made before the permit becomes effective and it does not impact the approved route. (If the change affects the route or the permit is already active, a new permits must be obtained.)

Manufactured Housing Permits cannot be amended except to modify intermediate route points.

All permit fees are non-refundable.

Under TxDMV administrative enforcement authority, a permit may be revoked.

Texas Size Limits

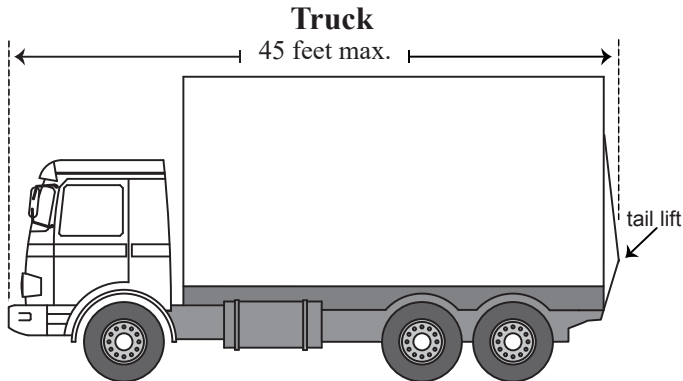
Texas Transportation Code, Chapter 621, establishes the legal size limits for vehicles and loads operating on Texas roadways.

Width is measured from the outside points of the widest extremities, excluding safety devices. The legal width limit is 8 feet 6 inches.

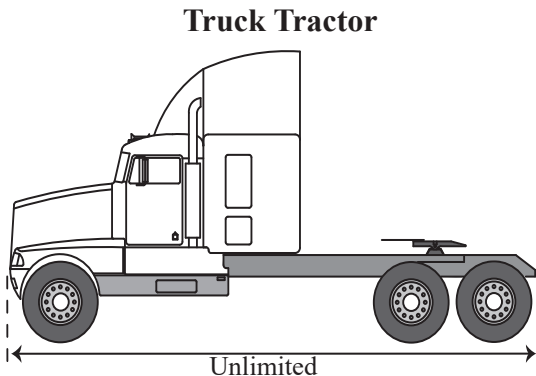
Height is measured from the roadbed to the highest point of the vehicle or load, whichever is higher. The legal height limit is 14 feet.

Length is measured from the foremost point of the vehicle or load, whichever extends further, to the rearmost point of the vehicle or load, whichever extends further.

Length limits as they apply to motor vehicles:

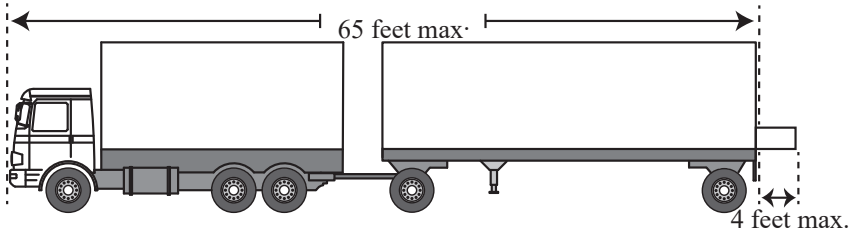


The length of a single vehicle, other than a truck tractor, may not exceed 45 feet.



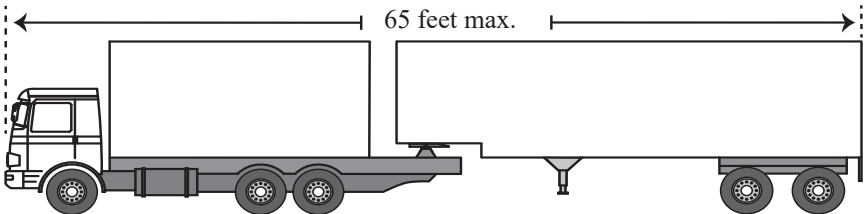
State law does not limit the length of a truck tractor.

Truck and Trailer Combination



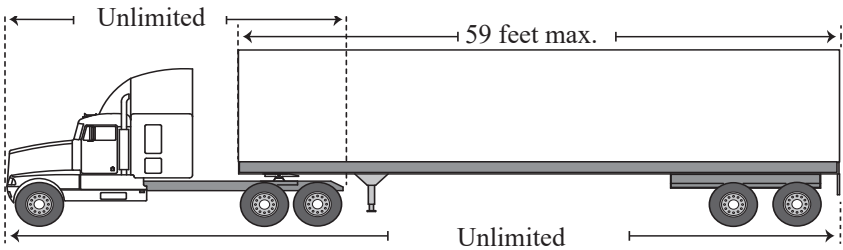
A truck and trailer combination may not exceed 65 feet in overall length.

Truck and Semitrailer Combination



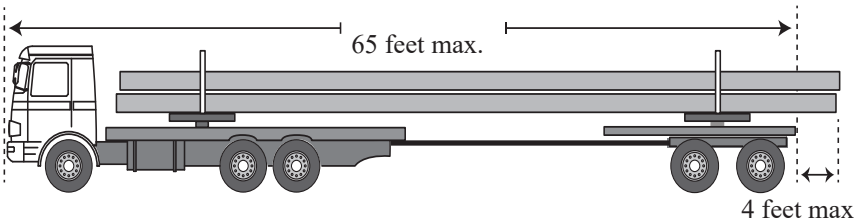
A truck and semitrailer combination may not exceed 65 feet in overall length.

Truck-Tractor and Semitrailer Combination



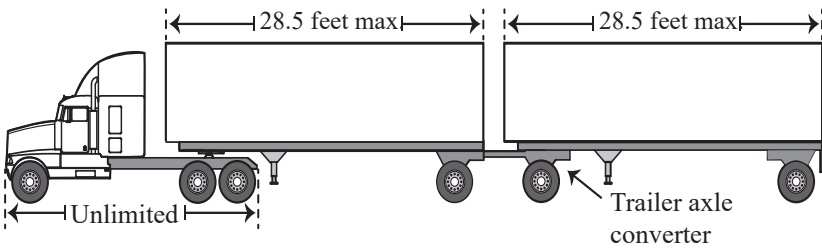
A semitrailer operated in a truck-tractor and semitrailer combination is limited to 59 feet.

Truck and Pole Trailer Combination



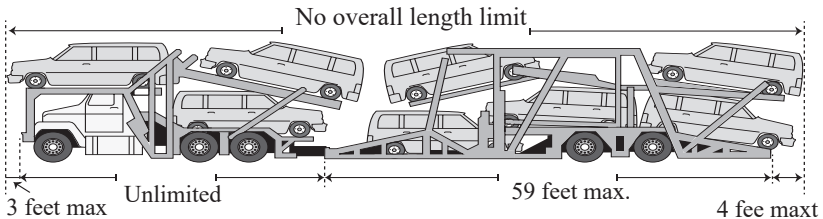
A truck and pole trailer combination may not exceed 65 feet in overall length.

Truck-Tractor, Semitrailer, Trailer Axle Converter and Semitrailer Combination



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

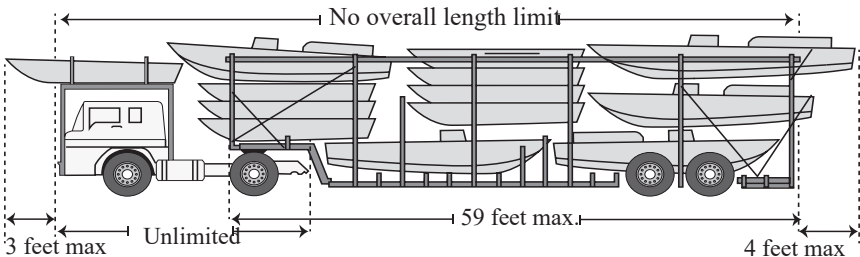
Commercial Truck and Stinger-Steered Semitrailer Combination Transporting Automobiles (or Boats)



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 or boat transporter, the vehicle must be capable of carrying cargo on the power unit.

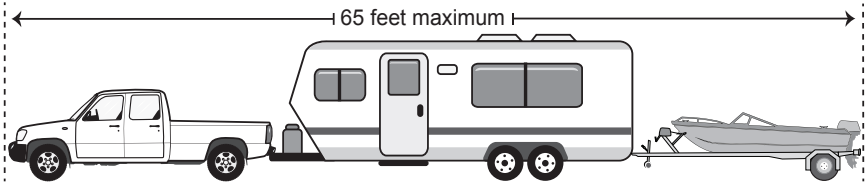
Traditional Boat or Automobile Transporter Combination



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 3-Vehicle Combinations



Combinations of three vehicles, whether truck-trailer-boat, or motor home-boat-car, are limited to 65 feet.

Texas Weight Limits

Texas Transportation Code, Chapter 621, Subchapter B, establishes the legal weight limits for vehicles and combinations operating on Texas roadways and bridges.

Tire Load Limits and Single Axle Load Limits

Texas Administrative Code, § 219.11(d)(2), sets the legal tire-load limit at 650 pounds per square inch (PSI) of tire tread width. The TxDMV uses this standard to calculate the maximum legal weight for an axle or axle group.

The formula below determines the load limit for a steering or single axle with only two tires:

$$\text{Number of Tires} \times \text{Tire Tread Width (inches)} \times \text{Tire Load Limits (PSI)} = \text{Axle Load Limit}$$

| Axle Load Limits for 650 PSI Tires | | | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| # of Tires (per axle) | Tire Size (in inches) | Tire Size (in millimeters) | Tire Load Limit (PSI) | Axle Load Limit (in pounds) |
| 2 | 10 | 245-265 | 650 | 13,000 |
| 2 | 11 | 270-290 | 650 | 14,300 |
| 2 | 12 | 295-315 | 650 | 15,600 |
| 2 | 13 | 320-340 | 650 | 16,900 |
| 2 | 14 | 345-365 | 650 | 18,200 |
| 2 | 15 | 370-390 | 650 | 19,500 |
| 2 | 16 | 395-415 | 650 | 20,800 |
| 2 | 17 | 420-440 | 650 | 22,100 |
| 2 | 18 | 445-465 | 650 | 23,400 |

When routing overweight loads on load-zoned roads, the maximum permitted axle weight must be reduced by 10 percent.

For single axles operating on load-restricted roads, the permitted weight is limited to 650 PSI of tire width or 22,500 pounds, whichever is less. For example, if a steering or single axle has 18-inch tires, the maximum weight must be reduced to 22,500 pounds before traveling on a load-zoned road. [43 TAC § 219.11(d)(3)]

Important: A permit does not authorize a vehicle to exceed the tire load rating specified by the manufacturer, as outlined in 49 CFR § 393.75.

Determining Legal Weight

Texas Transportation Code, Chapter 621, Subchapter B, provides that Texas legal weight limits must be determined in accordance with the Bridge Formula. This formula, enacted by Congress in 1975, is designed to control the weight-to-length ratio of vehicles crossing bridges, thereby protecting bridge structures from excessive stress. Compliance with the Bridge Formula is calculated using the following formula:

$$W = 500 \left[\frac{LN}{(N-1)} + 12N + 36 \right]$$

L = length, N = number of axles, W = weight

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) developed a Permissible Weight Table to simplify the application of the Bridge Formula. To calculate the legal weight using this table, follow the steps below:

The following terms are used in explaining the procedure:

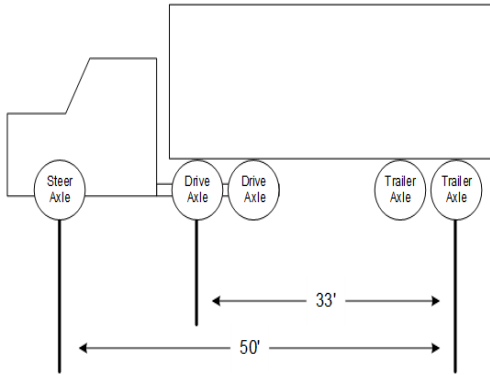
Drive axles are the axles that power a vehicle.

Inner bridge distance is the distance from the center of the first drive axle to the center of the last axle.

Outer bridge distance is the distance from the center of the steering axle to the center of the last axle.

Steering axle is the front axle that steers the truck.

| Calculation of Legal Weight Using the <i>Permissible Weight Table</i> | |
|---|--|
| Step | Action |
| 1 | Determine the distance between each axle. |
| 2 | Determine the inner bridge distance. |
| 3 | Determine the outer bridge distance. |
| 4 | Using the "Distance in Feet" column, find the line with the inner bridge distance. |
| 5 | Follow this line across to the column that corresponds to the number of axles in the inner bridge distance to determine the maximum legal weight for this group of axles. |
| 6 | Using the "Distance in Feet" column, find the line with the outer bridge distance. |
| 7 | Follow this line across to the column that corresponds to the number of axles in the outer bridge distance to determine the maximum legal weight for this group of axles. |
| 8 | Subtract the inner bridge weight from the outer bridge weight to find the weight that can legally be carried on the steering axle, provided the steering axle has the proper tire size and rating to carry the weight. |



Outer bridge distance 50 feet
 Inner bridge distance 33 feet
 Number of axles 4
 Steer axle 10 inches tread width

Per the *Permissible Weight Table*

Legal weight for outer bridge 79,000 pounds
 Legal weight for inner bridge 64,000 pounds

Legal weight for the steering axle 13,000 pounds

Legal weight for the entire vehicle $13,000 + 64,000 = 77,000$

Although the legal outer bridge limit 79,000 pounds, a vehicle may not reach this weight if the steer axle does not have the tire tread width that supports the allowable steer axle weight (see page 25).

Permissible Weight Table

| Length | 2 axles | 3 axles | 4 axles | 5 axles | 6 axles | 7 axles |
|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 4 | 34,000* | — | — | — | — | — |
| 5 | 34,000* | — | — | — | — | — |
| 6 | 34,000* | — | — | — | — | — |
| 7 | 34,000* | — | — | — | — | — |
| 8 | 34,000* | 34,000 | — | — | — | — |
| 8+ | 38,000 | 42,000 | — | — | — | — |
| 9 | 39,000 | 42,500 | — | — | — | — |
| 10 | 40,000 | 43,500 | — | — | — | — |
| 11 | — | 44,500 | — | — | — | — |
| 12 | — | 45,000 | 50,000 | — | — | — |
| 13 | — | 45,500 | 50,500 | — | — | — |
| 14 | — | 46,500 | 51,500 | — | — | — |

Oversize/Overweight Permits

| Length | 2 axles | 3 axles | 4 axles | 5 axles | 6 axles | 7 axles |
|--------|---------|---------|----------|---------|---------|---------|
| 15 | — | 47,500 | 52,000 | — | — | — |
| 16 | — | 48,000 | 52,500 | 58,000 | — | — |
| 17 | — | 48,500 | 53,500 | 58,500 | — | — |
| 18 | — | 49,900 | 54,000 | 59,000 | — | — |
| 19 | — | 51,400 | 54,500 | 60,000 | — | — |
| 20 | — | 52,800 | 55,500 | 60,500 | 66,000 | — |
| 21 | — | 54,000 | 56,000 | 61,000 | 66,500 | — |
| 22 | — | 54,000 | 56,500 | 61,500 | 67,000 | — |
| 23 | — | 54,000 | 57,500 | 62,500 | 68,000 | — |
| 24 | — | 54,000 | 58,000 | 63,000 | 68,500 | 74,000 |
| 25 | — | 54,500 | 58,500 | 63,500 | 69,000 | 74,500 |
| 26 | — | 55,500 | 59,500 | 64,000 | 69,500 | 75,000 |
| 27 | — | 56,000 | 60,000 | 65,000 | 70,000 | 75,500 |
| 28 | — | 57,000 | 60,500 | 65,500 | 71,000 | 76,500 |
| 29 | — | 57,500 | 61,500 | 66,000 | 71,500 | 77,000 |
| 30 | — | 58,500 | 62,000 | 66,500 | 72,000 | 77,500 |
| 31 | — | 59,000 | 62,500 | 67,500 | 72,500 | 78,000 |
| 32 | — | 60,000 | 63,500 | 68,500 | 73,000 | 78,500 |
| 33 | — | — | 64,000 | 68,500 | 74,000 | 79,000 |
| 34 | — | — | 64,500 | 69,000 | 74,500 | 80,000 |
| 35 | — | — | 65,500 | 70,000 | 75,000 | — |
| 36 | — | — | 66,000** | 70,500 | 75,500 | — |
| 37 | — | — | 66,500** | 71,050 | 76,000 | — |
| 38 | — | — | 67,500** | 72,000* | 77,000 | — |
| 39 | — | — | 68,000 | 72,500 | 77,500 | — |
| 40 | — | — | 68,500 | 73,000 | 78,000 | — |
| 41 | — | — | 69,500 | 73,500 | 78,500 | — |
| 42 | — | — | 70,000 | 74,000 | 79,000 | — |
| 43 | — | — | 70,500 | 75,000 | 80,000 | — |
| 44 | — | — | 71,500 | 75,500 | — | — |
| 45 | — | — | 72,000 | 76,000 | — | — |
| 46 | — | — | 72,500 | 76,500 | — | — |
| 47 | — | — | 73,500 | 77,500 | — | — |
| 48 | — | — | 74,000 | 78,000 | — | — |
| 49 | — | — | 74,500 | 78,500 | — | — |
| 50 | — | — | 75,500 | 79,000 | — | — |
| 51 | — | — | 76,000 | 80,000 | — | — |
| 52 | — | — | 76,500 | — | — | — |
| 53 | — | — | 77,500 | — | — | — |
| 54 | — | — | 78,000 | — | — | — |
| 55 | — | — | 78,500 | — | — | — |
| 56 | — | — | 79,500 | — | — | — |
| 57 | — | — | 80,000 | — | — | — |

The values in this table reflect FHWA's policy of rounding down when calculated weights fall exactly between 500-pound increments.

*Tandem axle by definition

**Exception to Bridge Formula Table and Law.

Maximum Axle Weights for Axle Groups

Texas is authorized under 23 CFR § 658.17(h) to issue special permits for nondivisible vehicles or loads without regard to axle weight limits, gross vehicle weight limits, or federal Bridge Formula requirements.

Tex. Transp. Code § 621.102 authorizes the executive director of the Texas Department of Transportation to establish maximum axle and axle group weights for vehicles operating under a permit issued by TxDMV. The specific weight limits and related requirements are defined in TAC § 219.11(d).

Requirement for maximum permitted weight:

- Axle group spacing: Each axle in a group must be spaced at least 4 feet apart, measured from center of axle to center of axle.
- Spacing between axle groups: Opposing axle groups must have a minimum spacing of 12 feet, measured from the center of the last axle in the front group to the center of the first axle in the following group.
- Load distribution: All axles within a group must equally share the group's weight. For axles that share suspension, no axle in the group may carry more than 10 percent more or less weight than any other axle in the same group.

| # of Axles or Groups | Max. Legal Weight (pounds) | Max. Permit Weight (pounds) | Max. Load-Zoned Weight (pounds) ³ |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| Single Axle | 20,000 | 25,000 | 22,500 |
| Two-Axle Group | 34,000 17,000 per axle | 46,000 23,000 per axle | 41,400 20,700 per axle |
| Three-Axle Group ¹ | 42,000 14,000 per axle | 60,000 20,000 per axle | 54,000 18,000 per axle |
| Four-Axle Group | 50,000 12,500 per axle | 70,000 17,500 per axle | 63,000 15,750 per axle |
| Five-Axle Group | 58,000 11,600 per axle | 81,400 16,280 per axle | 73,260 14,652 per axle |

¹The sum of the axle spacings must be at least 8 feet 1 inch to be allowed 42,000 pounds. If the sum of the axle spacings does not exceed 8 feet, legal weight is 34,000 pounds.

²Axle groups with six axles are not permitted unless the group has articulating (steerable) axles or an engineering study of the equipment is completed.

³A permitted load with axle group weights at the maximum permit weight limits cannot travel on a load-zoned road unless axle weights are reduced to 10 percent less than maximum permit weight limits by disassembling the load, or more axles are added to the loading configuration to reduce the weight per axle group.

Reduction of Maximum Weight. When axle groups are spaced less than 12 feet apart, measured from the center of the last axle of the first group to the center of the first axle of the following group, the maximum permit weight allowed for each group must be reduced. Specifically, the weight of each axle group is reduced by 2.5% for every foot less than 12 feet between the groups.

The following table shows the corresponding weight reduction percentages based on spacing:

| Axle Group Spacing | Reduce Maximum Allowed by |
|--------------------|---------------------------|
| 11 feet | 2.5 percent |
| 10 feet | 5 percent |
| 9 feet | 7.5 percent |
| 8 feet | 10 percent |
| 7 feet | 12.5 percent |
| 6 feet | 15 percent |

Superheavy Loads

A load is classified as superheavy when any of the following conditions are met:

- The gross weight of the vehicle and load exceeds 254,300 pounds.
- The axle group weight exceeds the limits specified in the Maximum Permit Weights Table.
- The overall axle spacing is less than 95 feet, and the gross weight exceeds 200,000 pounds but does not exceed 254,300 pounds.

Superheavy permits are issued under the provisions of TAC § 219.12(b) and are subject to additional requirements beyond those of the specific permit type. These requirements must be met prior to permit issuance. Refer to page 46 for detailed information on application requirements and associated fees.

Weight Fees

In addition to the permit fee, certain permit types also require payment of weight-related fees, which include the highway maintenance fee and vehicle supervision fee.

Highway Maintenance Fee. Vehicles with a gross weight exceeding 80,000 pounds are required to pay a highway maintenance fee in addition to the permit fee.

| Gross Weight in Pounds | Highway Maintenance Fee |
|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 80,001 - 120,000 | \$150 |
| 120,001 - 160,000 | \$225 |
| 160,001 - 200,000 | \$300 |
| 200,001 and above | \$375 |

Vehicle supervision fee. Vehicles with a gross weight exceeding 200,000 pounds are also required to pay a vehicle supervision fee based on the total permitted weight. The fee amounts are outlined in the table below:

| Item | Fee |
|--|-------|
| 200,001 – 254,300 pounds total and at least 95 feet overall axle spacing and not exceeding the maximum permit weight on any axle or axle group | \$35 |
| 200,001 – 254,300 pounds total and less than 95 feet overall axle spacings, or over the maximum permit weight on any axle or axle group, or over 254,300 pounds gross weight | |
| • Bridge analysis performed by a state (TxDOT) approved private engineer | \$500 |
| • Additional identical permit loads ordered within 30 days of last permit | \$35 |

Weight Documentation

Motor carriers with a vehicle or vehicle combination that has a combined gross weight of more than 200,000 pounds, must submit a Shipper's Certificate of Weight (Form 2280) with their permit application.

If you are moving your own construction equipment, you must also complete a Shipper's Certificate of Weight to submit with your permit application.

Note: TxDMV cannot accept a Shipper's Certificate of Weight older than 90 days or one with a digital signature. The form must be signed by hand.

Escort Requirements and Equipment

Escort vehicles are required to help ensure the safety of the traveling public and to support the safe movement of the permitted vehicle.

In addition to private escort vehicles, the TxDMV may require the use of law enforcement escorts, depending on the size, route, or nature of the permitted load.

Requirements

The escort vehicle operator is responsible for warning the traveling public when any of the following conditions exist:

- The permitted vehicle must travel over the center line of a narrow bridge or roadway.
- The permitted vehicle makes a turn that requires it to enter opposing traffic lanes.
- The permitted vehicle slows down to pass under a low overhead obstruction or cross a bridge.
- The permitted vehicle causes an abnormal or unusual traffic flow pattern.

Special requirements apply to escort flaggers who are tasked with directing or controlling traffic. For additional details, refer to the Escort Flaggers section on page 37.

Escort requirements for most loads and permit types are listed below. *See sections on Manufactured Housing and Portable Building Permits for special requirements for those load types.*

| Dimension | Measurement | Number and Placement of Escort(s) |
|-----------|--------------------------------|--|
| Width | Exceeding 14 feet to 16 feet | 1 Front - two-lane highway |
| | | 1 Rear - divided highway |
| | Exceeding 16 feet | 1 Front and 1 Rear - all roads |
| Height | Exceeding 17 feet | 1 Front equipped with height pole - all roads |
| | Exceeding 18 feet | 1 Front equipped with height pole and 1 Rear - all roads |
| Length | Exceeding 110 feet to 125 feet | 1 Front - two-lane highway |
| | | 1 Rear - divided highway |
| | Exceeding 125 feet | 1 Front and 1 Rear - all roads |
| | Front overhang exceeds 20 feet | 1 Front - two-lane highway |
| | | 1 Rear - four or more lane highway |
| | Rear overhang exceeds 20 feet | 1 Rear - all roads |

If a load exceeds escort requirements in two dimensions, both front and rear escorts are required. For example, if a load is 16 feet wide and 112 feet long, one escort is required for the width and another for the length. Similarly, if a load is 115 feet long with a 25-foot rear overhang, one escort is required for the overall length and another for the overhang.

Convoy. Overlength loads may convoy and share escorts under the following conditions:

- 110 feet to 150 feet long – Convoy up to four loads with one front and one rear escort
- 150 feet, 1 inch to 180 feet long – Convoy two loads with one front and one rear escort

Each permitted load in the convoy must:

- Travel at least 1,000 feet, but not more than 2,000 feet, from any other load in the convoy
- Have a rotating amber beacon or an amber pulsating light not less than eight inches in diameter mounted at the top, rear of the load

Vehicle Equipment

For detailed information on general lighting requirements for certain large vehicles, such as buses, trucks, truck-tractors, trailers or semitrailers please refer to Tex. Transp. Code, Chapter 547, Subchapter E.

Lights. According to Tex. Transp. Code § 547.382, if a load extends more than four feet beyond the rear of a vehicle, the following lighting equipment must be displayed on the extreme end of the load during nighttime or when visibility is limited: two red lamps visible from at least 500 feet to the rear; two red reflectors indicating the maximum width, visible at nighttime from 100 to 600 feet when directly in front of lawful lower beams of headlamps; and two red lamps, one on each side, indicating the maximum overhang, visible from at least 500 feet from the side.

For permitted loads traveling in convoy, each load must have a rotating amber beacon or an amber pulsating light not less than eight inches in diameter mounted at the top rear of the load.

Flags. A vehicle transporting a load that extends beyond the vehicle's sides or more than four feet beyond the rear must display 12-inch red flags to mark the extremities of the load. For loads extending more than four feet beyond the bed or body of the vehicle, the flags must be placed in the same locations where lamps are required. Refer to the Lights section above for specific lamp placement requirements.

Escort Vehicle Equipment

Escort vehicles must be single-unit vehicles with a gross vehicle weight (GVW) of not less than 1,000 pounds and not more than 10,000 pounds.

Escort vehicles must be equipped as follows:

Lights. Each escort vehicle must be equipped with one of the following lighting configurations, mounted on the roof and visible from all sides of the vehicle: two flashing amber lights, or alternating or flashing blue and amber lights, or one rotating amber beacon that is at least eight inches in diameter.

Signs. An escort vehicle must display a sign on either the roof of the vehicle or the front and/or rear of the vehicle with the words "OVERSIZE" or "WIDE LOAD." The sign must meet the following criteria:

- Size – 5 to 7 feet in length, 12 to 18 inches in height
- Color - yellow background with black lettering
- Size of lettering – 8 to 10 inches high with a brush stroke at least 1.4-inches wide

- Visibility - visible from the front and rear of the vehicle while escorting the permitted load
- The sign must not be used at any other time

Radio. An escort vehicle must be equipped with two-way radio communication and must maintain continuous contact with the permitted vehicle and any other escort vehicles involved in the movement.

Height pole. Any permitted vehicle that exceeds 17 feet in height must be accompanied by a front escort vehicle equipped with a height pole. The height pole must be constructed of nonconductive metal and used to accurately measure overhead obstructions, ensuring the permitted load can safely clear structures such as bridges, signs, and utility lines.

Motorcycles. An official law enforcement motorcycle may serve as a primary escort vehicle for a permitted load traveling within the limits of an incorporated city, provided it is operated by a highway patrol officer, sheriff, duly authorized deputy, or municipal police officer.

An escort motorcycle must be equipped with two-way radio communication and must maintain contact with the permitted vehicle and any other escort vehicles involved in the movement.

Escort Flaggers

An escort flagger is any individual who directs or controls the flow of traffic as required by an oversize/overweight permit issued by the TxDMV.

Escort flaggers must successfully complete a traffic direction training program that meets the basic peace officer course curriculum requirements for traffic direction, as established by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE). For training information and resources, visit the TCOLE website: <https://www.tcole.texas.gov/content/escort-flagger-training>.

Note: These training requirements do not apply to escort vehicle operators or flaggers who do not direct traffic.

General Single-Trip Permit

(Tex. Transp. Code §§ 623.071-623.082 and TAC § 219.12)

TxDMV issues a single-trip, routed permit for the movement of nondivisible vehicles and/or loads that exceed legal Texas size and weight limits, up to 254,300 pounds. This permit may also be used for loads consisting of drill pipe or drill collars. However, this permit may not be used for the movement of:

- Containers (such as crates, tanks, vessels, etc.) or trailers loaded with divisible cargo that could otherwise be transported without a permit (e.g., sand, gravel, or liquid).
- Intermodal containers.

Single-trip permits are valid for one movement only, during the dates and times specified on the permit. The movement must be made from a specific point of origin to a specific destination as listed on the permit.

Operating authority. Before a permit can be issued, you must be in compliance with either TxDMV Motor Carrier Registration or UCR. If you are not required to have a TxDMV Number or UCR, you must have a \$10,000 permit bond on file with the TxDMV.

Fees. The permit fee is \$60. In addition to this fee, a highway maintenance fee is required for loads exceeding 80,000 pounds, and a vehicle supervision fee applies to loads exceeding 200,000 pounds. For a complete list of applicable highway maintenance and vehicle supervision fees, refer to page 33.

Route inspection. Vehicles and loads exceeding the following dimensions must have a Route Inspection Certification on file prior to permit issuance.

- Width – 20 feet
- Height – 18 feet 11 inches
- Length – 125 feet

House Move Permit

(Tex. Transp. Code §§ 623.071-623.082 and TAC § 219.12)

TxDMV issues a single-trip, routed permit for the movement of houses exceeding 20 feet in width. This permit is valid for one movement only, during the dates and times specified on the permit, and must be used to travel from a specific point of origin to a specific destination.

TxDMV will provide a proposed route based on:

- the amount of inconvenience and hazard imposed on the traveling public due on traffic volumes and conditions
- highway geometrics and time of movement
- the size and weight of the vehicle and load in relation to vertical clearances, width restrictions, steep grades, and weak or load restricted bridges
- other considerations necessary for the safe movement of the load

A representative of your company must physically inspect the proposed route to ensure it is safe for the movement of the load, protects the traveling public, and preserves state infrastructure. After the inspection, you are required to notify TxDMV in writing to confirm whether the vehicle and load can or cannot safely travel the proposed route.

Operating authority. Before a permit can be issued, you must be in compliance with either TxDMV Motor Carrier Registration or UCR. If you are not required to have a TxDMV Number or UCR, you must have a \$10,000 permit bond on file with the TxDMV.

Fees. The permit fee is \$60. In addition to this fee, a highway maintenance fee is required for loads exceeding 80,000 pounds. See page 33 for a list of highway maintenance fees.

Manufactured Housing Single-Trip Permit

(Tex. Transp. Code §§ 623.091-623.104 and TAC § 219.14)

TxDMV issues a single-trip, routed permit for the movement of manufactured housing or industrialized buildings/housing that exceed Texas legal size limits when transported on any returnable undercarriage or temporary chassis system.

Single-trip manufactured housing permits are valid for one movement only, during the times specified on the permit (not to exceed five days), and must be used to travel from a specific point of origin to a specific destination.

For double-wide or triple-wide manufactured homes moving on their own set of axles, a separate permit is required for each section. If the structure is moved as one unit on a set of house-moving dollies, a House Move Permit is required (see page 39 for details).

A General Single-Trip Permit is required to transport a stack of manufactured housing frames or to move housing that exceeds legal gross weight, axle weight, or axle group weight limits.

Operating authority. Before a permit can be issued, carriers must be in compliance with one of the following: TxDMV Motor Carrier Registration, UCR, or be licensed by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs as an RBI, RI, or I license holder.

If you are the owner and/or occupant of a manufactured home, you may move your home provided that both the home and the towing vehicle are registered in your name. This exception applies only when the home is being moved by the owner for use as a personal family dwelling (formerly referred to as a single-family dwelling).

Fees. The permit fee is \$40.

Application. In addition to the general information required for all permit applications, an application for a Manufactured Housing Permit must include the following:

- The year of manufacture and make of the manufactured house
- The HUD label number, or for homes manufactured after June 15, 1976, the Texas seal number or the complete identification or serial number
- The name of the owner of the manufactured house

- The physical address of the location from which the house is being moved, unless it is being moved from a dealer or factory
- The location (physical address) to where the house is being moved unless the house is being moved to a dealer or factory

Escort requirements. Two halves of a double-wide manufactured home may be moved in convoy and share the required escort vehicles, provided the distance between the two units does not exceed 1,000 feet.

| Dimension | Type of Highway | Type of Escort(s) |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Exceeding 16 feet to 18 feet wide | Divided | 1 Rear |
| | Non-divided | 1 Front |
| Exceeding 18 feet wide | All | 1 Front and 1 Rear |

Lights. A manufactured house over 12 feet wide must have one rotating amber beacon, at least 8 inches in diameter, mounted on the roof at the rear of the unit.

As an alternative to the roof-mounted beacon, two five-inch flashing amber lights may be installed at the rear corners of the manufactured house, approximately 6 feet above ground level.

In addition, the towing vehicle must have a rotating amber beacon, also not less than 8 inches in diameter, mounted on the top of the cab. All beacons must be operational and illuminated during any permitted movement on the highway.

Holidays. Manufactured housing may not be moved on any national holiday.

Portable Building Permit

(Tex. Transp. Code §§ 623.121-623.130 and TAC § 219.15)

TxDMV issues a single-trip, routed permit for the transportation of portable buildings and portable building-compatible cargo that exceed Texas legal size limits. This permit authorizes a single movement from a designated origin to a designated destination during the time period specified on the permit.

To qualify for a Portable Building Single-Trip Permit, the vehicle and load must not exceed 14 feet in height and 80 feet in length. If these dimensions are exceeded, a General Single-Trip Permit is required instead.

Operating authority. No operating authority is required to obtain this permit.

Fees. The permit fee is \$15.

Escort requirements.

| Dimension | Type of Highway | Type of Escort(s) |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Exceeding 16 feet to 18 feet wide | Divided | 1 Rear |
| | Non-divided | 1 Front |
| Exceeding 18 feet wide | All | 1 Front and 1 Rear |

Additional information. Multiple portable buildings may be transported on a single load if they are placed end to end and loaded at their narrowest width. For truck-trailer combinations, the overall length—including any rear overhang—must not exceed 80 feet, and the rear overhang may not exceed the legal limit of 4 feet.

For tractor-trailer combinations, there is no overall length limit; however, the trailer must not exceed 59 feet in length.

Self-Propelled Mileage Permit for Unladen Lift Equipment Motor Vehicles

(Tex. Transp. Code §§ 623.191-623.200 and TAC § 219.62)

TxDMV issues a single-trip, mileage-based, routed permit for the movement of unladen lift equipment motor vehicles that exceed legal Texas size and weight limits. This permit is valid for one movement between a designated origin and destination and is limited to a maximum of seven consecutive days. The permit may also be used for a return trip to the point of origin or to another location, provided that all miles for the entire route are included and charged on the same permit.

Weight. The maximum weight allowed under this permit for any single axle is 30,000 pounds or 850 pounds per inch of tire width, whichever is less. Additionally, non-steerable axles must not exceed 850 pounds per inch of tire width and steerable axles must not exceed 950 pounds per inch of tire width.

Operating authority. No operating authority is required to obtain this permit.

Fees. The permit fee is calculated based on the number of permitted miles and the size and weight of the vehicle and load. The minimum fee is \$31.

Additional information. Nighttime movement is allowed when transporting an unladen lift equipment motor vehicle that does not exceed the following dimensions:

- Width – 9 feet
- Height – 14 feet
- Length – 65 feet

Nighttime movement is allowed with front and rear escorts when transporting an unladen lift equipment motor vehicle that does not exceed the following dimensions:

- Width – 10 feet 6 inches
- Height – 14 feet
- Length – 95 feet

Self-Propelled Mileage Permit for Well Servicing Units

(Tex. Transp. Code §§ 623.141-623.150 and TAC § 219.42)

TxDMV issues a single-trip, mileage-based, routed permit for the movement of well-servicing units that exceed Texas legal size and weight limits. This permit is valid for one movement between a designated origin and destination, for a maximum of seven consecutive days. It may also be used for a return trip to the point of origin or another location, provided that the total mileage for the complete route is included and paid for on the same permit.

Weight. The maximum weight allowed under this permit for any single axle is 30,000 pounds or 850 pounds per inch of tire width, whichever is less. Additionally, non-steerable axles must not exceed 850 pounds per inch of tire width and steerable axles must not exceed 950 pounds per inch of tire width.

Operating authority. No operating authority is required to obtain this permit.

Fees. The permit fee is calculated based on the number of permitted miles and the size and weight of the vehicle and load. The minimum fee is \$31.

Additional information. Nighttime movement is allowed when transporting a self-propelled well-servicing unit that does not exceed the following dimensions:

- Width – 9 feet
- Height – 14 feet
- Length – 65 feet

Self-Propelled Off Road Equipment Permit

(Tex. Transp. Code §§ 623.071-623.082 and TAC § 219.12)

TxDMV issues a single-trip, routed permit for the movement of self-propelled off-road equipment that exceeds Texas legal size and weight limits. This permit authorizes a single movement from a specified origin to a specified destination, during the time period stated on the permit.

Weight. Self-propelled off road equipment operating under this permit must meet the following weight requirements:

- Weight per inch of tire width must not exceed 650 pounds
- Weight per axle must not exceed 45,000 pounds
- All wheels must have a minimum rim diameter of 25 inches
- Minimum spacing between axles, measured from center of axle to center of axle, must be at least 12 feet

Operating authority. Before a permit can be issued, a permit bond in the amount of \$10,000 must be on file with the TxDMV.

Fees. The permit fee is \$60. In addition to the permit fee, a highway maintenance fee applies to loads exceeding 80,000 pounds, and a vehicle supervision fee is required for loads exceeding 200,000 pounds. For a complete list of applicable highway maintenance and vehicle supervision fees, refer to page 33.

Additional information. Equipment operating under the provisions of this permit may not travel on controlled access highways.

Super Heavy Permit

(Tex. Transp. Code §§ 623.071-623.082 and TAC § 219.12)

TxDMV issues a single-trip, routed Super Heavy Permit for the movement of nondivisible vehicles and/or loads that exceed 254,300 pounds in total gross weight, exceed the maximum allowable weight on any axle or axle group, or weigh between 200,001 pounds and 254,300 pounds with less than 95 feet of axle spacing.

This permit authorizes a single movement from a specified origin to a specified destination, during the time period stated on the permit.

Operating authority. Before a permit can be issued, the applicant must comply with either Texas Motor Carrier Registration requirements or UCR requirements.

Fees. The permit fee is \$60. In addition to this fee, a highway maintenance fee and a vehicle supervision fee are required. For a complete list of applicable highway maintenance and vehicle supervision fees, refer to page 33.

Application. A signed "Certification Regarding Agreement to Transport Super Heavy Load(s)" (Form MCD-305) must be submitted with the application. The application and supporting documentation must be submitted through TxPROS six to eight weeks prior to the requested permit state date, unless an existing pre-approved route is on file.

30/60/90 Day and Annual Length Permits

(Tex. Transp. Code §§ 623.071-623.082 and TAC § 219.13)

TxDMV issues 30-day, 60-day, 90-day, and annual permits for the transportation of loads exceeding Texas legal length limits. This permit may not be used to transport containers—such as crates, tanks, vessels—or trailers carrying divisible loads that could otherwise be moved legally without a permit, including bulk materials like sand, gravel, or liquids. Intermodal containers are also not eligible under this permit type.

Permits are valid for 30, 60, 90 days, or one year from the effective date, depending on the duration selected at the time of purchase.

Note: These permits are not valid for the transport of manufactured homes or portable buildings.

Size. The vehicle and load may not exceed:

- Width – 8 feet 6 inches
- Height – 14 feet
- Length – 110 feet

Weight. The vehicle and load must remain within Texas legal weight limits to qualify for this permit.

Operating authority. Before a permit can be issued, you must be in compliance with either TxDMV Motor Carrier Registration or UCR. If you are not required to have a TxDMV Number or UCR, you must have a \$10,000 permit bond on file with the TxDMV.

Fees. Permit fees are based on the selected duration of the permit.

- 30 days - \$120
- 60 days - \$180
- 90 days - \$240
- Annual - \$960

Additional information. The permittee is responsible for determining the appropriate route and for obtaining current information regarding restrictions and hazardous weather-related road conditions prior to movement.

A 30-day, 60-day, 90-day, or annual Length Permit may be used in conjunction with a 30-day, 60-day, or 90-day Width Permit.

30/60/90 Day Width Permits

(Tex. Transp. Code §§ 623.071-623.082 and TAC § 219.13)

TxDMV issues 30-day, 60-day, 90-day, and annual permits for the transportation of loads exceeding Texas legal width limits. This permit may not be used to transport containers—such as crates, tanks, or vessels—or trailers carrying divisible loads that could otherwise be moved legally without a permit, including bulk materials such as sand, gravel, or liquid. Intermodal containers are also not eligible under this permit type.

Permits are valid for 30, 60, 90 days, or one year from the effective date, depending on the duration selected at the time of purchase.

Note: These permits are not valid for the transport of manufactured homes or portable buildings.

Size. The vehicle and load may not exceed:

- Width – 13 feet
- Height – 14 feet
- Length – legal

Weight. The vehicle and load must remain within Texas legal weight limits to qualify for this permit.

Operating authority. Before a permit can be issued, you must be in compliance with either TxDMV Motor Carrier Registration or UCR. If you are not required to have a TxDMV Number or UCR, you must have a \$10,000 permit bond on file with the TxDMV.

Fees. Permit fees are based on the selected duration of the permit.

- 30 days - \$120
- 60 days - \$180
- 90 days - \$240

Additional information. The permittee is responsible for determining the appropriate route and for obtaining current information regarding restrictions and hazardous weather-related road conditions prior to movement.

A 30-day, 60-day, or 90-day Width Permit may be used in conjunction with either an Annual Length Permit or a 30-day, 60-day, or 90-day Length Permit.

Quarterly Hubometer Permit

(Tex. Transp. Code §§ 623.141-623.150, 623.191-623.200, TAC §§ 219.43 and 219.63)

TxDMV issues a quarterly, mileage-based permit for the movement of specific vehicle types that exceed Texas legal size and weight limits. Eligible vehicle types include:

- Self-propelled oil well servicing units
- Unladen lift equipment motor vehicles
- Self-propelled concrete pumps
- Trailer-mounted oil well servicing units
- Coiled tubing units
- Swabbing units
- Self-propelled bundle extractors

Quarterly permits are valid for 91 days from the effective date.

Size. Units operating under this permit may not exceed:

- Width – 12 feet
- Height – 14 feet 6 inches
- Length – 95 feet

Weight. Units operating under this permit may not exceed 30,000 pounds per axle, based on the results of a weight analysis conducted by TxDMV. Additionally, weight per inch of tire width must not exceed 850 pounds for non-steerable units and 950 pounds for steerable units.

Operating authority. No operating authority is required to obtain this permit.

Fees. The permit fee is based on hubometer mileage, as well as the size and weight of the vehicle and load. The minimum fee is \$31.

Additional information. The permittee is responsible for determining the appropriate route and for obtaining current information on restrictions and hazardous weather-related road conditions prior to movement.

Nighttime movement is allowed when transporting an unladen lift equipment motor vehicle or well servicing unit that does not exceed:

- Width – 9 feet
- Height – 14 feet
- Length – 65 feet

Nighttime movement is allowed when transporting an unladen lift equipment motor vehicle that does not exceed the following dimensions, provided front and rear escorts are used:

- Width – 10 feet 6 inches
- Height – 14 feet
- Length – 95 feet

Annual Unladen Lift Equipment Motor Vehicle Permit

(Tex. Transp. Code §§ 623.181-623.182 and TAC § 219.64)

TxDMV issues an annual permit for unladen lift equipment motor vehicles that exceed legal width and weight limits. The permit is valid for one year from its effective date.

Size. Unladen lift equipment motor vehicles operating under this permit may not exceed:

- Width – 10 feet
- Height – 14 feet
- Length – Legal

Weight. Weights may not exceed:

- 650 pounds per inch of tire width
- Single axle – 25,000 pounds
- Two axle group – 46,000 pounds
- Three axle group – 60,000 pounds
- Four axle group – 70,000 pounds
- Five axle group – 81,400 pounds
- Gross weight – 120,000 pounds

Operating authority. No operating authority is required to obtain this permit.

Fees. The annual permit fee is \$100.

Additional information. The permittee is responsible for routing and for obtaining up-to-date information on current restrictions and hazardous weather-related road conditions prior to movement.

Nighttime movement is allowed without escorts when transporting an unladen lift equipment motor vehicle not exceeding 9 feet in width.

Nighttime movement is allowed with front and rear escorts when transporting an unladen lift equipment motor vehicle not exceeding 10 feet in width.

Annual Envelope Company Specific Permit

(Tex. Transp. Code §§ 623.071-623.082 and TAC § 219.13)

TxDMV issues an annual envelope permit to companies transporting nondivisible loads that exceed legal Texas size and weight limits but fall within designated envelope dimensions and weight limits. This permit may not be used for containers (e.g., crates, tanks, vessels), trailers carrying divisible loads that could be transported without a permit (e.g., sand, gravel, or liquids), or intermodal containers.

The company-specific annual envelope permit is issued to a particular company and may be used with any properly registered truck owned or leased by that company. Only one vehicle may operate under a single permit at any given time; however, a company may purchase multiple permits.

This permit is valid for one year from the effective date.

Note: These permits are not valid for the transport of manufactured homes or portable buildings.

Size. Vehicles and loads operating under this permit may not exceed:

- Width – 12 feet
- Height – 14 feet
- Length – 100 feet

Weight. Vehicles and loads operating under this permit may not exceed a gross weight of 120,000 pounds.

Operating authority. Before a permit can be issued, you must be in compliance with either TxDMV Motor Carrier Registration or UCR. If you are not required to have a TxDMV Number or UCR, you must have a \$10,000 permit bond on file with the TxDMV.

Fees. The permit fee is \$4,000.

Additional information. The permittee is responsible for routing and for obtaining current restrictions and information regarding hazardous weather-related road conditions prior to movement.

A General Single-Trip Permit may be used in conjunction with an Annual Envelope Permit to exceed the permit's height or width limits. However, length and weight limits may not be increased.

Amendments. Permit may not be amended or transferred between parties.

Annual Envelope Vehicle Specific Permit

(Tex. Transp. Code §§ 623.071-623.082 and TAC § 219.13)

TxDMV issues an Annual Envelope Permit for the transport of nondivisible vehicles and loads that exceed legal size and weight limits but fall within specified envelope dimensions and weight. This permit may not be used for containers (e.g., crates, tanks, vessels), trailers carrying divisible loads that could be transported without a permit (e.g., sand, gravel, liquids), or intermodal containers.

The permit is valid for one year from the effective date.

Note: These permits are not valid for the transport of manufactured homes or portable buildings.

Size. Vehicles and loads operating under this permit may not exceed:

- Width – 12 feet
- Height – 14 feet
- Length – 100 feet

Weight. Vehicles and loads operating under this permit may not exceed a gross weight of 120,000 pounds.

Operating authority. Before a permit can be issued, you must be in compliance with either TxDMV Motor Carrier Registration or UCR. If you are not required to have a TxDMV Number or UCR, you must have a \$10,000 permit bond on file with the TxDMV.

Fees. The permit fee is \$4,000.

Additional information. The permittee is responsible for routing and for obtaining current restrictions and information regarding hazardous weather-related road conditions prior to movement.

A General Single-Trip Permit may be used in conjunction with an Annual Envelope Permit to exceed the permit's height or width limits. However, length and weight limits may not be increased.

Amendments. Permit may not be amended.

This permit is non-transferable between companies or vehicles, except under the following conditions:

- The permitted vehicle is destroyed or becomes permanently inoperable and will no longer be used, and the permittee provides proof that the negotiable certificate of title or other qualifying documentation has been surrendered; or
- The permittee provides proof that the certificate of title (or other qualifying documentation) for the permitted vehicle has been transferred to another party.

Annual Fluid Milk Transport Permit

(Tex. Transp. Code Chapter 623, Subchapter V and TAC § 219.35)

TxDMV issues an Annual Overweight Permit for the transport of fluid milk. The permit is valid for one year from the effective date.

Size. The vehicle and/or vehicle combination must not exceed legal size limits.

The truck-tractor and semitrailer combination must have six axles and meet the following spacing requirements:

- At least 15 feet between the steer axle and the first drive axle,
- At least 36 feet between the first drive axle and the last trailer axle, and
- 48 to 54 inches between axles within each axle group.

Weight. The gross weight of the vehicle and load may not exceed 90,000 pounds. The following axle and axle group weight limits apply:

- Truck-tractor single axle – legal weight
- Two-axle group – maximum 36,500 pounds
- Three-axle group – maximum 42,500 pounds

Operating authority. No operating authority is required to obtain this permit.

Fees. The permit fee is \$1,200.

Additional information. A vehicle operating under this permit may travel on federal interstate highways and state, county, or municipal roads within the counties selected on the permit application, provided the following conditions are met:

- The vehicle displays the required permit windshield sticker,
- The vehicle meets the required axle count and axle spacing, and
- The vehicle does not exceed the maximum gross weight or axle/axle group weight limits.

All routes must be pre-approved by the Texas Department of Transportation.

The permittee is responsible for obtaining current restrictions and information regarding hazardous weather-related road conditions prior to movement.

The vehicle combination must also be equipped with a roll stability support safety system and blind spot support systems.

Amendments. Permit may not be amended.

This permit is eligible for a one-time transfer between vehicles, provided one of the following conditions is met:

- The permitted vehicle is destroyed or becomes permanently inoperable and will no longer be used, and the permittee provides proof that the negotiable certificate of title or other qualifying documentation has been surrendered; or
- The permittee provides proof that the certificate of title (or other qualifying documentation) for the permitted vehicle has been transferred to another party.

Annual Fracking Trailer Permit

(Tex. Transp. Code §§ 623.141-623.150 and TAC § 219.45)

TxDMV issues an annual permit for a vehicle combination consisting of a truck-tractor and semitrailer specifically designed with a tank and pump unit for transporting liquid fracking products, liquid oil well waste products, and unrefined liquid petroleum products to or from oil wells not connected to a pipeline.

This permit authorizes travel on load-restricted roads, but does not allow travel over load-posted bridges when the vehicle exceeds the posted capacity.

This permit allows movement when the vehicle or semitrailer is used to:

- Transport liquid oil well waste products or unrefined liquid petroleum products from wells not connected to a pipeline and return empty;
- Transport liquid products related to oil well production to a well and return empty; or
- Transport liquid products related to oil well production to a well and return with liquid waste products or unrefined liquid petroleum products from a well not connected to a pipeline.

The permit is valid for one year from the effective date.

Size. The semitrailer must be within legal size limits.

Weight. The semitrailer weights must be within legal weight limits.

Operating authority. Before a permit can be issued, you must be in compliance with either TxDMV Motor Carrier Registration or UCR. If you are not required to have a TxDMV Number or UCR, you must have a \$10,000 permit bond on file with the TxDMV.

Fees. Fees are based on the type of movement and the number of axles on the semitrailer:

- \$52 per axle – To haul liquid oil well waste products or unrefined liquid petroleum products from oil wells not connected to a pipeline and return empty
- \$52 per axle – To haul liquid products related to oil well production to an oil well and return empty
- \$104 per axle – To haul liquid products related to oil well production to an oil well and return with liquid oil well waste products or unrefined liquid petroleum products from an oil well not connected to a pipeline

There is a \$20 issuance fee charged in addition to the applicable permit fee.

Amendments. This permit may not be amended. However, it may be transferred from an existing trailer that has been taken out of service to a new trailer added to the permittee's fleet.

Additional information. The permittee is responsible for routing and for obtaining current restrictions and information related to hazardous weather-related road conditions prior to movement.

Annual Hay Permit

(Tex. Transp. Code § 623.017 and TAC § 219.13)

TxDMV issues an annual permit for transporting cylindrical (round) bales of hay. The permit is valid for one year from the effective date.

Size. The permit authorizes transport of round bales of hay loaded side by side up to 12 feet in width on all state-maintained highways in Texas. All other dimensions must remain within legal limits.

Weight. The vehicle and load must comply with legal weight limits.

Operating authority. No operating authority is required for this permit.

Fees. The permit fee is \$10.

Additional information. The permittee is responsible for routing and for obtaining current restrictions and information related to hazardous weather-related road conditions prior to movement.

Annual Implement of Husbandry Permit

(Tex. Transp. Code §§ 623.071-623.082 and TAC § 219.13)

TxDMV issues an annual permit for transporting implements of husbandry that exceed Texas legal size and weight limits. This permit is valid for one year from the effective date.

Implements of husbandry include equipment used for agricultural purposes, such as farm implements, machinery, and tools for tilling soil; towed vehicles for applying fertilizer or agricultural chemicals; and motor vehicles designed and adapted to deliver feed to livestock.

This permit does not cover automobiles, trucks, or other items used on the farm such as irrigation systems, silo, or barns.

Size. Vehicles transporting implements of husbandry under this permit may not exceed:

- Width – 16 feet
- Height – 16 feet
- Length – 110 feet

Weight. Loads may not exceed the maximum allowable permit weights. Refer to page 31 for detailed weight limit information.

Operating authority. Before a permit can be issued, you must be in compliance with either TxDMV Motor Carrier Registration or UCR. If you are not required to have a TxDMV Number or UCR, you must have a \$10,000 permit bond on file with the TxDMV.

Fees. The permit fee is \$270. In addition to this fee, a highway maintenance fee is required for loads exceeding 80,000 pounds, and a vehicle supervision fee applies to loads exceeding 200,000 pounds. For a complete list of applicable highway maintenance and vehicle supervision fees, see page 33.

Additional information. The permittee is responsible for routing and for obtaining current restrictions and information related to hazardous weather-related road conditions prior to movement.

Implements of husbandry that are overwidth only do not require a permit if they travel no more than 50 miles on the Interstate Highway System.

Annual Intermodal Shipping Container Port Permit

(Tex. Transp. Code Chapter 623, Subchapter U, and TAC § 219.36)

TxDMV issues an annual permit for the transport of intermodal shipping containers within 30 miles of a port authority or port of entry located in a county that borders the Gulf of Mexico or a bay or inlet that opens into the gulf. The permit is valid for one year from the effective date.

An intermodal shipping container is a standardized, enclosed, reusable container used to pack, ship, or transport cargo. The container must be transferred to or from a ship, vessel, or rail system for international transportation without unloading or reloading its contents.

Size. The vehicle and/or vehicle combination must not exceed legal size limits.

The truck-tractor and semitrailer combination must have either six or seven axles and meet the following axle spacing requirements:

Six Axles:

- 647 to 744.05 inches between the front axle of the truck-tractor and the last axle of the semitrailer,
- 51 to 52 inches between the axles in the truck-tractor two-axle group, and
- 60 inches between the axles in the semitrailer three-axle group

Seven Axles:

- 612 to 703.8 inches between the front axle of the truck-tractor and the last axle of the semitrailer,
- 51 to 52 inches between the axles in the truck-tractor three-axle group, and
- 60 inches between the axles in the semitrailer three-axle group

Weight. Gross and axle weight limits are determined by the total number of axles. The following limits apply:

Six Axles:

- Gross weight – 93,000 pounds
- Truck-tractor single axle – 13,000 pounds
- Truck-tractor two-axle group – 18,500 pounds per axle
- Semitrailer three-axle group – 16,400 pounds per axle

Seven Axles:

- Gross weight – 100,000 pounds
- Truck-tractor single axle – 15,000 pounds
- Truck-tractor three-axle group – 14,900 pounds per axle
- Semitrailer three-axle group – 15,400 pounds per axle

Operating authority. No operating authority is required for this permit.

Fees. The permit fee is \$6,000.

Additional information. A vehicle operating under this permit may travel on federal interstate highways and state, county, or municipal roads within the counties selected on the permit application, provided the following conditions are met:

- The vehicle displays the required permit windshield sticker,
- The vehicle meets the required axle count and axle spacing, and
- The vehicle does not exceed the maximum gross weight or axle/axle group weight limits.

All routes must be pre-approved by the Texas Department of Transportation.

The vehicle may not operate on the interstate highway system or on any load-posted road or bridge if the combination's gross weight, axle weights, or wheel loads exceed the established or posted limits.

The permittee is responsible for obtaining current restrictions and information regarding hazardous weather-related road conditions prior to movement.

The container must remain continuously sealed from origin to destination with a seal required by U.S. Customs and Border Protection, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, or other applicable federal law or regulation.

The vehicle combination must be equipped with a roll stability support safety system and blind spot support system.

This permit does not authorize the transport of any material designated as hazardous as of January 1, 2017, by the U.S. Secretary of Transportation under 49 U.S.C. § 5103(a).

Amendments. Permit may not be amended.

The permit is eligible for a one-time transfer between vehicles, provided one of the following conditions are met:

- The permitted vehicle is destroyed or becomes permanently inoperable and will no longer be used, and the permittee provides proof that the negotiable certificate of title or other qualifying documentation has been surrendered; or
- The permittee provides proof that the certificate of title, or other qualifying documentation, for the permitted vehicle has been transferred to a person other than the permittee.

Annual Manufactured Housing Permit

(Tex. Transp. Code §§ 623.091-623.104 and TAC § 219.13)

TxDMV issues an annual permit for the movement of newly manufactured homes that exceed Texas legal size limits from the manufacturing facility to a temporary storage location within 20 miles of the point of manufacture. The permit is valid for one year from its effective date.

Operating authority. See Manufactured Housing Permit (Single-Trip) (see page 40).

Fees. The permit fee is \$1,500.

Escort requirements. See Manufactured Housing Single-Trip Permit.

Lights. See Manufactured Housing Permit (Single-Trip).

Holidays. See Manufactured Housing Permit (Single-Trip).

Additional information. The permittee is responsible for obtaining current restrictions and information regarding hazardous weather-related road conditions prior to movement.

Annual North Texas Intermodal Permit

(Tex. Transp. Code § 623.0172 and TAC § 219.34)

TxDMV issues an annual permit for the transport of intermodal shipping containers within Bowie County, on US 71/US 59 from the Arkansas state line to the eastbound entrance ramp for IH 49. The permit is valid for one year from its effective date.

An intermodal shipping container is a standardized, enclosed, reusable container used to pack, ship, or transport cargo. The container must be transferred to or from a ship, vessel, or rail system for international transportation without unloading or reloading its contents.

Size. The vehicle and/or vehicle combination must not exceed legal size limits.

The truck-tractor and semitrailer combination must have six axles with the following axle spacing:

- 647 to 744.05 inches between the front axle of the truck-tractor and the rearmost axle of the semitrailer,
- 51 to 52 inches between the axles in the truck-tractor two-axle group, and
- 60 inches between the axles in the semi-trailer three-axle group

Weight. The gross weight of the vehicle and load must not exceed 93,000 pounds. Axle and axle group weight limits are as follows:

- Truck-tractor single axle – 13,000 pounds
- Two-axle group – 18,500 pounds per axle
- Three-axle group – 16,400 pounds per axle

Operating authority. No operating authority is required for this permit.

Fees. The permit fee is \$1,000.

Additional Information. The permittee is responsible for obtaining current restrictions and information regarding hazardous weather-related road conditions prior to movement.

The container must remain continuously sealed from origin to destination with a seal required by U.S. Customs and Border Protection, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, or other applicable federal law or regulation.

The vehicle combination must be equipped with a roll stability support safety system and blind spot support system.

This permit does not authorize the transport of any material designated as hazardous as of January 1, 2017, by the U.S. Secretary of Transportation under 49 U.S.C. § 5103(a).

Amendments. Permit may not be amended.

The permit is eligible for a one-time transfer between vehicles, provided one of the following conditions are met:

- The permitted vehicle is destroyed or becomes permanently inoperable and will no longer be used, and the permittee provides proof that the negotiable certificate of title or other qualifying documentation has been surrendered; or
- The permittee provides proof that the certificate of title, or other qualifying documentation, for the permitted vehicle has been transferred to a person other than the permittee.

Annual Over Axle and Over Gross Weight Tolerance Permit

(Tex. Transp. Code §§ 623.011-623.016, 623.018-623.019, and TAC § 219.30)

TxDMV issues annual Over Axle/Over Gross Weight Tolerance Permits for the movement of divisible commodities. The permit is valid for one year from its effective date.

Size. The vehicle or vehicle combination must not exceed legal size limits.

Weight. Vehicles, whether operating alone or in combination, may exceed the allowable axle weight by up to 10% and the gross weight by up to 5%. These tolerances apply above the maximum permitted weights for the vehicle or combination (see page 28) and are enforced based on the outer bridge measurement, not the vehicle's registered weight.

Operating authority. Before a permit can be issued, you must have either a \$15,000 Over Axle/Over Gross Weight Tolerance Permit Bond or an Irrevocable Letter of Credit on file with TxDMV.

The original bond must be submitted to TxDMV; electronic copies will not be accepted.

Fees. The annual permit fee consists of a \$90 base fee, a \$5 administrative fee, and a county fee based on the number of counties selected. For county fee amounts, refer to the table below:

| Number of Counties | County Fee | Total Fee |
|--------------------|------------|-----------|
| 1 - 5 | \$175 | \$270 |
| 6 - 20 | \$250 | \$345 |
| 21 - 40 | \$450 | \$545 |
| 41 - 60 | \$625 | \$720 |
| 61 - 80 | \$800 | \$895 |
| 81 - 100 | \$900 | \$995 |
| 101 - 254 | \$1,000 | \$1,095 |

Additional information. Vehicles operating under this permit may travel on county roads and state-maintained roadways—excluding the Interstate Highway System—in the counties selected on the permit application. Travel over load-posted bridges is prohibited if the vehicle's gross weight, axle weights, or wheel loads exceed the posted limits, unless the bridge is the only public access to or from the origin or destination.

Annual Ready-Mixed Concrete Truck Permit

(Tex. Transp. Code § 623.0171 and TAC § 219.32)

TxDMV issues annual permits for ready-mixed concrete trucks operating on three axles. The permit is valid for one year from its effective date.

Size. Trucks must not exceed legal size limits.

Weight. Trucks may exceed allowable axle weight limits by up to 10%, provided the gross weight does not exceed 69,000 pounds. The maximum permitted weights are 25,300 pounds for a single axle and 50,600 pounds for a tandem axle.

Operating authority. No operating authority is required for this permit.

Fees. The permit fee is \$1,000.

Additional information. Vehicles operating under this permit may travel on county, municipal, and state-maintained roadways—excluding the Interstate Highway System—in the counties selected on the permit application. Vehicles may not operate on load-posted bridges if the gross weight, axle weights, or wheel loads exceed the established and posted limits.

The permittee is responsible for obtaining current restrictions and information regarding hazardous weather-related road conditions prior to movement.

Ready-mixed concrete trucks may operate without a permit if the following weight limits are not exceeded:

- 23,000 pounds on a single axle
- 46,000 pounds on a tandem axle group

Trucks operating without a permit are subject to local surety bond requirements.

Annual Rig-Up Truck Permit

(Tex. Transp. Code §§ 623.141-623.150 and TAC § 219.44)

TxDMV issues an annual permit for the movement of rig-up trucks—trucks equipped with a winch and gin poles—on state-maintained roads. The permit is valid for one year from its effective date.

Size. Trucks operating under this permit must not exceed legal height and length limits.

Weight. The steer axle must not exceed 25,000 pounds or 850 pounds per inch of tire width, whichever is less. All other axles must comply with legal weight limits.

Operating authority. No operating authority is required for this permit.

Fees. The permit fee is \$52.

Additional information. The permittee is responsible for obtaining current restrictions and information regarding hazardous weather-related road conditions prior to movement.

Nighttime movement is permitted if the vehicle width does not exceed nine feet.

Annual Timber Permit

(Tex. Transp. Code §§ 623.321-623.325 and TAC § 219.31)

TxDMV issues Annual Timber Permits for the transport of unrefined timber, wood chips, woody biomass, and equipment used to load timber onto the vehicle. The permit is valid for one year from its effective date.

Size. The vehicle and load must not exceed legal size limits.

Weight. Vehicles may operate with up to 44,000 pounds on a tandem axle. The gross weight must not exceed 84,000 pounds.

Operating authority. Before a permit can be issued, you must have either a \$15,000 Annual Timber Permit Bond or an Irrevocable Letter of Credit on file with TxDMV.

The original bond must be submitted to TxDMV; electronic copies will not be accepted.

Fees. The permit fee is \$900.

Additional information. At least two business days before movement, the carrier must electronically notify TxDOT and each affected county of the specific address or geographic area of intended operation. The notification must include the name or number of each county or state road and the planned dates or duration of movement. Notification must be submitted through the TxDMV website.

Vehicles operating under this permit may travel on county roads and state-maintained roadways—excluding the Interstate Highway System—in the counties selected on the permit application.*

*Applicants may select only from counties listed in the most recent Texas A&M Forest Service Harvest Trend Report.

Annual Utility Pole Permit

(Tex. Transp. Code §§ 622.051-622.053 and TAC § 219.13)

TxDMV issues annual Utility Pole Permits for vehicles and vehicle combinations used exclusively to transport poles necessary for the maintenance of electric power transmission and distribution lines.

Size. The overall length must not exceed 75 feet. All other dimensions must comply with legal limits.

Weight. The vehicle or vehicle combination and load must remain within legal weight limits.

Operating authority. Before a permit can be issued, you must be in compliance with either TxDMV Motor Carrier Registration or UCR. If you are not required to have a TxDMV Number or UCR, you must have a \$10,000 permit bond on file with the TxDMV.

Fees. The permit fee is \$120.

Lighting. The following lighting must be displayed at all times:

- Two red lamps visible from the rear at a distance of at least 500 feet
- Two red reflectors indicating the maximum width, visible from 100 to 600 feet to the rear when illuminated by lawful low beam headlights under low visibility conditions
- Two red lamps, one on each side, indicating the maximum overhang and visible from the side at a distance of at least 500 feet

Additional information. The permittee is responsible for obtaining current restrictions and information regarding hazardous weather-related road conditions prior to movement.

Nighttime movement is allowed for emergency movement by utility companies to restore power. A rear escort is required for this movement.

Annual Water Well Drilling Machinery and Equipment Permit

(Tex. Transp. Code §§ 623.071-623.082 and TAC § 219.13)

TxDMV issues an annual permit for the movement of water well drilling machinery and related equipment that cannot be reasonably dismantled. The permit is valid for one year from its effective date.

Size. Water well drilling machinery operating under this permit may not exceed:

- Width – 16 feet
- Height – 14 feet 6 inches
- Length – 110 feet

Weight. Weights may not exceed maximum allowable permit weights. Refer to page 31 for detailed weight limit information.

Operating authority. Before a permit can be issued, you must be in compliance with either TxDMV Motor Carrier Registration or UCR. If you are not required to have a TxDMV Number or UCR, you must have a \$10,000 permit bond on file with the TxDMV.

Fees. The permit fee is \$270. In addition to this fee, a highway maintenance fee applies to loads exceeding 80,000 pounds, and a vehicle supervision fee applies to loads exceeding 200,000 pounds. For details, see the list of applicable fees on page 33.

Additional information. The permittee is responsible for obtaining current restrictions and information regarding hazardous weather-related road conditions prior to movement.

Machinery and equipment operating under this permit may travel only on the state highway system.

Annual Well Servicing Unit Permit

(Tex. Transp. Code §§ 623.141-623.150 and TAC § 219.44)

TxDMV issues an annual permit for the movement of oil well servicing units that do not exceed legal size and weight limits and are registered with a Texas "Permit" license plate. The permit is valid for one year from its effective date.

Units operating under this permit must not exceed 650 pounds per inch of tire width on the front axle.

Operating authority. No operating authority is required for this permit.

Fees. The permit fee is \$52 per axle.

Additional information. The permittee is responsible for obtaining current restrictions and information regarding hazardous weather-related road conditions prior to movement.

Nighttime movement is allowed.

Federal Disaster Relief Permit

(Tex. Transp. Code §§ 623.341-623.343 and TAC § 219.33)

TxDMV issues the Federal Disaster Relief Permit for the transportation of divisible commodities consisting of emergency relief supplies. This permit is available only during national emergencies or major disasters declared by the President of the United States and is valid for 120 days from the date of the presidential declaration.

Vehicles operating under this permit may travel to and within the geographic area covered by the emergency declaration to:

- Assist in expediting debris removal from roadways, staging areas, or temporary structure locations, or
- Deliver relief supplies, provided the entire load must consist of exclusively such supplies.

This permit is valid for travel within Texas only. If the emergency declaration covers areas in other states, carriers must contact each respective state for the necessary permits to operate within their jurisdictions.

Size. The vehicle and load must not exceed legal size limits.

Weight. Weights must not exceed:

- 21,500 pounds per axle
- 43,000 pounds per two axle group
- 53,000 pounds per three axle group (wheelbase more than 8 feet and less than 13 feet)
- 160,000 pounds gross weight

Operating authority. Before a permit can be issued, you must comply with TxDMV Motor Carrier Registration (Certificate Number) or UCR requirements.

Fees. No fee is required for this permit.

Additional information. Vehicles may not travel on load-restricted roads or load-posted bridges if they exceed the posted weight limits.

This permit may not be used in conjunction with any other oversize or overweight permit.

Apportioned Registration

TxDMV offers a licensing program for commercial vehicles engaged in interstate operations. Apportioned registration—also known as the International Registration Plan (IRP)—allows carriers to obtain registration credentials in a single jurisdiction, enabling interstate travel without the need to purchase trip permits in each state.

If you operate interstate, you may be eligible for apportioned registration. To determine your eligibility, contact your local TxDMV Regional Service Center or email us at TxFLEET@TxDMV.gov.

Apportioned vehicle. An apportionable vehicle is any commercial vehicle used or intended for use in two or more member jurisdictions, and is used for the transportation of persons for hire or is designed, used, or maintained primarily for the transportation of property, and meets one of the following criteria:

- Is a power unit having two axles and a gross vehicle weight or registered gross vehicle weight exceeding 26,000 pounds (11,794 kilograms);
- Is a power unit with three or more axles, regardless of weight; or
- Is used in combination, when the combined gross vehicle weight exceeds 26,000 pounds (11,794 kilograms).

Certain types of vehicles are not required to have apportioned registration; however, the registrant may choose to apportion them. Examples include:

- trucks and truck tractors, and combinations of vehicles having a gross vehicle weight of 26,000 pounds (11,794 kilograms) or less
- trailers
- recreational vehicles
- vehicles displaying restricted use plates
- city pick-up and delivery vehicles
- antique or historical vehicles
- government-owned vehicles
- charter buses

How to apply. All new accounts must be created online through TxFLiEET. To get started, visit [TxFLiEET](https://www.txdmv.gov/TxFLEET) and click on the "Apply for Motor Carrier Account" link.

Please contact the TxDMV Motor Carrier Division at TxFLiEET@TxDMV.gov with questions.

For processing inquiries, please call (800) 299-1700 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. (Central) on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, and between 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday.

TxFLEET online services are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Additional information. For more details about the plan and associated fees, visit the TxDMV website at www.TxDmv.gov. Select “Motor Carriers” at the top of the page, then choose “Apportioned Registration.”

Effective March 2022, TxDMV requires IRP applicants to be current with their UCR, if applicable.

Combination Vehicle Registration

Combination license plates may be issued to a truck or truck-tractor with a gross vehicle weight over 10,000 pounds when used in combination with a semitrailer that has a gross weight over 6,000 pounds, resulting in a combined gross weight exceeding 18,000 pounds. These are annual plates with a fixed registration expiration date of March 31.

For trucks and truck-tractors registered for combined gross weight, one Combination license plate is issued and must be displayed on the front of the power unit. When displaying a Combination plate, the vehicle may tow semitrailers or full trailers with Token Trailer license plates, other Texas plate types, or out-of-state license plates. The power unit must be registered for a combined gross weight that includes the total weight of all semitrailers or trailers in the combination, regardless of the registration type displayed on those units.

The following vehicles are not eligible for combination registration:

- Trucks or truck-tractors used exclusively with semitrailer-type vehicles displaying \$5 Machinery, Permit, or Farm Trailer license plates
- Trucks or truck-tractors used exclusively with travel trailers and manufactured housing
- Trucks or truck-tractors registered with Farm Truck or Farm Truck-Tractor license plates
- Trucks or truck-tractors and semitrailers registered with \$5 Disaster Relief license plates
- Trucks or truck-tractors and semitrailers registered with Soil Conservation license plates
- Trucks or truck-tractors and semitrailers registered with U.S. Government or Exempt license plates

Fees. The annual registration fees for a truck or truck-tractor operating in combination with semitrailer(s) are outlined in the table below:

| Weight Classification in Pounds | Fee Schedule |
|---------------------------------|--------------|
| 6,001 - 10,000 | \$54 |
| 10,001 - 18,000 | \$110 |
| 18,001 - 25,999 | \$205 |
| 26,000 - 40,000 | \$340 |
| 40,001 - 54,999 | \$535 |
| 55,000 - 70,000 | \$740 |
| 70,001 - 80,000 | \$840 |

Additional information. For additional information, visit the TxDMV website at www.TxDMV.gov.

Token Trailer License Plates

Token Trailer license plates are issued for semitrailers¹ registered in combination with a truck or truck-tractor with a manufacturer's rated carrying capacity of more than one ton. The power unit must be properly registered with Combination, Apportioned, Forestry, or Seasonal Permit license plates for a combined gross weight that includes the weight of the semitrailer.

Token Trailer license plates cannot be issued for full trailers.² If a power unit registered with a Combination plate is pulling both a full trailer and a Token-plated semitrailer, the full trailer must be registered separately with a trailer plate and full registration fees must be paid based on its gross weight. The registered gross weight of the power unit cannot be applied to the full trailer.

¹Semitrailer – A portion of the trailer weight rests on the pulling unit

²Full trailer – No amount of trailer weight rests on the pulling unit

Fees. The annual fee for a Token Trailer license plate is \$15 and is never prorated.

How to apply. All new accounts must be created online through TxFLEET. To get started, visit TxFLEET and click on the "Apply for Motor Carrier Account" link.

Please contact the TxDMV Motor Carrier Division at TxFLEET@TxDMV.gov with questions.

A token trailer fleet may be established at any time using either newly registered token trailers or trailers currently registered in Texas for a period of at least one year but not more than five years.

Additional information. For additional information, visit the TxDMV website at www.TxDMV.gov.

Temporary Vehicle Registration

TxDMV issues temporary permits—also referred to as temporary registration—to allow the limited operation of unregistered vehicles under specific circumstances.

72-Hour and 144-Hour Temporary Vehicle Permits

A 72-Hour or 144-Hour Temporary Permit serves as a substitute for registration and is issued for the movement of commercially laden trucks, truck-tractors, trailers, semitrailers, or motor buses on Texas highways.

These permits are available only to commercial vehicles and buses owned by residents of the United States, Mexico, or Canada. Residents of other foreign countries are not eligible for this type of temporary registration.

These permits may be used for the following purposes:

- To operate an unregistered commercial vehicle or bus within Texas
- To conduct intrastate operations in Texas using out-of-state licensed commercial vehicles

Texas residents may use these permits to operate:

- An unregistered commercial vehicle or bus within Texas
- A Texas-registered commercial vehicle at a gross weight exceeding its registered weight; the vehicle may operate at the heavier weight only during the permit's valid period unless additional permits are purchased
- A vehicle registered with Farm or Soil Conservation license plates when operating above the maximum weight allowed by law

Weight. Vehicles operating under a 72-Hour or 144-Hour Permit may operate at the maximum weight permitted by Texas registration laws.

Vehicle inspection. A vehicle displaying a 72-Hour or 144-Hour Permit must pass a Texas Safety Inspection before operating on Texas highways. However, a safety inspection is not required if the vehicle displays valid out-of-state license plates or is mobile drilling or servicing equipment used in the production of gas or crude petroleum oil.

Financial responsibility. Applicants must provide proof of liability insurance meeting Texas minimum coverage limits of \$30,000/\$60,000/\$25,000. Insurance is not required for trailers or semitrailers. Coverage must be issued by an insurance company authorized to operate in Texas. If the applicant is registered as a motor carrier with the TxDMV Motor Carrier Division, a copy of the motor carrier registration listing may be submitted in place of proof of liability insurance.

Fees. The fee is \$25 for a 72-Hour Permit and \$50 for a 144-Hour Permit.

Purchasing. Owners may purchase permits in advance of a planned trip. Multiple permits can be obtained at once, with each permit scheduled to take effect immediately after the previous one expires, allowing for continuous coverage.

Temporary 72-Hour or 144-Hour Permits are available at all county tax assessor-collector offices, any TxDMV Regional Service Center, and online at www.TxDMV.gov.

Combinations. For more information on 72-Hour and 144-Hour Permits issued to trucks or truck-tractors with a gross weight over 10,000 pounds and semitrailers with a gross weight over 6,000 pounds—where the combined gross weight exceeds 18,000 pounds—visit the TxDMV website at www.TxDMV.gov.

One-Trip (single-trip) Permits

A One-Trip Permit authorizes the temporary movement of an unladen vehicle subject to Texas registration laws. The permit is valid for 15 days from the effective date.

It is valid for a single trip only, from the point of origin to the point of destination, including any intermediate point listed on the receipt. Either the origin or the destination must be located within Texas.

The permit must be displayed in the rear window of the vehicle. If the vehicle does not have a rear window, the permit must be carried inside the vehicle at all times while valid. The receipt must also remain in the vehicle while the permit is valid.

One-Trip Permits may be issued for the following:

- A bus being moved for transit purposes only (no passengers or property may be transported unless the bus is a charter vehicle from another state)
- A charter bus from another state or country transporting property and passengers
- A private bus transporting property and passengers
- A commercial vehicle with a camper unit mounted on it, regardless of whether the camper unit is permanent or slide-in
- A commercial vehicle that is not transporting passengers or property (must be empty)
- A passenger car (may transport passengers and property)
- An unladen truck or truck-tractor operating with an unladen trailer or semitrailer (each unregistered unit must have its own permit)
- A Park Model trailer (house trailer-type vehicle 400 square feet or less, measured at the largest horizontal projections)

One-Trip Permits may not be issued for the following:

- Manufactured housing
- A Texas-based charter bus transporting passengers
- A commercial vehicle transporting the owner's household goods
- A boat trailer transporting a boat
- A luggage or utility trailer that is laden
- Any vehicle carrying a fixed load, whether conventional or unconventional
- A vehicle apprehended for operating without registration
- Junked, salvage, or nonrepairable vehicles
- Trips that begin and end outside of Texas
- The movement of any laden commercial vehicle, including luggage and utility trailers

Vehicle inspection. A vehicle displaying a valid One-Trip Permit is exempt from Texas safety inspection requirements.

Financial responsibility. Applicants must provide proof of liability insurance meeting the Texas minimum limits of \$30,000/\$60,000/\$25,000. Coverage must be issued by an insurance company authorized to write insurance in Texas. Insurance is not required for trailers or semitrailers.

Fees. The permit fee is \$15.

Purchasing. One-Trip Permits are available at all county tax assessor-collector offices and TxDMV Regional Service Centers.

30-Day Permits

A 30-Day Permit authorizes the temporary movement of a vehicle subject to Texas registration laws. It is valid for 30 days from the effective date.

This permit may be issued for passenger vehicles, motorcycles, private buses, trailers, and semitrailers with a gross weight not exceeding 10,000 pounds, as well as light commercial vehicles with a gross vehicle weight not exceeding 10,000 pounds. Commercial vehicles exceeding 10,000 pounds are eligible only if operated unladen.

30-Day Permits may not be issued for vehicles apprehended in Texas for operating unregistered or with expired license plates, or for junked, salvage, or nonrepairable vehicles.

The permit must be displayed in the vehicle's rear window. If the vehicle does not have a rear window, the operator must carry the permit inside the vehicle at all times during its validity period. The receipt must also be carried in the vehicle while the permit is valid.

Vehicle inspection. A valid Texas Safety Inspection is required before a 30-Day Permit can be issued. The inspection must remain current for the entire duration of the permit.

Financial responsibility. Applicants must provide proof of liability insurance meeting the Texas minimum coverage limits of \$30,000/\$60,000/\$25,000. The insurance must be issued by a company authorized to write policies in Texas. Insurance is not required for trailers or semitrailers.

Fees. The permit fee is \$25.

Purchasing. 30-Day Permits are available at all county tax assessor-collector offices and all TxDMV Regional Service Centers.