

Motor Carrier Division

Motor Carrier Handbook



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FOREWORD

The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TxDMV) is charged by the Texas Legislature with:

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

To accomplish these charges, TxDMV adopted rules under 43 Texas Administrative Code, Chapters 218 and 219.

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Motor Carrier Registration

If you plan to conduct all your business inside of Texas borders (intrastate), meaning origins, routes, and destinations will occur entirely inside the state, you will need a TxDMV Number, also known as a TxDMV Certificate Number or Certificate of Operating Authority.

If you plan to operate across state lines or in Mexico, you will also need Unified Carrier Registration.

TxDmv Number

Motor carriers operating intrastate commercial motor vehicles on a road or highway in Texas must register their operations with the TxDMV's Motor Carrier Division if they meet 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:

- Cotton vehicle registered under Texas Transportation Code (TRANSP) §504.505
- Vehicle registered with the Texas Railroad Commission under Texas Natural Resources Code §113.131 and §116.072
- Vehicles used to transport liquor under a private carrier permit issued under Alcoholic Beverage Code, Chapter 42
- Vehicles used to transport passengers and operated by an entity whose primary function is not to transport passengers, such as a vehicle operated by a hotel, daycare center, nursing home, etc.
- Vehicle registered under the Unified Carrier Registration (UCR) program when operating exclusively in interstate or international commerce
- Vehicle operated by a governmental entity

How to Register

Please note that before you begin you must have a valid USDOT Number.

1. If this is your first time to register, visit eLINC at www.TxDMV.gov/eLINC to sign up to register.

Once your application has been received and reviewed you will be notified by an email with further instructions. Reviews take 24-48 business hours. When the application is approved, you will receive an email with your Unique Identifier Number (UIN), login ID and password.

2. Give your UIN to your insurance company to file your required insurance online.

Processing time. After your insurance company files insurance (Form E) for your policy and you have paid your fees to TxDMV, eLINC will convert your temporary UIN to an active TxDMV Certificate Number.

An application that contains any misrepresentation, misstatement, or omission of required information will not be processed until all requirements are fulfilled.

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 are payable by MasterCard, Visa, Discover and American Express (A service charge of 25 cents plus 2.25 percent will be added.) Fees are also payable by personal check, business check, cashier's check or money order, payable to the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles.

Cab Card

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

Upon certificate number assignment, TxDMV will issue a motor carrier registration vehicle listing (insurance cab card) to you. You may print your cab card and certificate from the Motor Carrier Credentialing System ([MCCS](#)).

A copy of the insurance cab card, or an electronic copy, that identifies the vehicle operated, must be available for presentation to law enforcement at all times.

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 shall be kept in full force and effect as long as you continue operations. Texas requires all intrastate motor carriers to register with the department and file evidence of insurance or financial responsibility. Failure to maintain continuous evidence of insurance on a TxDMV Number could subject you to possible administrative penalties or administrative sanctions, and revocation of your certificate.

Your insurance policy shall provide that the insurance company will give TxDMV electronic notice 30 days prior to policy cancellation or expiration. Proof of insurance and/or cancellations must be submitted by your insurance company as follows:

1. Proof of liability insurance must be filed on a Form E.
2. Proof of cargo insurance must be filed on a Form H & I
3. Liability and cargo insurance cancellation must be filed on a Form K

Note: Both Form E and Form K are provided by your insurance company and must be filed electronically by the appropriate insurance company underwriter. Evidence of liability insurance is provided online by your insurance provider; however, **it is your responsibility to ensure that the insurance filing remains in effect to maintain an "Active" TxDMV Number.**

Self-insured motor carriers must file with the TxDMV an "Application for Qualification as a Self-Insurer" containing a true and accurate statement of the

motor carrier's financial condition and other evidence that establishes its ability to satisfy obligations for bodily injury and property damage liability without affecting the stability or permanency of its business. To obtain an application, or for additional qualifying criteria, call (512) 465-4194.

Drug-Testing Certification. All motor carriers registered with TxDMV must certify that they are in compliance with federal drug-testing requirements.

Motor carriers that belong to a drug-testing consortium must also provide the names of the persons operating the consortium.

For further information about this requirement, call the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) at (512) 424-2052.

Making Changes

Online, using [MCCS](#), you can:

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

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

- File a corporate conversion: After successful conversion of corporate structure, registered corporations must have the conversion approved by the Texas Secretary of State before filing with TxDMV
- Request a PIN
- Convert a TxDMV Motor Carrier Certificate to a Unified Carrier Registration (UCR) Carrier. This conversion identifies a motor carrier as having registered with the UCR.

Replace Vehicles

You do not have to pay the vehicle fee when replacing a vehicle. You may replace a vehicle online through [MCCS](#).

Add Vehicles or Renew Registration

TxDMV mails and emails renewal notices to a carrier's last listed mailing and email address approximately 30 days before expiration of annual and biennial certificates of registration.

You may add vehicles or renew your registration online using [MCCS](#).

Payment is required at time of registration.

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

If you do not receive the renewal notice, you are still responsible for renewing your registration before its expiration date. Note: 7-day and 90-day certificates of registration cannot be renewed.

Unified Carrier Registration

TxDMV works with domestic and international individuals and companies regarding the transportation of motor carriers in and through Texas. The federal Unified Carrier Registration (UCR) Act requires individuals and companies that operate commercial vehicles in interstate or international commerce to register with UCR at www.UCR.gov and pay an annual fee based on the size of their fleet. If you operate a commercial motor vehicle or provide transportation services as a freight forwarder, broker, or leasing company in interstate or international commerce, the UCR Act applies to your business. With regard to interstate and international operations, provisions of the UCR Act affect the following:

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

Registrations expire on December 31 of each registration year. Roadside enforcement of UCR requirements starts January 1 each calendar year. You are not required to carry proof of compliance with UCR in your vehicle.

How to Register or Renew UCR

Register through the National Registration System (NRS) at www.UCR.gov. You must have a valid USDOT number before you begin. The system is enabled for mobile devices..

Note: If you are not registered but your USDOT Number was designated as “interstate” you must complete applications for all years since the “interstate” designation was made, this is required even if you did not operate in those years.

Non-expiring certificate. Carriers that obtain a non-expiring certificate do not need to renew their TxDMV Number if they maintain current year UCR

registration and do not haul one of the items or fall within one of the categories listed below. These categories would disqualify them from remaining in compliance with Texas laws that authorize the carrier to operate in Texas and from being able to maintain a non-expiring certificate.

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

Fees

The UCR fee is determined by the number of motor vehicles (excluding trailers) last reported by the carrier to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.

For purposes of determining fees, a commercial motor vehicle is defined as a self-propelled vehicle used on the highways in commerce, principally 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 in transporting hazardous materials in a quantity requiring placarding

For a list of current fees visit www.TxDMV.gov.

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

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

Transportation Brokers

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

Intrastate. Motor transportation brokers are required to obtain a bond and go through bond approval by TxDMV.

Motor transportation brokers are not required to obtain intrastate authority, also known as TxDMV Number, to facilitate point-to-point moves within Texas.

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

Bond process:

1. Obtain a Surety Bond. The bond must be in an amount of at least \$10,000 and must be:
 - executed by a bonding company authorized to do business in Texas;
 - payable to the State of Texas or a person to whom the motor transportation broker provides services; and
 - conditioned upon the faithful performance of the contracts or agreements of transportation by the motor carrier or motor carriers for whom the motor transportation broker is acting, and which were negotiated by the broker and the honest and faithful performance by the motor transportation broker in that capacity.
2. Mail the surety bond to TxDMV with a \$5 bond review fee to:

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

The fee is payable by:

- MasterCard, Visa, Discover and American Express (A service charge of 25 cents plus 2.25 percent will be added.)
 - Personal check, business check, cashier's check or money order, payable to the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles
3. TxDMV will contact the broker to notify broker of approval.

Interstate. Motor transportation brokers who plan to facilitate moves that will leave Texas, crossing into other states or Mexico, must obtain federal broker registration and Unified Carrier Registration.

Federal broker registration is issued by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA). For more information, visit the FMCSA website at www.fmcsa.dot.gov, search keywords “broker registration.”

Intrastate and interstate. Texas-based brokers facilitating moves inside and outside of the state need both intrastate and interstate credentials. This applies to brokers who will facilitate the movement of cargo to destinations within Texas and also across state lines.

Please refer to the two previous sections for all the requirements that apply.

Oversize/Overweight Vehicles and Loads Permits

Vehicles and loads that exceed legal size and weight limits set forth by Texas Transportation Code (TRANSP), Chapter 621, need an oversize/overweight (OS/OW) permit from TxDMV to travel on Texas roads. Oversize/overweight permits are issued under the provisions of TRANSP Chapters 622 and 623.

The TxDMV oversize/overweight permits are issued on the condition that the permittee will comply with all laws and rules relating to the movement of oversize/overweight vehicles, equipment and/or loads on Texas roads and highways. The permittee accepts all responsibility and liability for all damage resulting from the movement of the loads on the state highway system.

How to Apply for Permits

A permit may be obtained by Internet or telephone.

Required information. To reduce the time it takes to receive a permit, have the following required information readily available before you apply:

1. Customer permit account number (or username and password if applying by Internet).
2. Payment type: TxDMV approved credit cards (MasterCard, VISA, American Express, Discover) or Automated Clearinghouse (ACH). A service charge of 25 cents plus 2.25 percent will be added to each credit card transaction.
3. USDOT Number: During the permit application process, you must provide your USDOT Number. TxDMV will check the number against the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration system, MCMIS, for any out-of-service orders prior to permit issuance. The permit will be issued to the company name as it is listed for the USDOT Number. For some permit types, if you are not required to have a USDOT Number, you must have a Permit Surety Bond in the amount of \$10,000 on file with TxDMV.
4. Complete load description.
5. Truck and trailer information including:
 - Year and make
 - Vehicle identification number (VIN)
 - License number and issuing state
6. Overall load dimensions including:
 - Width
 - Height
 - Length (including length of truck, trailer, and overhang)
7. Weight including:
 - Gross weight

- Axle spacings
 - Axle weights
 - Tire size
8. Route information (single-trip routed permits only), including exact point of origin and exact destination on the state highway system
 9. Permit start date

Additional information may be required for permit issuance; see the specific permit type for more details.

Apply by Internet. Permits are issued through the Texas Permitting and Routing Optimization System (**TxPROS**). Applicants may apply for permits in **TxPROS** 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. A variety of permit types may be self-issued. Permits that cannot be self-issued or that require TxDMV Motor Carrier Division assistance will be processed during normal business hours.

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

Apply by telephone. Call (800) 299-1700 and select option 2. Note: All calls are recorded.

Movement Conditions

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

Route obstructions. It is the responsibility of the permittee to contact utility, telephone, television cable companies, or other entities as may be required when it is necessary to raise or lower any overhead wire, traffic signal, street light, cable, sign, or other overhead obstruction.

The permittee is responsible for providing the appropriate notice as required by each utility entity.

Daytime movement. A permitted vehicle may be moved during daytime hours only unless it meets the criteria for nighttime movement. Daytime is 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset.

Nighttime movement. A permitted vehicle may move at night when it is:

- Overweight only
- Traveling on the Interstate Highway System and the size does not

exceed 10 feet wide and/or 100 feet long with legal front and rear overhangs

- An unladen lift equipment motor vehicle or self-propelled well servicing unit not exceeding 9 feet wide
- Utility poles being moved by a utility company to restore power. (A rear escort is required for emergency night movement by utility companies.)

The department may grant an exception allowing for night movement of certain loads in cases of emergency, such as equipment needed to clear and restore railroad tracks in the case of a train derailment. Additional lighting and escort requirements may be required for night movement.

Traffic conditions. The Texas Department of Transportation may limit travel on certain routes due to highway maintenance, construction work, or heavy traffic conditions.

Holiday restrictions. Manufactured housing may not be moved on any national holiday.

Proof of Permit

The original permit, a fax copy, a TxDMV computer-generated, or an electronic copy of the permit 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 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, or Annual Fluid Milk Transport Permit.

Company Name on Permit

The company/individual's name listed on an oversize/overweight permits must match the name of the company/individual operating the permitted vehicle. It is a Class C misdemeanor if the two names do not match.

This does not apply to a tow truck that is moving a disabled, abandoned, or accident-damaged vehicle/vehicle combination to the nearest terminal, storage facility, or place of repair.

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 breakdown
- Changing the intermediate points in an approved permit route
- Extending the expiration date due to weather or breakdown
- Changing the route origin and destination (may only be changed before the effective date listed on the permit)
- Size of the load (may be changed before the effective date provided the route is not affected by the change. If the permit has become effective or the change affects the route, a new permit must be obtained)

Manufactured Housing Permits cannot be amended except to change the intermediate route.

Permit fees are non-refundable.

Under administrative enforcement, by the TxDMV, a permit may be revoked.

Texas Size Limits

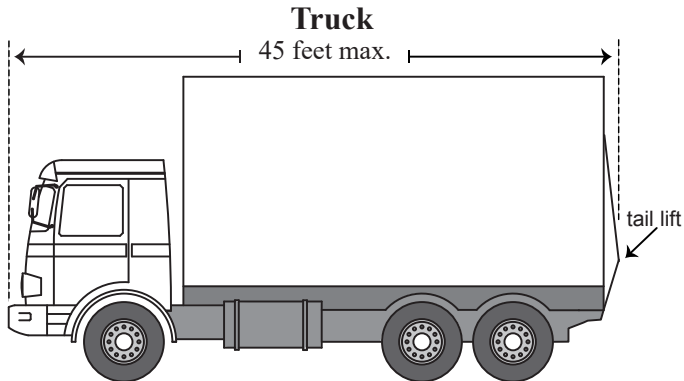
Texas Transportation Code, Chapter 621, establishes legal size limits for vehicles and loads on Texas roadways.

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

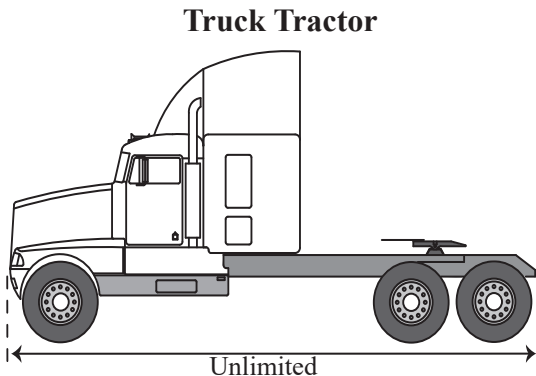
Height is measured from the roadbed to the highest point of the vehicle or load, whichever is higher. The legal height limit is 14 feet.

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:

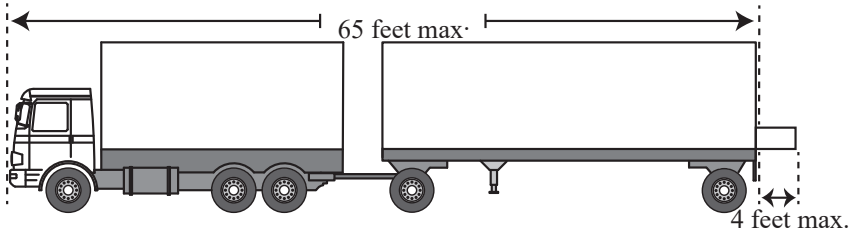


The length of a single vehicle, other than a truck tractor, may not exceed 45 feet.



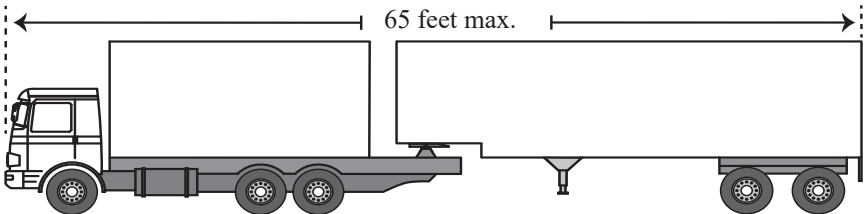
State law does not limit the length of a truck tractor.

Truck and Trailer Combination



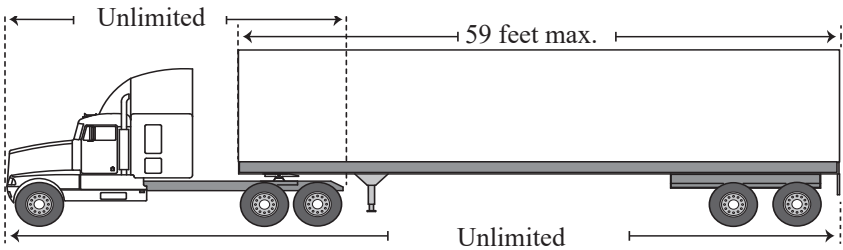
A truck and trailer combination may not exceed 65 feet in overall length.

Truck and Semitrailer Combination



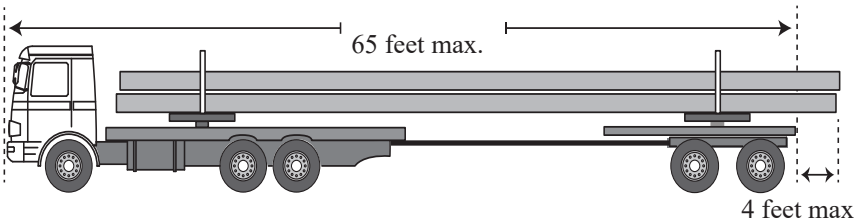
A truck and semitrailer combination may not exceed 65 feet in overall length.

Truck-Tractor and Semitrailer Combination



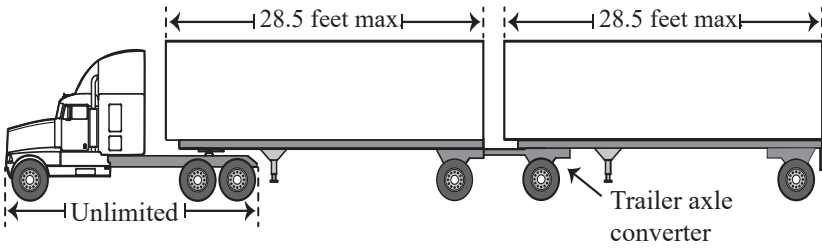
A semitrailer operated in a truck-tractor and semitrailer combination is limited to 59 feet.

Truck and Pole Trailer Combination



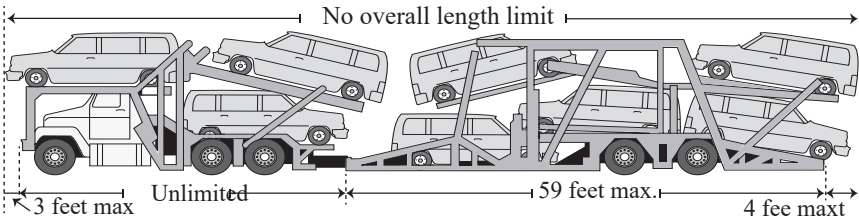
A truck and pole trailer combination may not exceed 65 feet in overall length.

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.

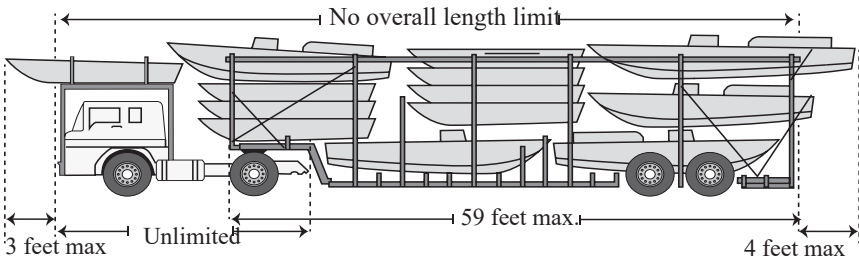
Commercial Truck and Stinger-Steered Semitrailer Combination Transporting Automobiles (or Boats)



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.

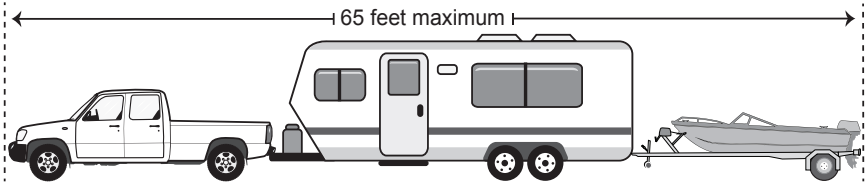
Traditional Boat or Automobile Transporter Combination



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 legal weight limits for vehicles and combinations operating on Texas roadways and bridges.

Tire Load Limits and Single Axle Load Limits

Texas Administrative Code (TAC), §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 figure to calculate the maximum legal axle or axle group weight.

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

The maximum permitted axle weight must be reduced by 10 percent when routing overweight loads over load-zoned roads. Permit weight for a single axle when traveling on a load-restricted road will be based on 650 PSI of tire size or a maximum of 22,500 pounds, whichever is less. In the case where the steering or single axle has an 18-inch tire, the weight must be reduced to 22,500 pounds, if possible, prior to travel on a load-zoned road. [TAC §219.11(d)(3)]

A permit does not authorize the vehicle to exceed the manufacturer's tire load rating (Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations §393.75).

Determining Legal Weight

Texas Transportation Code, Chapter 621, Subchapter B, provides that Texas legal weight limits are to be determined in accordance with the Bridge Formula. Congress enacted the Bridge Formula in 1975 to limit the weight-to-length ratio of a vehicle crossing a bridge. Compliance with the Bridge Formula weight limits is determined 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 built a Permissible Weight Table that simplifies the process. To calculate legal weight using the Permissible Weight Table, follow the instructions below.

The following terms are used in explaining the procedure:

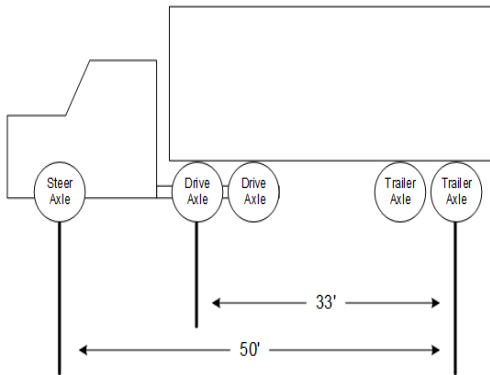
Drive axles are the axles that power a vehicle.

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 distance stated on the table is 79,000 pounds, the vehicle may not be able to get that much weight if the steer axle does not have the tire tread width that supports the allowable steer axle weight (see page 27).

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 by 23 Code of Federal Regulations §658.17(h) to issue special permits without regard to the axle, gross, or federal Bridge Formula requirements for nondivisible vehicles or loads.

Texas Transportation Code §621.102 authorizes the executive director of the Texas Department of Transportation to set maximum axle and axle group weights that may travel on Texas roadways under the provisions of a permit issued by TxDMV. These weights and requirements are set in Texas Administrative Code §219.11(d).

To be permitted for maximum weight:

- an axle group must have a minimum spacing of four feet measured from center of axle to center of axle, between each axle in the group
- two opposing axle groups must have a minimum spacing of 12 feet, measured from the center of the last axle of the front group to the center of the first axle of the following group
- each axle in a group of axles must equally share the weight of the group at all times, with no more than a 10 percent weight difference between any of the axles in the group, if the axles share suspension

# 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
Six-Axle Group ²	66,000 11,000 per axle	94,200 15,700 per axle	84,780 14,130 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. Axle groups 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, are not allowed maximum permit weight for each group. The weight of each axle group must be reduced by 2.5 percent for each foot less than 12 feet between the groups. The following table gives the reduction amounts:

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
5 feet	17.5 percent
4 feet	20 percent

Superheavy Loads

A load is "superheavy" when one or more of the following conditions exist:

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

Superheavy permits are issued under the provisions of Texas Administrative Code §219.12(b) and have specific requirements that must be met prior to permit issuance in addition to the specific permit type requirements. See page 46 for more information on application requirements and fees.

Weight Fees

In addition to the permit fee, some permit types also require payment of weight related fees. These fees are the highway maintenance fee and vehicle supervision fee.

Highway Maintenance Fee. Vehicles weighing more than 80,000 pounds will 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 exceeding 200,000 pounds must also pay a vehicle supervision fee according to the following table:

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
•No bridges crossed on route	\$100

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 with their permit application. The certificate may be in the form of a purchase order, a bill of lading, a contract to haul, or similar form provided it identifies, at a minimum, the following:

- Identification and location of the transporting company and the company contracting the transport
- Description of what is being transported and its weight
- Origin and destination of the transported load
- Date(s) the load will be transported

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 ensure the safety of the traveling public and the safe movement of the permitted vehicle.

In addition to private escorts, TxDMV may require you to obtain law enforcement escorts for your permitted vehicle.

Requirements

The escort vehicle operator must warn the traveling public when any of the following conditions exists:

- Permitted vehicle must travel over the center line of a narrow bridge or roadway
- Permitted vehicle makes any turning movement that will require the permitted vehicle to travel in the opposing traffic lanes
- Permitted vehicle reduces speed to cross under a low overhead obstruction or over a bridge
- Permitted vehicle creates an abnormal and unusual traffic flow pattern

Special requirements apply to escort flaggers that will direct or control the flow of traffic. See Escort Flaggers section on page 37 for more information.

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, 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 one escort is required for the length. Or, if a load is 115-feet long and has 25-feet of rear overhang, one escort is required for the overall length and one escort is required 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 general lighting requirements for certain large vehicles, such as buses, trucks, truck-tractors, trailers or semitrailers please visit Texas Transportation Code, Chapter 547, Subchapter E.

Lights. A vehicle transporting a load that extends to the rear more than four feet beyond the bed or body of the vehicle must have on the extreme end of the load two red lamps visible at a distance of at least 500 feet from the rear; two red reflectors that indicate the maximum width and are visible at nighttime at all distances from 100 to 600 feet from the rear when directly in front of lawful lower beams of headlamps; and two red lamps, one on each side, that indicate the maximum overhang and are visible at a distance of at least 500 feet from the side.

Each permitted load in a convoy must have a rotating amber beacon or an amber pulsating light not less than either 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 vehicle's rear must have 12-inch red flags marking the extremities of the load. Vehicles transporting a load that extends more than four feet beyond the bed or body of the vehicle must place the flags where a lamp is required. See Lights section above.

Escort Vehicle Equipment

Escort vehicles are required to be a single unit with a gross vehicle weight of not less than 1,000 pounds and not more than 10,000 pounds.

Escort vehicles must be equipped as follows:

Lights. An escort vehicle must have two flashing amber lights, alternating or flashing blue and amber lights, or one rotating amber beacon of not less than eight inches in diameter fixed to the roof of the escort vehicle. The light must be visible from all sides of the escort vehicle.

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 maintain two-way communications with the permitted vehicle and other escort vehicles involved with the movement of the permitted vehicle.

Height pole. Any permitted vehicle that exceeds 17-feet in height must have a front escort vehicle equipped with a height pole made of nonconductive metal to accurately measure overhead obstructions.

Motorcycles. An official law enforcement motorcycle may be used as a primary escort vehicle for a permitted vehicle traveling within the limits of an incorporated city if a highway patrol officer, sheriff, duly authorized deputy, or municipal police officer operates the motorcycle.

An escort motorcycle must maintain two-way radio communications with the permitted vehicle and other escort vehicles involved with the movement of the permitted vehicle.

Escort Flaggers

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

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

Please note: training requirements do not apply to escort vehicle operators or flagmen who are not directing traffic.

General Single-Trip Permit

(TRANSP §§ 623.071-623.082 and TAC §219.12)

TxDMV issues a single-trip, routed permit for the movement of nondivisible vehicles and/or loads, unless the load consists of drill pipe or drill collars, exceeding legal Texas size and weight limits up to 254,300 pounds. This permit may not be used for a container (crate, tank, vessel, etc.) or trailer loaded with a divisible load that could otherwise be hauled without a permit, such as bulk-type cargo like sand, gravel, or liquid. This permit may not be used for an intermodal container. Note: There are special requirements for single-trip manufactured housing and portable building permits.

Single-trip permits may only be used for one movement, during the times specified on the permit, from a specific point of origin to a specific destination.

Operating authority. Prior to being issued a permit, you must comply with TxDMV Motor Carrier Registration (Certificate Number) or Unified Carrier Registration (UCR). If not required to have a TxDMV Certificate Number or UCR, you must have a permit bond in the amount of \$10,000 on file with TxDMV.

Fees. The permit fee is \$60. In addition to the permit fee, a highway maintenance fee is required for loads exceeding 80,000 pounds and an additional vehicle supervision fee for those exceeding 200,000 pounds. See page 33 for a list of highway maintenance fees and vehicle supervision fees.

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

(TRANSP §§ 623.071-623.082 and TAC §219.12)

TxDMV issues a single-trip, routed permit for the movement of houses that exceed 20 feet wide. Single-trip permits may only be used for one movement, during the times specified on the permit, from a specific point of origin to a specific destination.

TxDMV will provide you with a proposed route based on:

- the amount of inconvenience and hazard imposed on the traveling public based 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 for the safe movement of the load

A representative of your company must physically inspect the proposed route to ensure the safety of the load, traveling public, and state infrastructure. You must notify TxDMV in writing whether the vehicle and load can or cannot safely negotiate the proposed route.

Operating authority. Prior to being issued a permit, you must comply with TxDMV Motor Carrier Registration (Certificate Number) or Unified Carrier Registration (UCR). If not required to have a TxDMV Certificate Number or UCR, you must have a permit bond in the amount of \$10,000 on file with TxDMV.

Fees. The permit fee is \$60. In addition to the permit 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

(TRANSP §§ 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 exceeding Texas legal size limits when transported on any returnable undercarriage or temporary chassis system.

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

In the case of a double-wide or triple-wide manufactured house, moving on its own set of axles, each section requires a permit. Moving a double-wide or triple-wide manufactured house as one unit on a set of house moving dollies requires a House Move Permit (see page 39).

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

Operating authority. Prior to being issued a permit, carriers must comply with TxDMV Motor Carrier Registration (Certificate Number), Unified Carrier Registration (UCR), or be licensed by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (RBI, RI, I).

If you are the owner and/or occupant of a manufactured home, you may move your home provided the home and the pulling vehicle are both registered to you. This applies only to homes being moved by the owner as a personal family dwelling (previously called single family dwelling).

Fees. The permit fee is \$40.

Application. In addition to general required permit application information, an application for a Manufactured Housing Permit requires:

- Manufactured house year of manufacture and make
- Manufactured house HUD label number or for houses manufactured after June 15, 1976, a Texas seal number of the complete identification or serial number
- Name of owner of the manufactured house
- Location (physical address) from where the house is being moved unless the house is being moved from a dealer or factory
- 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 may be moved in convoy and share the required escorts if 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 not less than 8 inches in size mounted somewhere on the roof at the rear of the manufactured house.

Instead of a roof beacon, two five-inch flashing amber lights may be mounted approximately 6 feet from ground level at the rear corners of the manufactured house.

The towing vehicle is required to have one rotating amber beacon of not less than 8 inches in size mounted on the top of the cab. These beacons are to be operational and luminous during any permitted move over the highway.

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

Portable Building Permit

(TRANSP §§ 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 when exceeding Texas legal size limits. Single-trip permits may only be used for one movement, during the times specified on the permit, from a specific point of origin to a specific destination.

To qualify for the portable building single-trip permit, the vehicle and load must be no greater than 14 feet high and 80 feet long. Vehicles and/or loads exceeding these dimensions require a General Single-Trip Permit.

Operating authority. There are no operating authority requirements for issuance of this permit type.

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 loaded end to end, provided they are loaded at the narrowest width and the overall length does not exceed 80 feet including the rear overhang, which cannot exceed the legal limit of 4 feet. The overall length limit of 80 feet applies to a truck-trailer combination. Tractor-trailer combinations have no overall length limit; however, the trailer length may not exceed 59 feet.

Self-Propelled Mileage Permit for Unladen Lift Equipment Motor Vehicles

(TRANSP §§ 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 exceeding legal Texas size and weight limits. Single-trip mileage permits are valid for a maximum of seven consecutive days, from a specific point of origin to a specific ending point. A single-trip mileage permit allows the unit to return to the point of origin or other location on the same permit, provided the miles for the entire route are charged.

Weight. The maximum permit weight for any single axle may not exceed 30,000 pounds or 850 pounds per inch of tire width, whichever is less. Units may not exceed 850 pounds per inch of tire width for non-steerable units and 950 pounds per inch of tire width for steerable units.

Operating authority. There are no operating authority requirements for issuance of this permit type.

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

Additional information. Night movement is allowed when moving an unladen lift equipment motor vehicle that does not exceed:

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

Night movement is allowed with front and rear escorts when moving an unladen lift equipment motor vehicle that does not exceed:

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

Self-Propelled Mileage Permit for Well Servicing Units

(TRANSP §§ 623.141-623.150 and TAC §219.42)

TxDMV issues a single-trip, mileage-based, routed permit for the movement of well-servicing units exceeding legal Texas size and weight limits. Single-trip mileage permits are valid for a maximum of seven consecutive days, from a specific point of origin to a specific ending point. A single-trip mileage permit allows the unit to return to the point of origin or other location on the same permit, provided the miles for the entire route are charged.

Weight. The maximum permit weight for any single axle may not exceed 30,000 pounds or 850 pounds per inch of tire width, whichever is less. Units may not exceed 850 pounds per inch of tire width for non-steerable units and 950 pounds per inch of tire width for steerable units.

Operating authority. There are no operating authority requirements for issuance of this permit type.

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

Additional information. Night movement is allowed when moving a self-propelled well servicing unit that does not exceed:

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

Self-Propelled Off Road Equipment Permit

(TRANSP §§ 623.071-623.082 and TAC §219.12)

TxDMV issues a single-trip, routed permit for the movement of self-propelled off-road equipment exceeding Texas legal size and weight limits. Single-trip permits may only be used for one movement, during the times specified on the permit, from a specific point of origin to a specific destination.

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

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

Operating authority. Prior to being issued a permit, you must have a permit bond in the amount of \$10,000 on file with TxDMV.

Fees. The permit fee is \$60. In addition to the permit fee, a highway maintenance fee is required for loads exceeding 80,000 pounds and an additional vehicle supervision fee for those exceeding 200,000 pounds. See page 33 for a list of highway maintenance fees and vehicle supervision fees.

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

Super Heavy Permit

(TRANSP §§ 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 total gross weight, the maximum permissible weights on any axle or axle group, or are between 200,001 pounds and 254,300 pounds with less than 95 feet of axle spacing.

Single-trip permits may only be used for one movement, during the times specified on the permit, from a specific point of origin to a specific destination.

Operating authority. Prior to being issued a permit, you must comply with TxDMV Motor Carrier Registration (Certificate Number) or Unified Carrier Registration (UCR).

Fees. The permit fee is \$60. In addition to the permit fee, a highway maintenance fee and the applicable vehicle supervision fee are required. See page 33 for a list of highway maintenance fees and vehicle supervision fees.

Application. Applicants may submit requests for super heavy permits in writing. The request must include the exact beginning and ending points relative to a state highway, a detailed loading diagram depicting the load on the hauling equipment, and a signed “Certification Regarding Agreement to Transport Super Heavy Load(s)” form.

Loading diagrams must specify the following:

- the number of axles
- the number of tires on each axle
- the tire tread width of the tires on each axle
- the distance between each axle
- the tare and gross weight for each axle group
- the transverse spacing of each set of dual wheels
- the load’s center of gravity
- the distance from the center of gravity to the center of the main, foremost point of articulation of the vehicle
- the distance from the center of gravity to the center of the main, rearmost point of articulation of the vehicle
- the distances between all the centers of the points of articulation of the structural components of the trailer
- the method of controlling the amount of weight distributed to the booster, if the configuration includes a trailer with a booster

30/60/90 Day and Annual Length Permits

(TRANSP §§ 623.071-623.082 and TAC §219.13)

TxDMV issues 30, 60, 90 day, and annual permits for the transport of loads exceeding Texas legal length limits. This permit may not be used for a container (crate, tank, vessel, etc.) or trailer loaded with a divisible load that could otherwise be hauled without a permit, such as bulk-type cargo like sand, gravel, or liquid. This permit may not be used for an intermodal container. Permits expire 30, 60, 90 days, or one year from the effective date, depending upon the type of permit purchased.

Note: These permits are not valid for 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 be within legal weight limits.

Operating authority. Prior to being issued a permit, you must comply with TxDMV Motor Carrier Registration (Certificate Number) or Unified Carrier Registration (UCR). If not required to have a TxDMV Certificate Number or UCR, you must have a permit bond in the amount of \$10,000 on file with TxDMV.

Fees. Fees are based on the time frame of the permit:

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

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

A 30/60/90 Day or Annual Length Permit may be used in conjunction with a 30/60/90 Day Width Permit.

30/60/90 Day Width Permits

(TRANSP §§ 623.071-623.082 and TAC §219.13)

TxDMV issues 30, 60, 90 day, and annual permits for the transport of loads exceeding Texas legal width limits. This permit may not be used for a container (crate, tank, vessel, etc.) or trailer loaded with a divisible load that could otherwise be hauled without a permit, such as bulk-type cargo like sand, gravel, or liquid. This permit may not be used for an intermodal container. Permits expire 30, 60, 90 days, or one year from the effective date, depending upon the type of permit purchased.

Note: These permits are not valid for 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 be within legal weight limits.

Operating authority. Prior to being issued a permit, you must comply with TxDMV Motor Carrier Registration (Certificate Number) or Unified Carrier Registration (UCR). If not required to have a TxDMV Certificate Number or UCR, you must have a permit bond in the amount of \$10,000 on file with TxDMV.

Fees. Fees are based on the time frame of the permit:

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

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

A 30/60/90 Day Width Permit may be used in conjunction with an Annual Length Permit or 30/60/90 Day Length Permit.

Quarterly Hubometer Permit

(TRANSP §§ 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 the following vehicle types exceeding legal Texas size and weight limits:

- 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 upon results of weight analysis by TxDMV
- 850 pounds per inch of tire width on non-steerable units
- 950 pounds per inch of tire width on steerable units

Operating authority. There are no operating authority requirements for issuance of this permit type.

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

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

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

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

Night movement is allowed with front and rear escorts when moving an unladen lift equipment motor vehicle that does not exceed:

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

Annual Unladen Lift Equipment Motor Vehicle Permit

(TRANSP §§ 623.181-623.182 and TAC §219.64)

TxDMV issues an annual permit for unladen lift equipment motor vehicles exceeding legal width and weight limits. This permit is an annual permit that expires one year from the 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. There are no operating authority requirements for issuance of this permit type.

Fees. The annual permit fee is \$100.

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

Night movement is allowed when moving an unladen lift equipment motor vehicle that does not exceed nine feet wide.

Night movement is allowed with front and rear escorts when moving an unladen lift equipment motor vehicle that does not exceed 10 feet wide.

Annual Envelope Company Specific Permit

(TRANSP §§ 623.071-623.082 and TAC §219.13)

TxDMV issues an annual envelope permit to companies transporting nondivisible loads exceeding Texas legal size and weight limits that fall within specific envelope dimensions and weight. This permit may not be used for a container (crate, tank, vessel, etc.) or trailer loaded with a divisible load that could otherwise be hauled without a permit, such as bulk-type cargo like sand, gravel, or liquid. This permit may not be used for an intermodal container. This permit is an annual permit that expires one year from the effective date.

The company specific annual envelope permit is issued to a specific company and may be used to operate any properly registered truck owned or leased to that company. No more than one vehicle may be operated at one time with a specific permit, but a company may purchase more than one permit.

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

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

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

Operating authority. Prior to being issued a permit, you must comply with TxDMV Motor Carrier Registration (Certificate Number) or Unified Carrier Registration (UCR). If not required to have a TxDMV Certificate Number or UCR, you must have a permit bond in the amount of \$10,000 on file with TxDMV.

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

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

A single-trip permit may be used in conjunction with an Annual Envelope Permit to increase height or width limits. Length and weight limitations cannot be increased.

These permits are not valid for manufactured homes or portable buildings.

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

Annual Envelope Vehicle Specific Permit

(TRANSP §§ 623.071-623.082 and TAC §219.13)

TxDMV issues an annual envelope permit for the movement of nondivisible vehicles and loads exceeding Texas legal size and weight limits that fall within specific envelope dimensions and weight. This permit may not be used for a container (crate, tank, vessel, etc.) or trailer loaded with a divisible load that could otherwise be hauled without a permit, such as bulk-type cargo like sand, gravel, or liquid. This permit may not be used for an intermodal container. This permit is an annual permit that expires one year from the effective date.

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

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

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

Operating authority. Prior to being issued a permit, you must comply with TxDMV Motor Carrier Registration (Certificate Number) or Unified Carrier Registration (UCR). If not required to have a TxDMV Certificate Number or UCR, you must have a permit bond in the amount of \$10,000 on file with TxDMV.

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

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

A single-trip permit may be used in conjunction with an Annual Envelope Permit to increase height or width limits. Length and weight limitations cannot be increased.

These permits are not valid for manufactured homes or portable buildings.

Amendments. Permit may not be amended.

Permit is non-transferable between companies or vehicles, unless:

- the permitted vehicle is destroyed or otherwise becomes permanently inoperable to an extent that it 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) to the permitted vehicle is transferred to someone other than the permittee

Annual Fluid Milk Transport Permit

(TRANSP Chapter 623, Subchapter V and TAC §219.35)

TxDMV issues an annual permit for the overweight transport of fluid milk. The permit is an annual permit that expires one year from the effective date.

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

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

- 15 feet or more between the first (steer) axle of the truck-tractor and the first axle of the first axle group (drive axles),
- 36 feet or more between the first drive axle and last trailer axle, and
- 48 to 54 inches between the axles within each axle group

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

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

Operating authority. There are no operating authority requirements for issuance of this permit type.

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

Additional information. A vehicle moving with this permit may operate on a federal interstate highway or a state, county, or municipal road in counties selected on the permit application if the vehicle displays the permit windshield sticker, has the required number of axles and axle distances, and 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.

Permittee is responsible for obtaining current restrictions and information concerning hazardous weather-related road conditions prior to movement.

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

Amendments. Permit may not be amended.

Permit is eligible for a one-time transfer between vehicles, provided:

- the permitted vehicle is destroyed or otherwise becomes permanently inoperable to an extent that it 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) to the permitted vehicle is transferred to someone other than the permittee

Annual Fracking Trailer Permit

(TRANSP §§ 623.141-623.150 and TAC §219.45)

TxDMV issues an annual permit for the movement of 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 pipeline. This permit allows for travel on load-restricted roads, but not load-posted bridges, when exceeding the posted capacity. This permit is an annual permit that expires one year from the effective date.

This permit allows movement when the vehicle or semitrailer hauls:

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

Size. The semitrailer must be within legal size limits.

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

Operating authority. Prior to being issued a permit, you must comply with TxDMV Motor Carrier Registration (Certificate Number) or Unified Carrier Registration (UCR). If not required to have a TxDMV Certificate Number or UCR, you must have a permit bond in the amount of \$10,000 on file with TxDMV.

Fees. Fees are based on the type of movements to be performed with the permit and the number of axles on the semitrailer. Fees per axle are as follows:

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

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

Amendments. Permit may not be amended.

Permit may be transferred from an existing trailer taken from service to a new trailer added to the permittee's fleet.

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

Annual Hay Permit

(TRANSP § 623.017 and TAC §219.13)

TxDMV issues an annual permit to transport cylindrical (round) bales of hay. This permit is an annual permit that expires one year from the effective date.

Size. The permit allows round bales of hay to be loaded side by side up to 12 feet wide to travel on all state-maintained highways in Texas. All other dimensions must be legal.

Weight. The vehicle and load must be within legal weight limits.

Operating authority. There are no operating authority requirements for issuance of this permit type.

Fees. The annual permit fee is \$10.

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

Annual Implement of Husbandry Permit

(TRANSP §§ 623.071-623.082 and TAC §219.13)

TxDMV issues an annual permit for transporting implements of husbandry exceeding Texas legal size and weight limits. This permit is an annual permit that expires one year from the "movement to begin" date.

Implements of husbandry include farm implements, machinery and tools, as used in tilling the soil, towed vehicles that transport to the field and spread fertilizer or agricultural chemicals, and motor vehicles designed and adapted to deliver feed to livestock. Examples: subsoilers, dozers - provided they are for farm use: cultivators, farm tractors, reapers, binders, combines, cotton module builders, planters, discs, etc.

Implements of husbandry do not include automobiles, trucks, or items used on the farm such as irrigation systems, silo, barns, etc.

Contact TxDMV for questions concerning eligibility.

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

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

Weight. Weights may not exceed maximum allowable permit weights. See page 31 for maximum allowable weights information.

Operating authority. Prior to being issued a permit, you must comply with TxDMV Motor Carrier Registration (Certificate Number) or Unified Carrier Registration (UCR). If not required to have a TxDMV Certificate Number or UCR, you must have a permit bond in the amount of \$10,000 on file with TxDMV.

Fees. The permit fee is \$270. In addition to the permit fee, a highway maintenance fee is required for loads exceeding 80,000 pounds and a vehicle supervision fee for those exceeding 200,000 pounds. See page 33 for a list of highway maintenance fees and vehicle supervision fees.

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

Implements of husbandry that are only overwidth are not required to have a permit, provided they do not travel more than 50 miles on the Interstate Highway System.

Annual Intermodal Shipping Container Port Permit *(TRANSP Chapter 623, Subchapter U, and TAC §219.36)*

TxDMV issues an annual permit for the transport of intermodal shipping containers, transported in Texas within 30 miles of a port authority or port of entry that is in a county contiguous to the Gulf of Mexico or a bay or inlet opening into the gulf. The permit is an annual permit that expires one year from the effective date.

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

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

The truck-tractor and semitrailer combination must have six or seven axles and must have the following axle distances:

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 semi-trailer 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 semi-trailer three-axle group

Weight. The gross weight and axle weights allowed are based on the number of total axles. Maximum gross and axle weight limits are:

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. There are no operating authority requirements for issuance of this permit type.

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

Additional information. A vehicle moving with this permit may operate on a state, county, or municipal road in counties and municipalities selected on the permit application if the vehicle displays the permit windshield sticker, has the required number of axles and axle distances, and 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.

Vehicle may not operate on the interstate highway system nor a load-posted road or bridge if the gross weight of the vehicle combination and load, or the axles and wheel loads, are greater than the established and posted limits.

Permittee is responsible for routing and obtaining current restrictions and information concerning hazardous weather-related road conditions prior to movement.

Container must be continuously sealed from the point of origin to the point of destination with a seal that is required by U.S. Customs and Border Protection, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, or federal law or regulation.

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

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

Amendments. Permit may not be amended.

Permit is eligible for a one-time transfer between vehicles, provided:

- the permitted vehicle is destroyed or otherwise becomes permanently inoperable to an extent that it 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) to the permitted vehicle is transferred to someone other than the permittee

Annual Manufactured Housing Permit

(TRANSP §§ 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 a manufacturing facility to a temporary storage location, not to exceed 20 miles from the point of manufacture. This permit is an annual permit that expires one year from the 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. Permittee is responsible for routing and obtaining current restrictions and information concerning hazardous weather-related road conditions prior to movement.

Annual North Texas Intermodal Permit

(TRANSP §623.0172 and TAC §219.34)

TxDMV issues an annual permit for the transport of intermodal shipping containers, transported in Bowie County on US71/US59 from the Arkansas state border to the eastbound entrance ramp for IH49, which do not exceed legal size limits. The permit is an annual permit that expires one year from the effective date.

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

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

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

- 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 semi-trailer three-axle group

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

- 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. There are no operating authority requirements for issuance of this permit type.

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

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

Container must be continuously sealed from the point of origin to the point of destination with a seal that is required by U.S. Customs and Border Protection, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, or federal law or regulation.

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

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

Amendments. Permit may not be amended.

Permit is eligible for a one-time transfer between vehicles, provided:

- the permitted vehicle is destroyed or otherwise becomes permanently inoperable to an extent that it 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) to the permitted vehicle is transferred to someone other than the permittee

Annual Over Axle and Over Gross Weight Tolerance Permit

(TRANSP §§ 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. This permit is an annual permit that expires one year from the effective date.

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

Weight. Vehicles, alone or in combination, may exceed the allowable axle weight by a tolerance of 10 percent and may exceed the gross weight by a tolerance of five percent. Tolerances are above the maximum allowed for the vehicle or combination (see page 28) and are enforced based on the "outer bridge" distance, not the vehicle's registered weight.

Operating authority. Prior to being issued a permit, you must have an Over Axle/Over Gross Weight Tolerance Permit Bond in the amount of \$15,000 or an Irrevocable Letter of Credit on file with TxDMV.

An original copy of the bond must be on file with TxDMV. An electronic copy will not be accepted.

Fees. The annual permit fee includes a base fee of \$90 and an administration fee of \$5, plus a county fee based on the number of counties applied for. For county fees, see 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 moving under this permit may travel on county roads and state-maintained roadways, excluding the Interstate Highway System, in those counties selected on the permit application. Vehicles may not be operated on a load-posted bridge if the gross weight of the vehicle and load, or the axles and wheels loads, are greater than the established and posted limits, unless the bridge provides the only public vehicular access to or from the origin or destination.

Annual Ready-Mixed Concrete Truck Permit

(TRANSP § 623.0171 and TAC §219.32)

TxDMV issues annual permits to ready-mixed concrete trucks operating on three axles. This permit is an annual permit that expires one year from the effective date.

Size. Trucks may not exceed legal size limits.

Weight. Trucks may exceed the allowable axle weights by a tolerance of 10 percent provided the gross weight does not exceed 69,000 pounds (maximum single-axle weight of 25,300 pounds and tandem-axle weight of 50,600 pounds).

Operating authority. There are no operating authority requirements for issuance of this permit type.

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

Additional information. Vehicles moving under this permit may travel on county roads and municipal roads and state-maintained roadways, excluding the Interstate Highway System, in those counties selected on the permit application. Vehicles may not be operated on a load-posted bridge if the gross weight of the vehicle and load, or the axles and wheels loads, are greater than the established and posted limits.

Ready-mixed concrete trucks may operate without a permit if the weights do not exceed:

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

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

Annual Rig-Up Truck Permit

(TRANSP §§ 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. This permit is an annual permit that expires one year from the effective date.

Size. Trucks operating with this permit may not exceed legal height and length limits.

Weight. The steer axle(s) may not exceed 25,000 pounds or 850 pounds per inch of tire width, whichever is less. All other axles must be legal weight.

Operating authority. There are no operating authority requirements for issuance of this permit type.

Fees. The annual permit fee is \$52.

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

Night movement is allowed provided the width does not exceed nine feet.

Annual Timber Permit

(TRANSP §§ 623.321-623.325 and TAC §219.31)

TxDMV issues annual timber permits for the movement of unrefined timber, wood chips, woody biomass, and equipment used to load timber on to the vehicle. This permit is an annual permit that expires one year from the effective date.

Size. Vehicle and load may not exceed legal size limits.

Weight. Vehicles may have up to 44,000 pounds on a tandem axle; the gross weight of the vehicle may not exceed 84,000 pounds.

Operating authority. Prior to being issued a permit, you must have an Annual Timber Permit Bond in the amount of \$15,000 or an Irrevocable Letter of Credit on file with TxDMV.

An original copy of the bond must be on file with TxDMV. An electronic copy will not be accepted.

Fees. The permit fee is \$900.

Additional information. At least two business days prior to movement, carrier must electronically notify TxDOT and affected counties of the address or geographical area that the carrier intends to operate, including the name or number of each county or state road and the dates or duration of movement. Electronic notification is made through the TxDMV website.

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

*Applicant may only select from counties named in the most recent Texas A&M Forest Service's Harvest Trend Report.

Annual Utility Pole Permit

(TRANSP §§ 622.051-622.053 and TAC §219.13)

TxDMV issues annual utility pole permits for vehicles and vehicle combinations used exclusively for the transportation of poles required for the maintenance of electric power transmission and distribution of lines.

Size. The overall length may not exceed 75 feet. All other dimensions must be legal.

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

Operating authority. Prior to being issued a permit, you must comply with TxDMV Motor Carrier Registration (Certificate Number) or Unified Carrier Registration (UCR). If not required to have a TxDMV Certificate Number or UCR, you must have a permit bond in the amount of \$10,000 on file with TxDMV.

Fees. The annual permit fee is \$120.

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

- two red lamps visible at a distance of at least 500 feet from the rear
- two red reflectors that indicate the maximum width and are visible, when light is insufficient or atmospheric conditions are unfavorable, at all distances from 100 to 600 feet from the rear when directly in front of lawful lower beams of light
- two red lamps, one on each side, that indicate the maximum overhang and are visible at a distance of at least 500 feet from the side

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

Annual Water Well Drilling Machinery and Equipment Permit

(TRANSP §§ 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. This permit is an annual permit that expires one year from the effective date.

Size. Water well drilling machinery operating under the provisions of 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.

Operating authority. Prior to being issued a permit, you must comply with TxDMV Motor Carrier Registration (Certificate Number) or Unified Carrier Registration (UCR). If not required to have a TxDMV Certificate Number or UCR, you must have a permit bond in the amount of \$10,000 on file with TxDMV.

Fees. The permit fee is \$270. In addition to the permit fee, a highway maintenance fee is required for loads exceeding 80,000 pounds and a vehicle supervision fee for those exceeding 200,000 pounds. See page 33 for a list of highway maintenance fees and vehicle supervision fees.

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

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

Annual Well Servicing Unit Permit

(TRANSP §§ 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" plate. This permit is an annual permit that expires one year from the effective date.

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

Your vehicle must have a Texas "Permit" plate to qualify for this permit.

Operating authority. There are no operating authority requirements for issuance of this permit type.

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

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

Night movement is allowed.

Federal Disaster Relief Permit

(TRANSP §§ 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. The permit is only available during national emergencies or major disasters declared by the President of the United States. This permit expires 120 days from the date of the President's declaration.

Vehicles moving under this permit may travel to and within the geographical area covered by the emergency declaration to either:

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

Note: This permit is only valid for travel in Texas. If the geographical location listed in the emergency declaration is in another state, carriers must contact each state they will travel through for individual state permits.

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

Weight. Weights may 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. Prior to being issued a permit, you must comply with TxDMV Motor Carrier Registration (Certificate Number) or Unified Carrier Registration (UCR).

Fees. There is no fee for this permit.

Additional information. Vehicle may not travel over a load-restricted road or load-posted bridge when exceeding the posted capacity of the road or bridge.

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

Apportioned Registration

TxDMV has a program for licensing commercial vehicles engaged in interstate operations. Apportioned registration, also known as the International Registration Plan (IRP), lets you obtain registration credentials in one jurisdiction, giving you the freedom of interstate travel without the inconvenience and expense of purchasing trip permits.

If you operate interstate, you may qualify for apportioned registration. To learn if you qualify, contact your local TxDMV Regional Service Center or send us an email at MCD_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 designed, used or maintained primarily for the transportation of property, and is:

- a power unit having two axles and a gross vehicle weight or registered gross vehicle weight in excess of 26,000 pounds or 11,794 kilograms; or
- a power unit having three or more axles, regardless of weight; or
- used in combination, when the weight of such combination exceeds 26,000 pounds or 11,794 kilograms gross vehicle weight

Several types of vehicles do not require apportioned registration. Some of these vehicles may be apportioned at the option of the registrant. Examples include:

- trucks and truck tractors, and combinations of vehicles having a gross vehicle weight of 26,000 pounds or 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 set up online in TxFLEET. 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.

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

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

Additional information. For additional plan information and fees, view the visit the TxDMV website at www.TxDMV.gov, select “Motor Carriers” at the top of the page and then “Apportioned Registration.”

Effective March, 2022, the TxDMV requires IRP applicants to be current with their Unified Carrier Registration (UCR), if applicable.

Combination Vehicle Registration

Combination license plates may be issued to a truck or truck-tractor with a gross vehicle weight in excess of 10,000 pounds used in combination with a semitrailer having a gross weight in excess of 6,000 pounds, for a gross weight equal to the combined gross weight of all the vehicles in the combination (the gross weight of both must be in excess of 18,000 pounds). Combination license plates are annual plates which have an established registration expiration date of March 31.

For trucks and truck-tractors, registered for combined gross weights, one Combination license plate is issued and should be displayed on the front of the unit. When displaying a Combination plate, a truck or truck-tractor can pull semitrailers and full trailers displaying Token Trailer license plates, other types of Texas license plates or license plates issued out-of-state. The pulling unit must be registered for a combined gross weight that includes the weight of all semitrailers operated in the combination, regardless of the type of registration displayed on such semitrailers.

The following vehicles are not registered in combination:

- Trucks or truck-tractors used exclusively in combination with semitrailer-type vehicles displaying \$5 Machinery, Permit, or Farm Trailer license plates
- Trucks or truck-tractors used exclusively in combination 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 license plates or Exempt license plates

Fees. The annual registration fees for a truck or truck-tractor in combination with a semitrailer(s) are listed 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 in excess of one-ton, and which is properly registered with Combination, Apportioned, Forestry, or Seasonal Permit license plates for combined gross weights that include the weight of the semitrailers.

Token Trailer license plates cannot be issued to a full trailer.² In the event a full trailer and a "token trailer" semitrailer are pulled by a power unit registered with a Combination license plate, register the full trailer separately and pay full registration fees for the trailer plate for its gross weight. No portion of the registered gross weight of the pulling unit should be applied to the weight of 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 set up online in TxFLEET. 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 created at any time with either new token trailers or those currently registered in Texas for a period of no less than one year and no 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 known as temporary registration, that allow for temporary movements of unregistered vehicles under specific circumstances.

72-Hour and 144-Hour Temporary Vehicle Permits

A temporary 72-Hour or 144-Hour Permit is recognized in lieu of registration. These permits are issued for the movement of commercial laden trucks, truck-tractors, trailers, semitrailers, or motor buses on Texas highways.

Temporary 72-Hour or 144-Hour Permits may only be issued to commercial vehicles and buses owned by residents of the United States, Mexico, or Canada. Residents of any other foreign country are not eligible to obtain this type of temporary registration.

These permits may be used to:

- Operate an unregistered commercial vehicle or bus in Texas
- Engage in intrastate operations in Texas with out-of-state licensed commercial vehicles

Texas residents may use these permits to operate:

- An unregistered commercial vehicle or bus in Texas
- A Texas registered commercial vehicle with a heavier gross weight than registered. The heavier load may operate for only the period that the permit is valid unless the owner purchases additional permits
- A vehicle registered with either Farm or Soil Conservation license plates when the vehicle is operating over the maximum weight allowed by law

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

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

Financial responsibility. Applicants must present proof of liability insurance that meets the Texas minimum liability limits of \$30,000/\$60,000/\$25,000. Insurance is not required for trailers and semitrailers. An insurance company authorized to write insurance in Texas must provide the coverage. If the applicant is registered as a motor carrier with the TxDMV Motor Carrier Division, a registration listing is acceptable instead of proof of liability insurance.

Fees. The fee per 72-Hour Permit is \$25; and \$50 per 144-Hour Permit.

Purchasing. Owners can purchase permits in advance of a proposed trip and several permits may be obtained at one time with the times of validity to run in chain-like fashion, having one permit become effective immediately upon the expiration of the preceding one.

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. Visit the TxDMV website at www.TxDmv.gov for more information on 72-Hour Permits or 144-Hour Permits issued to trucks or truck-tractors with a gross weight in excess of 10,000 lbs. and semitrailers with gross weights in excess of 6,000 lbs. and the combined gross weight is greater than 18,000 lbs.

One-Trip (single-trip) Permits

A One-Trip Permit is issued for the temporary movement of an unladen vehicle subject to the registration laws of this state. The permit is valid for a period of 15 days from the effective date.

A One-Trip Permit is valid for one trip only between the point of origin and the point of destination and the intermediate point as shown on the receipt. The point of origin or destination must be in Texas.

The permit must be displayed in the rear window of the vehicle, if the vehicle does not have a rear window, the operator must carry the permit in the vehicle at all times during the period in which the permit is valid. The receipt must always be carried in the vehicle while permit is valid.

One-Trip Permits may be issued for:

- A bus for the transit of the vehicle only. The vehicle shall not at the time of transit be used for the transportation of property or passenger, unless it is operated for charter from another state
- A charter bus from another state or country may carry property and passengers
- A private bus carrying property and passengers
- A commercial vehicle with a camper unit mounted thereon (regardless of whether or not the camper unit is of the permanent or slide-in type)
- A commercial vehicle that is not transporting any passengers or property. The vehicle must be empty
- A passenger car, the carrying of passengers and property is permitted
- An unladen truck or truck-tractor operating in combination with an unladen trailer or semitrailer. If both vehicles are unregistered, two permits must be issued, one for each unit
- Park Model trailers - A house trailer-type vehicle that is 400 square feet or less measured at the largest horizontal projections

One-Trip Permits may not be issued for:

- Manufactured housing
- A charter bus based in Texas that is transporting passengers
- A commercial vehicle that is transporting the owner's household goods
- A boat trailer that is carrying a boat
- A laden luggage trailer or laden utility trailer
- A vehicle carrying a fixed load regardless of whether the vehicle is conventional or unconventional
- A vehicle that has been apprehended for operating unregistered
- A junked, salvage, or nonrepairable vehicle
- A trip that originates and terminates outside Texas
- The movement of a laden commercial vehicle of any type, including luggage and utility trailers

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

Financial responsibility. Applicants must present proof of liability insurance that meets the Texas minimum liability limits of \$30,000/\$60,000/\$25,000. Insurance is not required for trailers and semitrailers. An insurance company authorized to write insurance in Texas must provide the coverage.

Fees. The permit fee is \$15.

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

30-Day Permits

A 30-Day Permit is issued for the temporary movement of a vehicle subject to the registration laws of this state. The permit is valid for a period of 30 days from the effective date.

A 30-Day Permit is issued for passenger vehicles, motorcycles, private buses, trailers, and semitrailers with a gross weight not exceeding 10,000 pounds, and for light commercial vehicles not exceeding gross vehicle weight of 10,000 pounds. A commercial vehicle exceeding a gross weight of 10,000 pounds is eligible for the permit if operating unladen.

30-Day Permits may not be issued for a vehicle apprehended in this state for operating unregistered or with expired license plates, or for operation of a junked, salvage, or nonrepairable vehicle.

The permit must be displayed in the rear window of the vehicle, if the vehicle does not have a rear window, the operator must carry the permit in the vehicle at all times during the period in which the permit is valid. The receipt must always be carried in the vehicle while permit is valid.

Vehicle inspection. A Texas Safety Inspection is required before being issued a 30-Day Permit. The vehicle's passing inspection must be current for the duration of the timed permit.

Financial responsibility. Applicants must present proof of liability insurance that meets the Texas minimum liability limits of \$30,000/\$60,000/\$25,000. Insurance is not required for trailers and semitrailers. An insurance company authorized to write insurance in Texas must provide the coverage.

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.