CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS OVERSIZE & OVERWEIGHT PERMITS

When is a permit needed?

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

1. Legal width limitation is 8 feet 6 inches.
2. Legal height limitation is 13 feet 6 inches.
3. Legal length limitation of a single vehicle operated under the vehicle's own motive power is 40 feet.
4. Recreational vehicle length limit is 40 feet.
5. Common carrier of persons is 40 feet.
6. Two-vehicle combination is 60 feet, with a 53-foot limit on the semitrailer. In addition, a semitrailer longer than 48 feet 6 inches may not be operated on any Indiana public highway when the distance between the kingpin and the rearmost axle of the semitrailer exceeds 40 feet 6 inches for semitrailers manufactured after December 31, 1984; or 42 feet 6 inches for semitrailers manufactured before January 1,1985.
7. Three-vehicle combination is 65 feet, with a limit of 28 feet 6 inches for each semitrailer and trailer.
8. Legal weight limitation of 80,000 pounds total gross weight, subject to all individual axle weights conforming to the Federal Bridge Formula.
9. In addition to Bridge Formula weight limits, Federal law states that single axles are limited to 20,000 pounds, and axles spaced more than 40 inches and not more than 96 inches apart (tandem axles) are limited to 34,000 pounds. Gross vehicle weight is limited to 80,000 pounds (23 U.S.C. 127).
10. A Superload Permit is needed if, in addition to exceeding the legal

limitations, the dimensions and/or the weight exceed additional pre-defined limitations.

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

    A. Width exceeds 16 feet
    B. Height exceeds 15 feet
    C. Length exceeds 110 feet
    D. Weight exceeds 120,000 pounds

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In general, vehicles that exceed these dimensions and weights will require additional efforts, engineering judgment, coordination between INDOT's six District Offices, etc. The requirements of these coordinating agencies may differ from those of the City of Indianapolis.

1. DRIVER AND/OR TRANSPORT COMPANY IS RESPONSIBLE TO PROVIDE THE ROUTE TO BE TAKEN

2. DRIVER AND/OR TRANSPORT COMPANY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL ROUTE INFORMATION PROVIDED, INCLUDING ANY LIMITATIONS DUE TO, BUT NOT LIMITED TO: CONSTRUCTION, SIGNAL HEIGHT, BRIDGE HEIGHT, ETC.

3. The Applicant shall provide vehicle elevation view and rear end view showing the **axle weights and spacings attachment** with Indianapolis permitting submission.

4. The Applicant is responsible for coordinating the permit review process and securing a valid permit for State owned and maintained bridges that carry Indianapolis city streets and highways.

    a. The Applicant must include a valid copy of Form M-233P, as issued by the Indiana Department of Revenue with the City of Indianapolis permit application when exiting from an INDOT jurisdiction roadway.

    b. The Applicant must notify the City of Indianapolis if the Indiana Department of Revenue denies permission to cross a State owned and maintained bridge when exiting Indianapolis city streets and highways.

5. Per **Sec. 441-364** of the City of Indianapolis revised municipal code, additional weight restrictions may be applicable to certain streets under Indianapolis Dept Public Works jurisdiction.

Oversize/Overweight Vehicle General Provisions

1. The permitted oversize vehicle shall be marked on front and rear with a sign reading "oversize load," the sign must be at least 18" high, at least 6' but not over 8' long, the letters shall be black and 12" high, with a 2" stroke on yellow background. Officially approved color combinations or wording of other states will be permitted when the trip originates outside Indiana. This provision applies to oversize loads only; not required on vehicles that are overweight only.

2. The permitted vehicle shall be marked with two (2) red or orange flags, placed at the widest extremities of the vehicle or load. These flags shall be in good condition, plain red with no figures, with a minimum of 18" square and shall be

placed so approaching traffic can see them clearly. This provision applies to oversize loads only; not required on vehicles that are overweight only.

3. All permitted vehicles shall have low beam headlights lighted while transporting a permitted load.

4. Mobile homes and sectionalized building movements having a width in excess of 12'4" shall be equipped with four (4) high intensity amber, flashing lights, two (2) of which shall be mounted on the front and two (2) of which shall be mounted on the rear of the combination. The lights mounted on the home or building shall be placed at the outer edges and not less than six- (6) foot above the level roadway. The front lights may be mounted on the towing vehicle, at the furthest extreme of any safety device, not extending beyond the mirrors, and shall be double-faced lamps visible both front and rear. The lights shall be lighted during the permitted movement and shall have sufficient intensity to be visible at five hundred (500) feet in normal sunlight.

5. The operator of the permitted vehicle shall be at least 18 years of age and hold a valid Indiana Chauffeurs License or a Commercial Drivers License when applicable.

6. The driver of the permitted vehicle and/or load will have the permit in his possession during the progress of transportation, and will show said permit, on demand, to any police officer, motor carrier inspector, or authorized employee of the State of Indiana.

7. The mover and/or owner of said vehicle and/or load will be held responsible in the event that it is necessary to remove any buildings, railings or other structures from the highway or in the event that any buildings, railings or other structures are damaged, said cost of the removal and/or damage shall be borne by the applicant.

8. Escort Vehicle(s) Requirements

    A. One escort vehicle must be in front when on undivided roads and in rear when on divided roads.
    B. Permitted vehicles must have escorts when they exceed:

        1. 12’4” in width, 85’ in length or 14’6” in height
        2. If over 14’6” high, must have an escort with a height stick traveling in front of load
        3. If between 14”4” and 17” wide, , one rear escort on a dual lane divided road and two escorts (front and rear) on all other roads.

    C. Escort vehicles must have a minimum of 4 wheels with a maximum gross registered weight of 11,000 lbs. Must have a flashing amber light mounted on top and an oversize load sign, which is visible to approaching traffic. Must have radio communication with permitted vehicle and/or load and may not be more than 500 feet from permitted vehicle and/or load.

9. Hours of operation for permitted vehicles shall be as follows:

    A. Permitted oversize only vehicles between 85' to 110' in length, 10' to 14'4" in width and up to 15' in height may travel Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and Saturdays from one-half hour before sunrise to 12:00 Noon.

B. Permitted vehicles up to 85' in length, 10' in width, legal height and/or overweight may have continuous travel seven days per week.
C. Permitted mobile homes, sectionalized buildings, with widths from 8'6" to 14'4" may travel only Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3;00 p.m., Saturdays from one-half hour before sunrise to 12:00 Noon.
D. Permitted vehicles between 14'4" to 16' in width may travel Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m..

10. The transporting company at all locations needing such traffic control will provide Flagmen, in compliance with the provisions of the Indiana Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. Locations requiring flagmen include, but are not limited to, encroachment into opposing traffic lanes and stops or blockage of traffic at locations where stops are not normally required by existing traffic control devices.

11. The permitted oversize vehicle whose dimensions exceed 8'6" wide, 13'6" high, and/or 80' long shall not be operated at a speed in excess of 45 miles per hour.

12. Permitted vehicle and/or load will at no time block traffic from the use of the roadway, nor will equipment, load or object be loaded or unloaded within the travelway, nor vehicle or object be permitted to be parked either day or night on the shoulder or right-of-way.

13. The permitted vehicle and load are not to be operated during the existence of hazardous weather, road and traffic conditions, and/or when visibility is less than 500 feet. Oversize loads will not be operated at any time when wind velocity exceeds 25 miles per hour.
14. This permit does not apply to any state roads or bridges that are closed for construction purposes, or to any roads or bridges that are posted for gross load limit and/or structures, wires, etc., having a restricted height clearance that will not clear said load; or to any county roads or city streets.
15. Any violation of this permit shall automatically cause the permit to be void and upon violation the police officer or motor carrier inspector shall have the authority to withdraw said permit.
16. All transporting vehicles shall meet all safety requirements as set forth in Title 49, CFR (Code of Federal Regulations).

Superload Special Provisions

1. ON ALL SUPERLOAD APPLICATIONS UNLESS DIRECTED OTHERWISE.

   The hours of movement shall be from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., local time only, Monday through Friday.

2. HEIGHT EXCEEDS 15 Feet

   Whenever a movement is routed off an interstate system a pre-qualified signal contractor with a bucket truck, for each permitted load, is required to accompany the movement. Any manipulation of a traffic control device shall be conducted at the applicants expense by an approved contractor and shall be performed to the complete satisfaction of the Indiana Department of Transportation.

3. HEIGHT EXCEEDS 17 Feet

The carrier or the driver must complete a route survey. If no utility lines interfere with the route, the carrier or the driver must sign an affidavit attesting the fact. If utility lines exist along the route, the driver must have letters from the utility company(s) stating that overhead lines will be moved and replaced.

4. WIDTH EXCEEDS 16 Feet

   Front and rear police escorts are required.

5. Restrictions for crossing bridge structures:
   A. Dual -lane divided highways: The vehicle must travel center of the existing lanes on the structure at a speed not to exceed 45 mph. The civilian escorts must detain trailing traffic.
   B. Multi -lane undivided highways: The vehicle must travel center of the directional existing travel lanes on that structure at a speed not to exceed 45 mph. The civilian escorts must detain trailing traffic only.
   C. Two -lane/Two-way highways: The vehicle shall be the only vehicle on the bridge structure. The vehicle must travel in the center of the two lanes and cross the structure at a speed not to exceed 30 mph. A police escort is required and must detain oncoming and trailing traffic.
   D. After crossing structures every reasonable effort shall be made to allow trailing traffic to pass while vehicle proceeds with movement.

Marion County Vertical Clearances

The applicant is responsible for confirming their vehicle has adequate clearance under structures along Marion County routes.

Vertical clearances under INDOT-owned routes can be confirmed using the following website: https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/805e4b21863b412f8200d70a7fcca18b