

## **NOTICE OF PROPOSED GUIDANCE DOCUMENT**

### **Wisconsin Department of Transportation Oversize Overweight Single Trip Permit General Conditions to Transport Mobile Homes and/or Modular Building Sections MV2602 DTSD15**

Pursuant to Wis. Stat. s. 227.112, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation is hereby seeking comment on the department's Oversize Overweight Single Trip Permit General Conditions to Transport Mobile Homes and/or Modular Building Sections MV2602 s. 348.25. s.348.26, Trans 254.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS AND DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION**

Comments may be submitted to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for 21 days by:

1. Department's website: <https://appengine.egov.com/apps/wi/dot/guidance-docs?guidDocId=DTSD15>

2. Mailing written comments to:

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### **WEBSITE LOCATION OF FINAL GUIDANCE DOCUMENT**

The final version of this guidance document will be posted at [wisconsindot.gov](http://wisconsindot.gov) to allow for ongoing comment.

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# SINGLE TRIP PERMIT GENERAL CONDITIONS

## To Transport Mobile Homes and/or Modular Building Sections

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The following conditions apply to operations under all single trip permits issued under s.348.26(4) Wisconsin Statutes and Ch. Trans 260 Wisconsin Administrative Code, unless an exemption is specifically stated.

1. **SUFFICIENCY.** A permit is not a guarantee of the sufficiency of any highway or structure for the transporting of the vehicle, load, or vehicle and load.
2. **VEHICLE COMBINATIONS.** A permit may not authorize the operation of more than 2 vehicles in combination.
3. **PERMIT VALIDITY.** (1) A permit is valid only for the vehicle described in the application and permit. (2) A permit may not be used in combination with a multiple trip permit to authorize the movement of an oversize load. (3) An oversize vehicle may not be operated on a highway, whether loaded or empty, at any time that the permit is not valid.
4. **RETURN TRIP.** A permit is valid only for the route specified in the permit, which may include the return trip on the reverse route if requested and approved, and which includes the movement of the empty vehicle, whether or not oversize or overweight, to and from the place of pickup or delivery of the permitted load.
5. **ROADWAY LIMITATIONS.** (1) An issuing authority may suspend a permit, or any of its conditions, because of seasonal highway conditions. Examples of seasonal highway conditions include spring thaw, flooding, and traffic congestion. (2) A permit is not valid during periods when adverse weather or road conditions, such as fog, smoke, heavy rain, snow or ice, or wind velocity, impair the safety of a movement under the permit.
6. **POSTED ROADS AND BRIDGES.** No condition of a permit may modify any law or regulation limiting loads because of local conditions, including load limits on bridges and highways, seasonal weight restrictions, or load limits imposed because of construction.
7. **CARRY PERMIT.** The driver of a vehicle operating under a permit shall carry the permit in the vehicle to which the permit applies and shall have the permit available for inspection by any police officer, representative of the issuing authority, or person in charge of maintenance of the highway being used.
8. **OPERATING REQUIREMENTS.** (1) The driver of a vehicle operating under a permit shall, whenever reasonable and practicable, maintain a distance of not less than 1,000 feet between the vehicle with the permit and any vehicle the driver is following, unless actually engaged in overtaking and passing another vehicle. (2) The driver of a vehicle operating under a permit shall allow traffic approaching or overtaking the permitted vehicle to pass, where it is safe to do so.
9. **SPEED.** Unless a lower speed is specified in the permit, a vehicle operating under a permit may be operated at the posted speed limit.
10. **SPEED RESTRICTION FOR 16 FOOT WIDE LOADS.** The maximum speed of a 16 foot wide mobile home or modular building section operating on highways without paved shoulders shall be 35 miles per hour.
11. **DIMENSIONS.** (1) The width authorized by a permit refers to the outside-to-outside dimension of the towed unit, not including roof overhang. The width for the bottom of the roofline of the towed unit shall be measured separately. Note: The outside-to-outside dimension of the unit encompasses protrusions such as windowsills, door knobs and other hardware. (2) A permit issued for mobile homes and modular building sections having an outside-to-outside dimension exceeding 15 feet in width, not including roof overhang, or having a maximum width for the bottom of the roofline of the towed unit equal to or exceeding 16 feet is subject to the permit conditions applying to 16 foot wide mobile homes and modular building sections in Ch. Trans 260.16 Wis. Admin. Code.
12. **LOADING LIMITATIONS.** (1) Vehicles and loads which when reasonably divided would not be oversize or overweight may not be transported under the permit. (2) Loads which, when reasonably repositioned on the transporting vehicle, would not be oversize or overweight may not be transported under the permit.
13. **LIGHTING.** An oversize vehicle, or a vehicle with an oversize load operating during the hours of darkness, shall be equipped with illuminated lamps as required by Ch. Trans 260.10(1) Wis. Admin. Code.
14. **WARNING LAMPS.** When required by a permit, warning lamps shall be operated as follows: (1) All mobile homes and modular building sections over 12 feet in width shall have an operating amber flashing or revolving warning lamp a minimum of 8 feet above the roadway at the rear of the towed unit near its center point, visible 500 feet to the rear, or 2 such operating amber flashing or revolving warning lamps, at the left and right rear extremities of the towed unit located a minimum of 8 feet above the roadway and visible 500 feet to the rear. (2) All amber flashing or revolving warning lamps shall have a reflector at least six inches in diameter and shall be bright enough to be clearly visible and attention attracting at a distance of 500 feet under all conditions when the load is on the highway, except when visibility is obstructed by a hillcrest, a curve, or an object such as another vehicle. (3) All power units, when transporting a mobile home or modular building section over 8 1/2 feet in width shall have 2 amber flashing or revolving warning lamps mounted above the cab. Flashers shall be mounted at least 8 feet above the roadway and shall be visible to the front. When 2 lamps are provided, they shall be mounted at the same level, shall be separated laterally as much as possible, and shall flash simultaneously. (4) All warning lamps shall flash at a rate of 30 to 90 times per minute. (5) Strobe lamps may be used in lieu of flashing or revolving lamps. (6) Warning lamps may not be operated when a vehicle is not operating under the permit.
15. **WARNING LAMPS FOR 16 FOOT WIDE LOADS.** In addition to the amber flashing or revolving lamps specified in Ch. Trans 260.10(2) Wis. Admin. Code, each 16 foot wide mobile home or modular building section shall be equipped with a similar lamp visible from the front of the vehicle when operated on 2-way roadways.
16. **WARNING FLAGS.** (1) When a vehicle, load, or vehicle and load is overlength, a single flag shall be fastened at the extreme rear of the load if the overlength or projecting portion is 2 feet wide or less. (2) When a vehicle, load, or vehicle and load is overlength, 2 flags shall be fastened at the rear of the load to indicate maximum width if the overlength or projecting portion is wider than 2 feet. (3) When a vehicle, load, or vehicle and load is overwidth, a flag shall be fastened at each front and rear corner of the load. In addition, if any part of the load is more than 4 inches wider than the width of load or vehicle at the front or rear, a flag shall be placed at the widest point of the load. (4) Each flag shall be solid red or orange in color, and not less than 18 inches square. (5) In order to wave freely, flags shall be securely fastened by at least one corner or securely mounted on a staff.
17. **WARNING SIGNS.** (1) When a vehicle, load, or vehicle and load is more than 10 feet in width or is overlength, 2 warning signs shall be displayed. One sign shall be fastened at the front of the power unit and the other at either the rear of the towed unit or at the rear of the load. (2) Each sign shall state, in black letters on a yellow background, "OVERSIZE LOAD," and may not be less than 7 feet long and 18 inches high. The letters of the sign may not be less than 10 inches high with a brush stroke of not less than 1.4 inches. (3) The sign message may not be displayed when the vehicle is not operating under the permit.



18. **TRUCKWEIGHT AND TIRES.** Unless otherwise specified in a permit: (1) A vehicle towing a mobile home or modular building section more than 8 1/2 feet in width but less than 12 feet in width shall be a truck of not less than 16,000 pounds manufacturer's gross vehicle weight rating. The power unit shall be equipped with dual wheels on the drive axle and the minimum size of the tires shall be 10 ply 8.25 x 20, or equivalent. (2) A vehicle towing a mobile home or modular building section 12 feet in width, but not more than 16 feet in width, shall be a truck of not less than 19,200 pounds manufacturers' gross vehicle weight rating. The power unit shall be equipped with dual wheels on the drive axle and the minimum size of the tires shall be 10 ply 8.25 x 20, or equivalent.
19. **MUDGUARDS.** Mobile home and modular building sections and the power unit operating under a permit shall be equipped with rear fenders or mudguards of such material and constructed and placed as to restrict to a minimum the splashing of water, mud, stones, and other material which may be thrown up by the rear wheels. If mudguards are provided, they shall be at least as wide as the tire and shall cover the tire or multiple tires they are guarding starting at the top from a line drawn vertically through the center of the axle and extending rearward and downward so that the fender or mudguard under any condition of operation or loading of the vehicle has a ground clearance of not more than 1/3 of the horizontal distance from the center of the rearmost axle to the fender or mudguard.
20. **TIMES OF OPERATION—OVERWIDTH/12 FEET OR LESS.** Except as otherwise specified in a permit, no vehicle, or vehicle combination operating under a permit that is equal to or less than 12 feet in width, 13 1/2 feet in height, and 100 feet in length, may operate: (1) between 4:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. on Sunday; (2) between 4:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. on Friday between the 4th Friday in May and Labor Day; (3) between 4:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. on any holiday, or, when Independence Day falls on Sunday, on the following Monday; (4) between 4:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. on the day before any holiday, except that this restriction does not apply to Independence Day when it falls on a Sunday.
21. **TIMES OF OPERATION—OVERWIDTH/GREATER THAN 12 FEET.** In addition to the limitations provided in Condition (20), no vehicle combination operating under a permit that exceeds 12 feet in width, 13 1/2 feet in height, or 100 feet in length, may be operated: (1) during the hours of darkness; and (2) during the period beginning at 12:00 noon on the day preceding and continuing until sunrise on the day following every Sunday and holiday.
22. **TIMES OF OPERATION—MILWAUKEE EXPRESSWAY RESTRICTIONS.** In addition to the limitations provided in Conditions (20) and (21) no oversize vehicle or vehicle combination may operate on any part of the Milwaukee county expressway system constructed pursuant to s.59.84 Wis. Stats., except on U.S. Highway 45 between West Florist Avenue and West Hampton Avenue and on Interstate Highway 94 between the Waukesha county line and 108th Street: (1) between 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. and between 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Monday through Thursday; (2) between 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. and between 3:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. on Friday and Sunday.
23. **DISCRETIONARY AUTHORITY.** An issuing authority may issue a permit for times other than those specified in Conditions (20), (21), or (22), under extraordinary circumstances when, in the opinion of the issuing authority, public health and welfare is better served, and may impose additional conditions to promote the safe operation of the vehicle and load.
24. **ROUTE LIMITATIONS.** (1) A permit is valid only on the route specified in the permit. (2) No permit allowing the dimensions of a vehicle or load to exceed 11 feet in width, 13 1/2 feet in height or 100 feet in length is valid on any part of the Milwaukee county expressway system constructed pursuant to s.59.84 Wis. Stats., except on U.S. highway 45 between West Florist Avenue and West Hampton Avenue and on Interstate Highway 94 between the Waukesha county line and 108th Street. (3) A permit issued by an issuing authority authorizes the use of any of the highways of the state, subject to the limitations stated in permit.
25. **LIABILITY.** (1) In applying for and accepting a permit, permittee agrees to: (a) pay any claim for any bodily injury or property damage resulting from operation under the permit for which the permittee is legally responsible; (b) hold the state, its subdivisions, officers, employees and agents harmless from any claim which may arise from operation over public highways under the permit. Whether or not insurance, bond, or deposit as set forth in Ch. Trans 260.14(7) Wis. Admin. Code is required, the permittee shall be liable for all damages which any highway or its appurtenances may sustain by reason of any operation under the permit.
26. **LIABILITY INSURANCE.** The following insurance amounts are required: (1) When the permitted power unit and mobile home or modular building section combination does not exceed 12 feet in width, and 13 1/2 feet in height or 100 feet in length:  
 Bodily injury liability—each person.....\$150,000  
 Bodily injury liability—each accident.....\$450,000  
 Property damage liability—each accident.....\$300,000  
 OR \$750,000 combined single limit  
 (2) When the permitted load exceeds the size limitations in par. (1):  
 Bodily injury liability—each person.....\$200,000  
 Bodily injury liability—each accident.....\$600,000  
 Property damage liability—each accident.....\$400,000  
 OR \$1,000,000 combined single limit
27. **OVERHEIGHT - WIRES AND CABLES.** When a vehicle operating under a permit is overheight, the permittee shall give prior notice to the owners of overhead wires, cables, or other facilities which may be affected.
28. **16 FOOT WIDE OPERATING REQUIREMENTS.** (1) When transporting a 16 foot wide mobile home, the power unit shall be stopped when necessary by the driver to allow traffic to pass from either direction without delay. (2) The wheels of a 16 foot wide mobile home or undercarriage shall be operated as close to the right edge of the shoulder as possible in order to provide minimum interference with the left lane of traffic. However, to minimize damage to the shoulder in the area immediately adjacent to the pavement, the right wheels may not be operated on the shoulder within 2 feet of the edge of the pavement except to cross this area.