

**ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
OPERATIONS DIVISION
ADMINISTRATIVE CODE**

**CHAPTER 450-3-1
MAINTENANCE**

450-3-1-.02 Definitions.

The following definitions, terms, words, and phrases shall have the meanings given and these supplement the definitions found in Section 32-9-20, Code of Ala. 1975.

- (1) ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION: ALDOT.
- (2) LEGAL WIDTH: Eight (8) feet wide on roads with less than twelve (12) foot lanes; eight (8) feet and six (6) inches on roads with at least twelve (12) foot lanes.
- (3) LEGAL HEIGHT: Thirteen (13) feet and six (6) inches.
- (4) LEGAL LENGTHS:
 - (a) Forty (40) feet for a single vehicle.
 - (b) Fifty-seven (57) feet for a truck-semi-trailer combination.
 - (c) Fifty-seven (57) feet for semi-trailers including load used in a truck tractor-semi-trailer-trailer combination.
 - (d) Twenty-eight (28) feet for semi-trailers and trailers used in truck tractor-semi-trailer-trailer combination.
 - (e) Forty-five (45) feet for Motor Homes.
 - (f) Forty-five (45) feet for Motor Bus.
 - (g) Sixty-five (65) feet for Car Haulers; Seventy-five (75) feet for Stinger-Steered Units.
- (5) LEGAL OVERHANG (FRONT AND REAR): Five (5) feet.
- (6) LEGAL WEIGHT PER SINGLE AXLE: Any axle that is spaced a minimum of 10 feet to the next closest axle and the gross weight imposed by the wheels of this one axle does not exceed 20,000 pounds.
- (7) APPROVED LIGHTING SYSTEM FOR MOBILE HOMES INSTEAD OF REAR ESCORT: The lighting system shall be in addition to all the

standard safety equipment and warning devices utilized in the rear of mobile homes using rear escorts. Two flashing or strobe amber lights, visible for 360 degrees at 500 feet shall be mounted approximately 6 feet from the ground level on the rear corners of the mobile home. Control of the lighting system shall be from inside the tractor cab, including a warning device to alert the driver in the event the lights malfunction. If a light malfunctions, the driver shall proceed to the first area where the load can be safely removed from the roadway and parked until the lighting system is repaired.

(8) NON-DIVISIBLE LOAD OR VEHICLES: A load transported by a vehicle or combination of vehicles of such nature that it is a unit which cannot be readily dismantled or separated; provided however, that bulldozers and similar construction equipment shall not be deemed readily separable. Non-divisible loads or vehicles will have the same meaning, unless otherwise exempted, as listed in the definitions of C.F.R. 23 Part 658.5, as amended.

(9) LAW ENFORCEMENT ESCORT: A law enforcement vehicle operated by state troopers, county sheriffs or their deputies, or city police. A constable shall not escort oversize/overweight loads. The law enforcement escort must be in an official, marked vehicle with blue lights. Information about state trooper escorts may be found on the Permit Office website: <http://www.dot.state.al.us/maweb/Oversize&OverweightPermOverweightPer.htm>

(10) CONSTRUCTION PROJECT: A public works contract for a roadway construction project or roadway maintenance project let by ALDOT. For the purposes of these rules, this term includes only those projects let by the State.

(11) CONSTRUCTION PROJECT WORK ZONE: The Project Limits as defined by Contract between ALDOT and the Contractor for a Construction Project.

(12) CONSTRUCTION PROJECT TRAVEL LIMITS: Construction Project Travel Limits are defined and approved by the ALDOT Vehicle Enforcement Office at the request of the Contractor and will be defined prior to the Pre-Construction Conference between the Contractor, ALDOT, and other interested parties. The Construction Project Travel Limits represent the Routing Authorization for specific construction equipment to be used in a Construction Project.

(13) CONSTRUCTION PROJECT COMPLETION: The date of acceptance for maintenance by ALDOT of the Construction Project.

(14) CONSTRUCTION PROJECT DURATION: That time period from the Notice to Proceed to the Construction Project Completion.

(15) CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT: A single vehicle used by a contractor for work in a Construction Project that is identified by a VIN and requires a permit for an oversize and/or overweight load.

(16) ROUTING AUTHORIZATION: The advance routing required from ALDOT under Code of Ala. 1975, §32-9-29(b)(1)a.1., as amended, and further described by Section 450-3-1-.04(4), as amended, of this Chapter as an attached condition to a permit.

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