

ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
OPERATIONS DIVISION
ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

CHAPTER 450-3-1
MAINTENANCE

450-3-1-.04 Conditions Attached To Issuance Of Permits.

(1) The operator of the permitted vehicle or combination of vehicles and loads shall comply with all applicable laws and regulations of the United States and the State of Alabama.

(2) Permitted vehicles may travel daylight hours only. Travel is not permitted at any time on Sundays, New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.

(3) A permitted vehicle shall not travel when weather conditions render visibility less than 500 feet for a person or vehicle, or when other weather conditions constitute hazardous travel. When either condition exists, the driver shall proceed to the first area where the load can be safely removed from the roadway and parked until the weather clears or road conditions improve.

(4) When routing is applicable, the permitted vehicle shall not use any other public road under ALDOT jurisdiction other than those described in the permit or routing authorization. For single trip permits, the routing shall be described on the permit. For annual permits, the permitted party is responsible for requesting advance routing when applicable.

(5) The described routing authorization becomes a temporary part of the annual permit and shall be carried in the permitted vehicle along with the annual permit for the duration of the relevant trip. If advanced routing is required and the driver is unable to provide a valid routing authorization, then the oversize/overweight load shall be in violation of the permit.

(6) The vehicle operator shall comply with all load restrictions placed on bridges and sections of highway, whether established by on-site posting or as a permit condition. A list of restricted bridges is available online at: <http://www.dot.state.al.us/maweb/Oversize&OverweightPermitInformation.htm>.

(7) On a state highway, when the vehicle exceeds legal limits, all appurtenances of the load which can be removed to reduce the weight shall be removed and transported separately. Appurtenances include, but are not limited to, buckets, booms, counter-weights, lifting devices, etc. Bulldozer blades are deemed non-separable pursuant to the Code of Ala. 1975, §32-9-29(a)(1).

(8) The permitted vehicle or combination of vehicle and loads shall maintain one-half (1/2) mile between each vehicle load. When the normal flow of traffic becomes impeded or congested, the vehicle or combination of vehicle and loads shall move off the traveled portion of the public road until the traffic congestion has cleared. If the permitted route becomes impassible, such as in construction detours and emergency road conditions, proceed to the first area where the load can be safely removed from the roadway and parked until the ALDOT Permit Office can be contacted for an alternate permitted route.

(9) Transport vehicles shall be equipped with a flashing or strobe amber light, visible 360 degrees at 500 feet. All vehicles supporting the move shall be equipped to contact each other, including escort vehicles, law enforcement escorts, and the permitted vehicle. A sign shall be mounted on the front and rear of the transport vehicle where the license plate and headlights are not blocked. The sign shall contain the wording "OVERSIZE LOAD" in black letters on a yellow background. The size of the sign shall be seven (7') feet wide and eighteen (18") inches high. The letters shall be ten (10") inches high with a 1.4" - 1.5" brush stroke. No other signage is allowed. An 18" square fluorescent orange or red flag shall be displayed at the four corners or extremities (length) of the load.

(10) Where a state route or US route runs concurrently with an Interstate route, weight enforcement shall be in accordance with federal law. Any weight tolerances allowed by Code of Ala. 1975, §32-9-20(a)(4)d are inapplicable on Interstate routes, including such concurrent routes, except as allowed by 23 U.S.C. 127.

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