



## New York State Thruway Authority

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### **SPECIAL HAULING PERMIT PROGRAM GUIDELINES**

To assist you, a synopsis of the New York State Thruway Authority Guidelines for Special Hauling Permit Requirements is provided below. A Permit is required for vehicles that are greater than: 80,000 lbs. in weight, 8'6" in width, 65'0" in length and carrying loads that have an overhang of 4'0" or greater. Height requirements are detailed on page 2. Straight-trucks over 40'0" and buses and self-propelled vehicles over 45'0" in length also require a Permit.

Note that these are guidelines only and **DO NOT** supersede U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Title 49 or the regulations in the New York State Escort Manual, but are in addition to those regulations and allowed under the New York State Thruway Authority Rules and Regulations. These manuals should be consulted to ensure compliance. Special requirements for travel on highways under the jurisdiction of the New York State Thruway Authority may be different than the guidelines provided below based on engineering judgment, highway geometry, location of movement and size/weight of vehicle load.

Permits and Permit numbers are not assigned by telephone or at a toll booth. Permits must be obtained by contacting any permit service or via the Internet, if the Permit carrier is registered in the New York State Thruway Authority's Over-Dimensional Permit System (TOPS). Permittee must have Permit in possession before traveling on the Thruway System. The Permit is valid for a trip in one direction, with interruptions not to exceed 24 hours.

In accordance with the enactment of New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law, Article 21C, effective January 1, 1996, all New York State certified escorts accompanying over-dimensional loads must be operated by a driver holding a valid New York State Escort Driver Certificate. In many cases, over-dimensional loads that would have required a police escort may now travel with a New York State certified escort. Detailed operating instructions for over-dimensional load escorts are included in the New York State Escort Manual.

Requirements and locations for flags, lights and warning signs on over-dimensional loads must conform to the same requirements set forth by New York State Department of Transportation under Part 154, Title 17, of the New York State Code of Rules and Regulations.

#### **Travel Restrictions**

Permit holders with vehicles that are legal in dimension can travel unrestricted 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, so long as vehicle weight does not exceed 100,000 lbs. Permits for vehicles exceeding 100,000 lbs. DO NOT allow for travel on Saturdays, Sundays or on the following holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas. Travel is also prohibited after 12:00 P.M. the day preceding Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas. These exceptions exclude Explosives Carriers with a valid New York State Thruway Annual Explosive Permit. Vehicles with speed restrictions cannot travel between 7:00 A.M. to 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.

#### **New York State Police Requirements**

All vehicles that exceed 200,000 lbs. in weight, 16'0" in width or 200'0" in length are to be inspected by New York State Police upon entry into New York State. New York State Police escorts are required if a vehicle (or vehicle load):

- is 200'0" in length or greater;
- must cross the center line of a bridge; or
- is required to cross bridges at 5 mph.

If a New York State Police escort is required, at least 48 hours notice must be provided in advance of travel.

#### **Basic Fee for Over-Dimensional Vehicles Weighing 80,000 lbs. or Less**

- On ticketed portion of Thruway System north of Woodbury Toll Barrier (I-87 and I-90) and Niagara Section (I-190): \$21.00
- On non-ticketed portion of Thruway System south of Woodbury Toll Barrier (I-87), Cross Westchester Expressway (I-287) and New England Section (I-95): \$3.00
- Travel encompassing both ticketed and non-ticketed portions of Thruway System: \$21.00 + \$3.00 = \$24.00

#### **Overweight Fee (in Addition to Basic Fee)**

If vehicle weight is 80,001 lbs. or greater, the applicable calculation can be used to determine an approximate Overweight Fee:

80,001 – 100,000 lbs.	_____ tons overweight x \$0.03 per ton x _____ miles + Basic Fee = Total Overweight Fee
100,001 – 110,000 lbs.	_____ tons overweight x \$0.05 per ton x _____ miles + Basic Fee = Total Overweight Fee
110,001 lbs. or greater	_____ tons overweight x \$0.08 per ton x _____ miles + Basic Fee = Total Overweight Fee

**WIDTH**

8'7" to 12'0"

**Requirements**

NOTE: Maximum vehicle width on Thruway Mainline and Tappan Zee Bridge is 12'6".

- Permit required.
- No nighttime restrictions.
- 18"X18" red or orange fluorescent flags on staffs at all corners at the extremities of the load or trailer.
- Warning sign attached to the front and rear of vehicle.
- If over 10'0" wide, vehicle must have valid E-ZPass tag and use the designated "Wide Lane".
- All headlights and other external lights shall be turned on.
- Power unit to have a minimum of one amber light located on top of vehicle and visible in a 360 degree radius.

12'1" to 12'6"

**In addition to the above:**

- Daylight travel only.
- Rear New York State certified escort vehicle required. Escort vehicle shall display warning signs and operational bar light on roof. Headlights and other external lights shall be turned on.

12'7" to 13'0"

**In addition to the above:**

- Travel allowed from Exit 15 (Suffern) to Exit 1 (Yonkers) on I-87, Cross Westchester Expressway Section (I-287) and New England Section (I-95).

13'1" to 14'0"

**In addition to the above:**

- Travel allowed on Cross Westchester Expressway Section (I-287) and New England Section (I-95) only.

14'1" or greater

**In addition to the above:**

- Travel allowed from Exit 15 to Exit 15A (I-87) only.

**LENGTH**

65'1" to 79'11"

**Requirements**

- Permit required.
- No nighttime restrictions.
- 18"X18" red or orange fluorescent flags on staffs on overhang.
- Warning sign attached to the front and rear of vehicle.
- All headlights and other external lights shall be turned on.

80'0" to 99'11"

**In addition to the above:**

- Daylight travel only.
- Rear New York State certified escort vehicle required. Escort vehicle shall display warning signs and operational bar light on roof.

100'0" to 199'11"

**In addition to the above:**

- Front New York State certified escort vehicle also required. Escort vehicle shall display warning signs and operational bar light on roof.

200'0" or greater

**In addition to the above:**

- Requires a New York State Police escort.

**HEIGHT**

13'6"

**Requirements**

- Warning sign attached to the front and rear of vehicle.
- All headlights and other external lights shall be turned on.
- Power unit to have a minimum of one amber light located on top of vehicle and visible in a 360 degree radius.

13'7" or greater

**In addition to the above:**

- Permit required.
- Travel allowed from Exit 15 to Exit 15A (I-87) only.

**OVERHANG**

4'0" to 9'11"

**Requirements**

- Permit required.
- No nighttime restrictions.
- 18"X18" red or orange fluorescent flags on staff on end of load.

10'0" to 15'0"

**In addition to the above:**

- Daylight travel only.
- Rear overhang must not exceed 1/3 length of load; 2/3 of load length must rest upon truck or trailer bed.
- Rear New York State certified escort vehicle required. Escort vehicle shall display warning signs and operational bar light on roof. Headlights and other external lights shall be turned on.
- Front New York State certified escort vehicle required only when front overhang is greater than 10'0" but not exceeding 15'0".