

## CHAPTER 6. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION - OVERSIZE AND OVERWEIGHT SPECIAL PERMITS

“Tandem axle” has the same meaning as prescribed under A.R.S. § 28-1100(B).

“TI” means traffic interchange, which is a junction of roadways arranged to allow for the free flow of traffic uninterrupted by crossing traffic routed over or under the main roadway.

“Towaway trailer transporter combination” means a combination of vehicles consisting of a trailer transporter towing unit and two trailers or semitrailers as inventory of the trailer or semitrailer manufacturer, distributor, or dealer, and the total weight of the combination plus any property carried does not exceed 26,000 pounds.

“Trailer transporter towing unit” means a power unit that is not used to carry property when in a towaway trailer transporter combination.

“Tridem axle” means a group of three axles connected by a common suspension system, or any three consecutive axles whose extreme centers may be included between parallel transverse vertical planes spaced nine to 14 feet apart, extend across the width of the vehicle, and are individually attached to, or articulated from, a common attachment to the vehicle, or are designed to automatically equalize the load between the three axles.

“USDOT number” means the motor carrier identification number, assigned to a company by the U.S. Department of Transportation’s Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, preceded by the letters USDOT.

“Use class motor vehicle” has the same meaning as prescribed under A.R.S. § 28-5601.

“UX” means a temporary highway or route segment designated by the Department as:

A segment of highway no longer part of the mainline U.S. system of highways, but still owned and maintained by the Department; or

A portion of a U.S. Route affected by mining operations and subject to realignment by the mining company as the mine expands operations.

“Watercraft” has the same meaning as prescribed under A.R.S. § 5-301 that is properly registered with the Arizona Game and Fish Department or the U.S. Coast Guard.

- C. Time of Day. In this Chapter, a time of day prescribed is Mountain Standard Time as defined under subsection (B) except where a route on the State Highway System traverses a tribal nation that adopts Daylight Saving Time under 49 CFR 71.2.

**Historical Note**

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**R17-6-102. Threshold Dimensions; Special Permit Exemptions**

- A. Unless exempt under this Section or A.R.S. § 28-1091(C), § 28-1093(D), or § 28-1095(A)(6), a person shall obtain and carry an oversize or overweight special permit issued by the Department under this Chapter if transporting a vehicle or load exceeding any dimension provided under Table 1 using any route on the State Highway System.
- B. A permittee and a driver of an oversize or overweight special permitted vehicle shall comply with all applicable:
1. Safety requirements provided under Article 3, and
  2. Transport provisions provided under Article 4.
- C. An oversize or overweight special permit is not required if crossing a route on the State Highway System at a level grade and no highway structures are involved.
- D. An oversize or overweight special permit is not required for snow removal equipment operated by one of the following:
1. An Arizona state agency,
  2. An Arizona county,
  3. An Arizona city, or
  4. An Arizona municipality other than a city.
- E. The special permit exemption provided under subsection (D) applies only to snow removal equipment traveling on its own wheels and:
1. Operating for the purpose of clearing snow or ice,
  2. Traveling to a facility for repair, or
  3. Traveling to a location used for the purpose of loading or unloading de-icing materials.
- F. The operator of an oversize or overweight vehicle exempt from the special permit requirement under this Section shall comply with all applicable safety requirements provided under Article 3 unless otherwise prescribed by statute.

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**Table 1. Threshold Dimensions**

The Department may issue an applicable class of special permit, as provided under Article 2, for transporting on the State Highway System a vehicle, combination of vehicles, or vehicle and load combination exceeding any of the following maximum limits:

<b>Width (A.R.S. § 28-1093)</b>		<b>Height (A.R.S. § 28-1094)</b>	
8' 6" (8' if the maximum width of the route is further restricted under R17-6-412, Table 4)		14' (13' 6" if the maximum height of the route is further restricted under R17-6-412, Table 4)	
<b>Length (A.R.S. §§ 28-1095 and 28-1097 and 23 CFR 658.13)</b>			
Legal for travel on the State Highway System, the Interstate Highway System, the federally-designated National Network of highways and routes listed under 23 CFR 658, App. A, and other highways and routes located within ten miles of an Interstate highway.			
Overhang	Front of vehicle	3'	
	Rear of vehicle or trailer	6'	
Straight truck		40'	
Bus, or recreational vehicle as defined in A.R.S. § 41-4001(30)(b), if non-articulated		45'	
Truck equipped with a conveyor bed and used solely as a fiber and forage module mover		48'	
Truck tractor - semitrailer combination	National Network	57' 6" semitrailer	
Truck-tractor - semitrailer - forklift combination			
Truck tractor - semitrailer combination	All other highways and routes of the State Highway System	53' semitrailer; or 65' overall combination if semitrailer is more than 53'	
Truck-tractor - semitrailer - forklift combination			
Truck tractor - semitrailer - trailer combination	28' 6" per semitrailer or trailer; or 65' overall combination		
Truck tractor - semitrailer - semitrailer combination (B-train)			
Truck - trailer combination	28' 6" trailer; or 65' overall combination		
Truck - forklift combination			
Truck - semitrailer combination			
Bus or trolley coach, if articulated		60' overall combination	
Pole trailer with non-reducible load (e.g., poles, pipes, structural material, etc.)		80' cargo carrying length	
Vehicle or boat transporter combination (stinger-steered) *Measurement of overall combination excludes extendable ramps and an overhang allowance of 4' to the front of the vehicle and 6' to the rear of the semitrailer		80' overall combination*	
Towaway trailer transporter combination		82' overall combination	
Drive-away saddle-mount vehicle transporter combination with up to three saddle-mounted vehicles (may include one fullmount)		97' overall combination	
<b>Weight (A.R.S. §§ 28-1099 and 28-1100 and 23 U.S.C. § 127)</b>			
Legal for travel on the State Highway System, the Interstate Highway System, the federally-designated National Network of highways and routes listed under 23 CFR 658, App. A, and other highways and routes located within ten miles of an Interstate highway. Legal weight shall be determined using the listed limits or the manufacturer's weight rating, whichever is less.			
Steering axle		20,000 lbs.	
Single axle		20,000 lbs.	
Single axle for a motor home; over-the-road bus; or vehicle regularly and exclusively used as an intra-state public agency transit passenger bus		24,000 lbs.	
Towaway trailer transporter combination		26,000 lbs. overall combination	
Vehicle combination of five axles or more with axle group weights computed using the formula prescribed under A.R.S. § 28-1100(A)(4)		80,000 lbs. overall combination	
An electric powered vehicle or a vehicle with an engine fueled primarily by natural gas may exceed any vehicle weight limit (up to a maximum gross vehicle weight of 82,000 pounds) as provided under 23 U.S.C. 127, by an amount that is equal to the difference between the weight of the vehicle attributable to the electric battery system, or the natural gas tank and fueling system carried by that vehicle, and the weight of a comparable diesel tank and fueling system.			

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