

PERMIT CONDITIONS
YUBA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

AUTHORITY:

Under the appropriate authority of Division 15, Chapter 5, Article 6 of the California Vehicle Code (CVC), the Department of Public Works may, at its discretion, issue special permits to operate or move a vehicle or combination of vehicles or special mobile equipment of a size or weight of vehicle or load exceeding the maximums specified in the CVC. Except as specifically provided herein, the requirements of the CVC, including vehicle registration requirements, signing (CVC 27900) and other applicable laws, must be complied with in all particulars.

POSSESSION OF PERMIT:

This permit shall be carried in the vehicle to which it refers at all times while the vehicle is being moved within the highway limits, and shall be open to inspection by any peace officer, traffic officer, authorized agent of the Department of Public Works, or any other officer or employee charged with the care and protection of such highways (V.C. 35783).

PERMIT CONDITIONS:

1. Validity of Permit

This permit is valid only for movement on the assigned County highways and overcrossing under the jurisdiction of the Department of Public Works and on alternate routes and detours signed as such and approved by the Department, State and/or City permits where appropriate must be secured for travel on roads and streets under their respective jurisdictions unless otherwise specified on this permit.

2. Void Permit

This permit is null and void and hereby declared non-existent:

- a. if any portion, part or section is illegible;
- b. if it is not signed by an authorized representative of the Yuba County Department of Public Works;
- c. if any portion, part or section has been altered or if an attempt to alter is apparent;
- d. if presented in the form of a reproduced copy and does not have an original signature;
- e. if used to represent proper authority for carrying a load and/or moving a vehicle which is not specifically described on the face of the permit;
- f. if used to represent proper authority for carrying a load or moving a vehicle by any company, crew, or equipment not specifically named or organizationally related to the company, agency, or firm to which the permit was issued;
- g. if presented without the attachments firmly affixed that are specifically named, and required upon the face of the permit;
- g. if used to represent proper authority for carrying a load or moving a vehicle before and/or after the times and dates authorized.

3. Permittee Agreement

Acceptance of this permit constitutes an agreement by the permittee to observe and comply with all of the general and specific conditions on the face of the permit and attachments thereto.

The use of this permit is prima facie evidence that the driver has checked the load and/or vehicle and knows it to be within the limits as set forth hereon and has verified the routing accuracy. The vehicle and/or load authorized under this permit is subject to inspection by representatives of the Yuba County Department of Public Works and costs of such inspection shall be borne by the permittee.

4. Repair of Damage

In accepting this permit the permittee agrees to repair, at his own expense and to the satisfaction of the Director of Public Works, any damage to highway appurtenances or structures. Notwithstanding, work or repair may be done by Department of Public Works forces at the option of Director of Public Works the cost to be borne by the permittee. In the event of damage to County highway facilities such as bridges, traffic signals, light standards and other appurtenances, a written report must be filed with the Department within 72 hours after such damage has been done. Failure to make this report will be considered cause for cancellation of all permit privileges pending a satisfactory arrangement with the Department for repair or replacement of the damaged facilities.

5. Responsibility for Bridges

This permit does not authorize crossing any posted bridges with gross load exceeding posted limits unless specifically mentioned on the face of this permit. Permittee shall comply with all rules posted on any bridges over which he shall pass and shall assume all risks relative thereto. When a power shovel or similar equipment is moved under its own power across bridges having asphalt type surface, running planks or heavy belting of sufficient width must be used under the tracks to protect the surfacing.

6. Liabilities

The permittee is responsible for all liability for injury to, or death of any person, or damage to property which may occur through any act or omission of either the permittee or the County of Yuba arising from the issuance of this permit. In the event any claim, suit or action is brought against the County of Yuba, its officers, employees or agents thereof, by reason of, or in connection with any such act or omission, permittee shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the County, its officers, employees or agents from such claim, suit or action.

7. Overhead Clearance

When height of load exceeds legal limit, it becomes the responsibility of the permittee to check all underpasses, bridges, overhead wires or other structures for impaired vertical clearance and to bypass or arrange clearance at such locations.

8. Reducible Loads

This permit is used for the movement of an "Extralegal Load" as defined in C.V.C. 320.5 when loaded at its least dimensions.

This permit is automatically cancelled if the permitted dimensions and weight can be reduced to legal limits by repositioning and/or practical removal of a part, portion, or unit therefrom.

Other items may be hauled provided they do not exceed the dimensions of the vehicle or permitted item and the loaded vehicle is of legal axle and gross weights.

Overheight permits shall not be used for items transported on a conventional flat deck trailer unless the deck is needed to support a long fragile load or a long load that would cause unbalanced axle group weights.

9. Tire Capacity

Permitted axle or axle group weights shall not exceed the rated capacity of vehicle tires except as allowed by Title 13, Article 14, Section 1085 of the California Administrative Code. After January 1, 1988, said weights shall not exceed the rated capacity of the vehicle tires.

10. Booster Type Axles

A booster axle is an axle, generally, having an air or hydraulic cylinder suspension system that can be actuated independently to assume a portion of the weight that would otherwise be carried by adjacent axles. Booster axles and add-on or "Joe Dog" axles shall not be used in the movement of overweight permit loads.

11. Traveled Way

Where practical, the vehicle shall be kept in the far right lane of the highway and shall not encroach on highway shoulders except where necessary to allow trailing traffic to pass.

12. Movement During Darkness

"Darkness" is defined in Section 280 of the CVC as being "...any time from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise...". Reference to "sunset" and/or "sunrise" on the face of the permit includes this said one-half hour grace period before and after sunrise and sunset. Movement is not allowed when visibility is less than 1000 feet.

13. Holiday Movement

Unless authorized on the face of this permit, movement is prohibited on the following holidays (or any of these holidays following on a weekend and celebrated on a weekday): New Year's Day, Washington's Birthday (3rd Monday in February), Memorial Day (Last Monday in May), Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day.

When one of the above listed holidays falls on Monday or Friday, permit movements will not be allowed on the holiday nor the immediately preceding or following weekend, unless authorized on the face of the permit.

Restriction on the time of move may be imposed on certain highways where, due to a holiday, a substantial increase in traffic volume is recorded. Alternate routes should be used where available.

14. Moving in Inclement Weather

Movement shall not occur in snow, fog, rain or wind, when visibility is restricted to less than 1,000 feet. Movement is prohibited when road surfaces are hazardous due to rain, ice, snow or frost, or when use of tire chains is mandatory. No moving shall be done when the velocity of the wind is such that it causes the vehicle being towed to whip or swerve from side-to-side or fail to follow substantially in the path of the towing vehicle. Any accident caused by excessive wind or weather conditions shall be considered a prima facie violation of this condition.

15. Movement in Convoy

Movement in convoy shall not be permitted unless specified on the face of the permit.

16. Load Signs

All loads or vehicles being moved on State highways which exceed 8'-6" in width, 80' in length, or more than 10' of overhang shall display appropriate warning signs.

Signs shall be posted on front and rear and shall read "LONG LOAD" or "OVERSIZE". The "LONG LOAD" sign shall be used whenever overall length exceeds 100 feet. The "OVERSIZE" sign shall be used for shorter lengths and other oversize features. The more definitive signs reading "WIDE LOAD", "LONG LOAD", "OVERSIZE LOAD", "EXCESSIVE FRONT OVERHANG" or "EXCESSIVE REAR OVERHANG" may be substituted for the "OVERSIZE" sign when appropriate. The "LONG LOAD" sign shall have preference when length exceeds 100 feet and other oversize features exist. The lettering shall be a 10-inch minimum height with a 1-5/8-inch minimum brush stroke, and a minimum 1-inch margin all around. All signs shall be black letters on a yellow background, mounted at least 18 inches above the road surface front and rear. Signs shall be neat, clean, legible, mounted securely and visible from straight ahead or behind and to 45-degree either side thereof.

17. Pilot Car and Equipment

It shall be the responsibility of the permittee to ensure that pilot car vehicles and operators are equipped and briefed as to their duties prior to movement. Pilot cars shall be single vehicles with a minimum of 60 inches in width, and may operate with a nondestructive vertical clearance measuring device with height in excess of 14 feet.

Pilot cars shall be equipped with:

- a. one each STOP/SLOW sign paddle;
- b. one each orange vest, shirt or jacket;
- c. one each red hand flag (18" x 18" minimum);
- d. two-way radio communication between the pilot car(s) and the transporting vehicle;
- e. top-mounted flashing amber warning light(s). The light(s) shall be visible to the front when leading and to the rear when following, and shall be operated at all times when escorting a permit move. Lights shall be removed or covered with opaque material when not escorting movement described on Permit (25270 C.V.C.);

- f. neat, clean and legible sign(s) visible from straight ahead or behind and to 45-degree either side thereof. The bottom of the sign(s) shall be a minimum of 48 inches above the ground. The sign shall read "OVERSIZE" when viewed from the front or rear. The more definitive signs reading "OVERSIZE LOAD", "WIDE LOAD", or "LONG LOAD" may be substituted for the "OVERSIZE" sign when appropriate. The sign shall have a bright yellow background with black lettering and have a minimum projected area of 440 square inches. The lettering shall have a one-inch minimum brush stroke with a six (6) inch minimum projected letter height.

18. Pilot Car Location and Responsibility

A pilot car shall:

- a. proceed to warn traffic of wide load when width is 12'1", to 13' in valley. A pilot car shall precede and one shall follow when width is 13' or greater. In mountain areas a pilot car shall precede to warn traffic of wide load when width is 9' to 10'. A pilot car shall precede and one shall follow when width is 10' or greater;
- b. remain right of the centerline of the roadway at all times except when prevented by the physical limitations of the highway. The use of a pilot car does not grant to the permittee the right to pre-empt the opposing traffic lane. When it becomes necessary because of physical limitations of the highway to use a portion of the opposing traffic lane, the permit move shall not occupy that lane until it has been advised by the pilot car that the lane is clear of all on-coming traffic. Opposing traffic is not to be stopped, except in extreme emergencies. It shall be the responsibility of the permit move to stop safely and wait until the opposing lane is free of traffic before proceeding;
- c. maintain proper interval between load and the pilot car to allow passing by other traffic;
- d. accompany the permitted load over all operational California Highway Patrol facilities;

A pilot car shall not:

- e. pre-empt opposing traffic;
- f. tow another vehicle while being used as a pilot car;
- g. display the STOP/SLOW sign paddle out of the window of a moving vehicle;
- h. stop opposing traffic except in extreme emergencies;
- i. convoy more than one load at the same time;

When necessary to post a flagger in order to warn and direct traffic, the flagging shall be done in accordance with Title 8, Sections 1598 and 1599 of the California Division of Occupational Safety and Health Construction Safety Orders and Caltrans "Manual of Traffic Controls". Flaggers shall not be less than 18 years of age.

19. Chocks and Rear View Mirrors

- a. Adjustable rear view mirrors on power unit may extend on each side not over 10" beyond the width of the load, up to, but not exceeding a load width of 12 feet, pursuant to Section 35109 of the Vehicle Code.
- b. Chocks will be provided back to the trailer or dolly wheels so that they may be dropped into place should the load become stalled.

20. Manufactured Housing Axle Weight

Axle weights for "Manufactured Housing" (VC 387) shall not exceed 6,000 lbs. per axle.

21. Manufactured Housing-Tow Vehicle

Tractor units towing manufactured housing as defined in C.V.C. 387 that exceed legal width and up to 12 feet in width shall be equipped with dual rear wheel and shall have an unladen weight as defined in C.V.C. 660 of not less than 6,500 lbs.

Tractor units towing manufactured housing exceeding 12 feet in width shall be equipped as required above with an unladen weight as defined in C.V.C 660 of not less than 9,500 lbs.

22. Open Side Covering

Open sided units shall be covered by plywood, hard board or other rigid material. In lieu of rigid material, suitable plastics, or other flexible material may be used. Billowing or flapping of plastic or flexible side covering in excess of 6 inches in any one place will not be permitted.

Units open on both sides, such as used for temporary schools, warehouses, offices, etc., may be moved empty with no side covering.

23. Tow Cars

Disabled legal vehicles or legal combination of vehicles may be towed on County highways to the nearest appropriate place of Repair, or to the nearest secure storage area that is appropriate for the vehicle or load, whichever is closest and most accessible. It is not the intent of this permit to allow these combinations to be towed to their ultimate destination for convenience, unless that destination meets the above criteria.

Disabled legal vehicles or combination of vehicles, when connected to a tow car may exceed legal gross weight. When one end of a truck or truck tractor of legal weight is elevated by a tow car, the drive axles, the tow car and/or the drive axle or axles of the disabled vehicle may exceed legal axle or axle group weight limitations.

24. Towing Permit Loads and/or Vehicles

Disabled vehicles or combination of vehicles whose movement is authorized by a transportation permit or any disabled vehicle or combination of vehicles which because of damage has incurred distortion in width or height thereby causing an excess in legal dimensions may only be moved at the direction of a peace officer or single trip permit issued by the Department of Public Works.

25. Parking on Highway

If necessary to park equipment or to leave a structure on the highway at night, it shall be moved off the traveled way or pavement so as to interfere in no way with passing traffic. Warning lights shall be displayed so as to fully protect said traffic.

SPECIAL PROVISIONS

TRACTORS

1. Wheel Type Tractors. All lugs, cleats, flanges or projections shall be removed or road bands installed before operating on any pavement or gravel surface.
2. Track Layer Type Tractor. If the tread of the track has projections or corrugations, filler block shall be placed on each a section so that a flat bearing surface will be in contact with the pavement.
3. Pilot Wheel. If equipped with a pilot wheel, the ring of the same shall be removed, covered or supplemented by additional rings such that the width of bearing surface shall not be less than five inches.
4. Weight per Inch Width. The blocks, road bands or rings shall be of sufficient width to furnish a flat bearing, such that the weight per inch width of tread shall not exceed five hundred (500) pounds.
5. Crossing Traveled Way. If the equipment is simply to cross from one side of the road to the other, the pavement and shoulders may be covered with planks at least two inches thick, or by use of heavy belting of sufficient width, and the equipment permitted to pass thereover without the placing of filler blocks or road bands. Permit is not required for farm tractors with plane tread or equipped with filler blocks.
6. Trailers. Not more than two trailers shall be moved over the roads at anyone time behind the equipment.
7. Projections on Trailer Treads. Any projection on the tread of trailers shall be removed or protected as for tractors.
8. Towing Farm Implements. When farm implements are being towed the paragraphs above shall govern where they apply.
9. Turning Tractors. In turning on or off the highway, special care shall be taken to so handle the equipment that the edges of the pavement will not be broken and the shoulders will not be cut up.
10. Use Care in Trailing Plows, etc. In trailing plows, discs and similar equipment, care shall be used that the implements do not cut or damage the road surface.

BUILDINGS AND OTHER STRUCTURES

1. Kind of Equipment. Buildings are to be moved with regular house moving equipment.
2. Interference with Traffic. The moving shall be done at the time of day and in a manner which will cause the least interference with traffic.
3. Cleaning Up Right of Way. Upon completion of the moving work, all timbers and equipment shall be removed and the right of way left in the same condition as before the work started.
4. Do No Disturb Roadway Surface. No wedge, bar or spike shall be driven in the surface of the County Road.
5. Care of trees. No trees shall be cut, trimmed, used for attaching cables or in any way disturbed.
6. Care of Overhead Lines. Permittee must notify the owner of all overhead lines subject to disturbance or damage by his operations, at least twenty-four hours in advance of such work and mutually agreeable arrangements shall be made between the parties affected. (This provision does not authorize owners of overhead lines to limit work allowed under this permit.)
7. Crossing Railroad Tracks. Permittee must notify the railroad company at least 36 hours in advance of crossing railroad tracks pursuant to Section 35789 of the Vehicle Code.