

Massachusetts OS/OW Permit Binder

This document is designed for integration into your RAG (Retrieval-Augmented Generation) system for OpenAI, serving as the authoritative reference for Massachusetts oversize/overweight (OS/OW) regulations, permitting, and routing.

1. Authoritative Sources (Live Links)

- Massachusetts DOT Oversize/Overweight Permits:
<https://www.mass.gov/oversize-overweight-permits>
- Massachusetts General Laws – Size & Weight:
<https://malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleXIV/Chapter90>
- Permit Portal (MassDOT): <https://www.massdot.state.ma.us>
- Contact MassDOT Permits Office: (857) 368-8737 | Email: dot.permits@dot.state.ma.us

2. Core Permit Rules & Restrictions

- Permit Required: For vehicles exceeding legal size/weight limits.
- Legal Limits (without permit):
 - Width: 8'6"
 - Height: 13'6"
 - Length: 40' (single), 65' (combination)
 - Weight: 20,000 lbs per axle / 80,000 lbs gross (federal bridge formula applies)
- Superloads: Typically > 130,000 lbs or extreme dimensions require engineering review.
- Travel Restrictions:
 - No moves on major holidays.
 - Night travel allowed with proper lighting.
 - Curfews in metro Boston during rush hours.
- Escort Requirements:
 - Width > 12' requires escorts.
 - Height > 14' requires route survey and escort.
 - Loads over 130,000 lbs may require police escort.

3. Permit Workflow

1. Carrier/Driver submits load details.
2. System checks statutory limits, bridges, and clearances.
3. Permit issued via MassDOT system.
4. Routing provided with restrictions.
5. Permit must be carried in cab; escorts must comply with regulations.

4. RAG Extraction Checklist

- Vehicle Width, Height, Length
- Gross Weight & Axle Weights
- Origin/Destination
- Route & Metro restrictions
- Escort needs
- Validity period

5. Driver & Carrier Notes

- Curfews: No oversize moves in Boston 7–9 AM and 4–6 PM weekdays.
- Lighting/Flagging: Red flags in daytime, amber lights at night.
- Permit Validity: Most permits valid for 5 days.
- Emergency Info: Call 511 for traffic updates.

6. Contacts

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