

Tennessee 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 Tennessee oversize/overweight (OS/OW) regulations, permitting, and routing.

1. Authoritative Sources (Live Links)

- Tennessee DOT Oversize/Overweight Permits
- Tennessee Administrative Rules – Size & Weight
- Permit Portal (TNTRIPS)
- Contact Tennessee DOT Permits Office: (615) 741-3821 | Email: TDOT.PermitsOffice@tn.gov

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 per federal bridge formula.
- Superloads: Generally over 16' wide, 15' high, 120' long, or 165,000 lbs require engineering review.
- Travel Restrictions: No moves on major holidays; curfews in Nashville, Memphis, Knoxville, Chattanooga during rush hours.
- Escort Requirements: Width > 12' requires escorts; Height > 15' requires survey + escort; extreme loads may need THP (Tennessee Highway Patrol).

3. Permit Workflow

- i Carrier submits load information (dimensions, weight, route).
- ii System checks statutory limits, bridges, and clearances.
- iii Permit issued via TNTRIPS system with applicable fees.
- iv Routing verified for restrictions (bridges, metro curfews).
- v Carrier complies with rules and carries permit in cab.

4. RAG Extraction Checklist

- Vehicle Width, Height, Length
- Gross Weight & Axle Weights
- Origin & Destination
- Requested Route
- Dates/Times of travel
- Escort requirements
- Holiday/curfew restrictions

5. Driver & Carrier Notes

- Rush hour curfews: 7–9 AM & 4–6 PM in major metros.
- Lighting/Flagging: Loads must display red flags (day) & amber lights (night).

- Permit Validity: Typically 10 days unless otherwise stated.
- Emergency Info: Dial 511 for Tennessee road conditions.

6. Contacts

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