

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

## 1. Authoritative Sources (Live Links)

- [Florida DOT Oversize/Overweight Permits](#)
- [Florida Statutes – Size & Weight](#)
- [Permit Portal \(Florida Permits\)](#)
- [Contact FDOT Permits Office](#)

## 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: 75' (combination), Weight: 20,000 lbs single axle / 34,000 lbs tandem.
- Superloads: Generally > 16' wide, > 16' high, > 150' long, or > 250,000 lbs require engineering review.
- Travel Restrictions: No movement during peak traffic in metro areas (Miami, Orlando, Tampa). No travel on major holidays. Night travel requires proper lighting/escorts.
- Escort Requirements: Width > 12' requires 1 escort; > 14' requires 2 escorts. Height > 15' requires route survey + escort. Some superloads require Florida Highway Patrol.

## 3. Permit Workflow

1. Carrier/Driver submits load information via FDOT Permit Portal.
1. System checks against statutory limits and verifies bridge/clearance restrictions.
1. Permit is issued electronically with assigned routes and fees.
1. Driver must follow FDOT-specified routing and curfew restrictions.
1. Permit must be carried in cab and shown upon request.

## 4. RAG Extraction Checklist

- Vehicle Width, Height, Length
- Total Gross Weight
- Axle Count & Weights
- Origin & Destination
- Route (interstates, metro areas)

- Dates/Times requested
- Escort Requirement Triggers
- Holiday/curfew restrictions

## **5. Driver & Carrier Notes**

- Curfew Hours: Oversize travel restricted during rush hours in Miami, Orlando, Tampa (7–9 AM, 4–6 PM).
- Lighting/Flagging: Oversize loads must display flags (day) and amber lights (night).
- Permit Validity: Most Florida OS/OW permits are valid for 5 days unless otherwise noted.
- Emergency Info: Call 511 for statewide traffic/closure updates.

## **6. Contacts**

- Florida DOT Oversize/Overweight Permit Office: 850-410-5777
- Email: [cootperm@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:cootperm@dot.state.fl.us)
- Online Portal: <https://fdotewp1.dot.state.fl.us/permit/>

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