

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

1. Authoritative Sources (Live Links)

- West Virginia DOT OS/OW Permits:
<https://transportation.wv.gov/highways/maintenance/oversize/Pages/default.aspx>
- WV Legal Code – Vehicle Size & Weight:
<http://www.wvlegislature.gov/WVCODE/ChapterEntire.cfm?chap=17C>
- WV Permit Portal: <https://wv.gotpermits.com>
- Contact WV Permit Office: (304) 558-3900

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 vehicle), 65' (combination)
 - Weight: 20,000 lbs single axle / 34,000 lbs tandem (federal bridge formula applies)
- **Superloads:** Generally over 16' wide, 16' high, 150' long, or 200,000 lbs.
- **Travel Restrictions:**
 - Movement may be restricted during inclement weather.
 - No movement on major holidays.
 - Curfews in certain metro areas.
- **Escort Requirements:**
 - Width > 12' requires escort(s).
 - Height > 15' requires route survey + escort.
 - Superloads may require WV State Police escort.

3. Permit Workflow

1. Carrier/Driver submits load info (dimensions, weights, requested route).
2. System checks against WV limits, bridges, and clearance points.
3. Permit issued through WV GOTPermits portal.
4. Fees calculated based on load size/weight.
5. Routing restrictions applied.
6. Compliance required: Permit in cab, escort vehicles when required.

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
- Curfew/holiday restrictions

5. Driver & Carrier Notes

- Curfews: Some city areas restrict oversize loads during rush hours.
- Lighting/Flagging: Loads > 10' wide require red flags (day) and amber lights (night).
- Permit Validity: Typically valid for 5 days unless otherwise stated.
- Emergency Info: Call 511 for statewide traffic/closure information.

6. Contacts

- WV DOT Oversize/Overweight Permit Office: (304) 558-3900
- Online Permit Portal: <https://wv.gotpermits.com>

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