

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

1. Authoritative Sources (Live Links)

- Rhode Island DOT Oversize/Overweight Permits
- Rhode Island General Laws – Motor Vehicles
- Contact Rhode Island DOT Permit Office: (401) 222-2694 ext. 4044 | Email: dotpermits@dot.ri.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 vehicle), 65' (combination) - Weight: 22,400 lbs per single axle / 36,000 lbs tandem
- **Superloads:** Loads exceeding 16' wide, 16' high, 130' long, or 150,000 lbs require engineering review.
- **Travel Restrictions:** - Travel generally limited to sunrise–sunset, Mon–Fri. - No movement on Sundays or state holidays.
- **Escort Requirements:** - Width > 12' requires one escort vehicle. - Height > 15' requires route survey + escort.

3. Permit Workflow

1. Carrier/Driver submits load details.
2. System checks against Rhode Island limits and restrictions.
3. Permit issued via RIDOT Permit Office.
4. Fees calculated by load dimensions/weight.
5. Routing includes review for bridge clearance, construction zones.
6. Permit must be carried in cab; escorts must be approved/certified.

4. RAG Extraction Checklist

- Vehicle dimensions (W/H/L)
- Gross weight and axle details
- Origin & Destination
- Route requested
- Escort triggers
- Time/day restrictions

5. Driver & Carrier Notes

- Oversize loads must display flags (day) and amber lights (night).
- Permit validity usually 5 days unless otherwise noted.

- State police escort may be required for extreme loads.
- Check 511RI for road closures and travel advisories.

6. Contacts

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- Online Resources: https://www.dot.ri.gov/business/permits/oversize_overweight.php