

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

## 1. Authoritative Sources (Live Links)

- Arkansas DOT Oversize/Overweight Permits: <https://www.ardot.gov/business-engagement-services/permits/oversize-overweight/>
- Arkansas State Statutes – Size & Weight: <https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/>
- Permit Portal (Arkansas Trucking Permits): <https://www.artrucking.org/permits>
- Contact Arkansas Permits Office: (501) 569-2381 | Email: [permits@ardot.gov](mailto:permits@ardot.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: 20,000 lbs single axle / 34,000 lbs tandem (federal bridge formula applies)
- Superloads: Typically > 16' wide, > 16' high, > 100' long, or > 180,000 lbs require engineering review.
- Travel Restrictions:
  - - No movement on major holidays.
  - - Night travel requires proper lighting/escort vehicles.
- Escort Requirements:
  - - Width > 12' requires escorts.
  - - Height > 15' requires route survey + escort.
  - - Extreme loads may require Arkansas Highway Patrol coordination.

## 3. Permit Workflow

- 1 Carrier/Driver Submits Load Info: Vehicle dimensions, axle weights, and route requested.
- 2 System Checks: Compare against Arkansas statutory limits, verify bridge restrictions, clearance points.
- 3 Permit Issuance: Through ARDOT system, fees determined by load size/weight.
- 4 Routing: Some routes restricted (low clearance bridges, metro curfews).
- 5 Compliance: Permit must be carried in cab, escort vehicles must be certified and follow ARDOT rules.

## 4. RAG Extraction Checklist

- Vehicle Width, Height, Length
- Total Gross Weight
- Axle Count & Weights

- Origin & Destination
- Route (including interstates, metro areas)
- Dates/Times requested
- Escort Requirement Triggers
- Holiday restrictions

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

- Lighting/Flagging: Oversize loads must display red flags (daytime) and amber lights (night).
- Permit Validity: Most permits are valid for 3–5 days depending on load.
- Emergency Info: Dial \*277 from cell or call (501) 569-2381 for statewide traffic/closure info.

## **6. Contacts**

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